



William E. Rathbun

August 11, 1945 - December 6, 2019

William E. Rathbun, 74, loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, and uncle passed away peacefully at Hope Hospice on December 6, 2019. He was born August 11, 1945 in Akron, OH, the son of Earl and Marian (Morgan) Rathbun.

Bill's entire career was spent with Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for 46 years where he retired as the General Manager of Aviation Products. He loved working for Goodyear and he always said, "If you love what you do, you'll never work a day in your life".

Bill enjoyed golfing, all things airplanes, and spending time with his family. He was proud of earning his Pilot's license and even had the opportunity to fly the Goodyear Blimp. Bill was very active in the Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, where he served as the Grand Knight for the Knight's of Columbus Council 10498 and also the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Marian Rathbun, and his brother Thomas Rathbun.

He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Patricia; daughters, Kristine (John) Wigglesworth of Marysville, OH, Susan (Donny) Webb of Englewood, OH, Nicole (Aubrey) Kayla of Redwood City, CA, and Kelsey (Geoffrey) Dang of Canal Fulton, OH; grandchildren, Emily and Ian Wigglesworth, Nathan, Ryan, and Jake Webb, Lily and Violet Kayla, and newest granddaughter, Lucy Dang; brother, Phillip (Cheryl) Rathbun; sister-in-law, Pamela Rathbun, and many loving nieces and nephews.

The family would like to thank the Knights of Columbus and all the family and freinds who offered their prayers and support these past few months.

A Mass of Christian Burial to celebrate Bill's life will be held at 11:00 A.M. on Friday, December 13, 2019 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 19680 Cypress View Dr, Fort Myers, FL 33967. A visitation will be held 1 hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to The St. Vincent de Paul Society <http://ololsvdp.org/> and/or the Knights of Columbus Council 10498 www.kofccouncil10498.org/

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr
Fort Myers, FL 33967-6201
(239) 267-7088

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 13. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Rathbun*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *29 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - December 12, 2019 at 04:41 PM



“ *73 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - December 10, 2019 at 05:15 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William E. Rathbun.*



December 10, 2019 at 04:12 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William E. Rathbun.*



December 10, 2019 at 07:21 AM



“ *Dear Pat, Our sympathy, thoughts and prayers are with you and your dear family. Contact us if there is anything we can do to help. Sincerely, Michele and Joe Bell*

Michele and Joe Bell - December 09, 2019 at 12:22 PM



“ *Dawn Lewis lit a candle in memory of William E. Rathbun*



Dawn Lewis - December 08, 2019 at 08:21 PM

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“ So sorry to hear about *Bill*, my condolences to you and your family.
Love, *Janet Brown*

Janet Brown - December 08, 2019 at 03:48 PM