



Francis "Bud" Redding Sr.

August 2, 1952 - July 23, 2015

Francis "Bud" Redding, Sr., 62, of Traverse City, died peacefully at home surrounded by family on Thursday, July 23, 2015. Bud had battled Congestive Heart Disease & related complications since he was first diagnosed in 2001. He was born August 2, 1952 in Birmingham, AL to Delmar Hale and Phyllis (Terry) Thomas. He was preceded in death by both parents and his adoptive father Thomas Redding of Traverse City.

Bud graduated Benzie Central HS in June 1970. Later that month he married his high school sweetheart, Sharon (Carmien) Redding whom he cherished for another 45 years.

Bud's education also included State of Michigan licenses: Master Electrician, Electrical Contractor and Builder. For 20 years he owned First Quality Electric and he was Co-Founder of NW Michigan Electrical Contractors Assoc. He was a passionate man who brought that gift to every challenge life offered.

Bud was a Charter Member of Feast of Victory Lutheran Church in Acme, MI. He was extremely active in the church including the resettlement of refugee family from Laos.

He was a member of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church.

After retirement he was free to pursue his favorite pastimes; spending time with his loving wife and two sons as well as teaching and playing golf.

Bud is survived by his wife Sharon and sons Francis, Jr. & Brock both of Traverse City. He is also survived by his siblings; Debra (Jim) Hymbaugh of Creston Iowa, Thomas (Denise) Redding of Creston Iowa and JoAnne (John) Courtade of Onalaska, Wisconsin; sisters-in-law Carolyn (Mike) Thayer of Traverse City and Nancy (Jack) Challender of Otsego MI. & many nieces, nephews & friends.

In addition to his parents Bud was preceded in death by his paternal and maternal grandmothers who helped raise him and his mother-in-law Irene Carmien & brother-in-law

Jim Carmien both to whom he was very close.

Friends are welcome to visit with Bud's family on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home, 305 Sixth St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

A memorial service honoring Bud will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2015 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 1050 Peninsula Dr., Traverse City, MI 49686, with visiting one hour prior. Rev. Paul Busekist will officiate.

In lieu of flowers those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial donation to the American Heart Association.

Please feel free to share your thoughts and memories with Bud's family at <http://www.reynolds-jonkhoff.com>.

The family is being cared for by the Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home and Cremation Services.

Events

JUL **Visitation** 06:00PM - 07:30PM

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Reynolds-Jonkhoff Funeral Home
305 Sixth St, Traverse City, MI, US, 49684

JUL **Visitation** 10:00AM

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Bethlehem Lutheran Church
1050 Peninsula Drive, Traverse City, MI, US, 49686

JUL **Memorial Service** 11:00AM

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Comments



“ I am very sad to hear about Bud's passing. I have been gone from Traverse City for 6 years now, but my memory is still full of fond golf memories with Bud. He was a joy to golf with and a good friend. My favorite golf story is Bud calling me from his hospital bed telling me to stop by the house and pick up his clubs because he wanted to sneak out for a quick nine at Interlochen.

Dave DeVaughn - January 23, 2016 at 04:26 PM



“ Thanks for sharing this golf story. I was on my way to Michigan and stopped for the night and was on a golf course when Francis phoned me with the news about Bud. I too have great golf memories with him.

Deb Hymbaugh - April 24, 2016 at 07:36 PM



“ Deb Hymbaugh is following this tribute.

Deb Hymbaugh - August 03, 2015 at 09:40 AM



“ Sharon and Family. Please accept our deepest sympathy on Bud's passing.
May he rest in peace.
Joe and Carol Brzezinski

Joe Brzezinski - July 29, 2015 at 07:02 AM



“ My brother Bud so loved the game of golf he caught me off guard when his son Francis called and shared the news of my brothers death. I happened to be on hole number 7 on a golf course in Escanaba. This so caught me off guard since I was only one day away from arriving at his door step. So, of course I called brother Tom who happened to be on hole number two on a different golf course (working). All of us siblings have enjoyed many rounds of golf with Bud. Needless to say I finished the round (he would have) with a score only the golf gods can make happen. (He was watching me).

For those of you who knew Bud he was such an avid golfer. The last few years for him was such a struggle. He longed to golf, take that ride on a golf cart, make that incredible shot and discuss the not so good shots. Admiring his knowledge of the game over the years I come to discuss quite frequently over the phone what the golf world was doing. This included especially brother Tom and my nephews T.J., Justin, and Tim and their accomplishments on the course. Although miles apart we were, I tried hard to keep him in the game no matter how he felt. (Even baseball and how the Chiefs were beating the Tigers).

He was my oldest brother and I have great respect for how he took care of his wife and sons. I cannot know all his health struggles but I witnessed within the last year a man who every day without knowing if his heart would stay working or if he was going to keep breathing would surpass all odds against him! He was so worried about his family that he hung on as long as he could!

He will be missed! Just wish I had that One More Day!

Deb Hymbaugh - July 28, 2015 at 09:56 AM