



William "Bill" Scott Holmes

September 24, 1951 - March 22, 2019

William Scott Holmes, 67, of Traverse City passed away March 22, 2019.

Bill was born on September 24, 1951 in Wyandotte to the late William Harold and Yvonne Reva (Glore) Holmes.

Bill graduated from Bentley High School in Livonia in 1969. He then went on to study at Central Michigan University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Management. Bill worked for Burroughs Corporation for 32 years, starting in the purchasing department and after working his way up he retired as the Director of Supply Base Management.

Bill married the love of his life, Rosanne Marie Roy on September 26, 1975 in Detroit. Together they raised their children Ryan and Kelly in Howell and retired to Traverse City in 2015. Bill and Rosanne loved to travel and particularly enjoyed cruises. At the start of each vacation, he would joyously announce to his family that he was O.V. (on vacation!) He also enjoyed taking his family camping when they were young.

Bill had a passion for landscaping and on the weekends could often be found taking care of his property. His gardens, pond and lawns were always manicured perfectly. The family would often join in on what he called Family Fun Time, but to most would be considered chores. Even though it was work, Bill always made it fun.

Above all else, Bill cherished his family, especially his grandchildren who called him Papa. Bill loved having all of his extended family and friends over to their home for gatherings. Christmas was always one of his favorite times of the year.

Bill will be greatly missed by his wife of 43 years Rosanne, daughter Dr. Kelly (Nick) Covell, son Ryan (Lisa) Holmes; grandchildren Logan, Grant and Parker Covell, Yvonne Holmes and her soon to be born sibling.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brother Barrie.

A visitation will be held at the family home on Tuesday March 26, 2019 from 6 - 9 pm. The memorial service celebrating Bill's life will be held at 11 am on Wednesday March 27, 2019 at the Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home with visitation beginning at 10:00 am.

A memorial gathering will be held on April 6, 2019 from 11 am - 2 pm at the First United Methodist Church of Brighton. (400 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI 48116)

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Friends of Sleeping Bear.

Events

APR **Memorial Gathering** 11:00AM - 02:00PM

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First United Methodist Church of Brighton
400 E. Grand River, Brighton, MI, US, 48116

Comments



“ An external video has been added.



Reynolds Jonkhoff Funeral Home & Cremation Services - March 26, 2019 at 06:57 PM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Babs & Bill Verbrick - March 27, 2019 at 06:37 PM



“ Dear Rosanne, Kelly, and Ryan...I was shocked and saddened to see Bill's obituary in the Brighton paper. Although it's been a few years since our paths have crossed, I have thought of you all from time to time. Bill wasn't fond of getting his teeth cleaned, (who is?!) but he was a regular and we always had a few good laughs during his visits. This photo reflects the smile I remember. Extending my deepest sympathy to you all. Pam Amatyakul, your former dental hygienist

Pam Amatyakul - March 27, 2019 at 12:02 PM



“ We were so sad to hear of Bills sudden passing and our love and prayers go out to all of you. He was so full of smiles and warmth and will be greatly missed especially by his Burroughs family. Sincerely, David and Jacque



David and Jacque Fuller - March 27, 2019 at 09:51 AM



“ We spent a lot of time as children at our Grandparents home in Lincoln Park , Michigan. It was by the church and one Christmas we (the 3 closest cousins) replaced the Baby Jesus with Bill in the outside Nativity scene. We were small and he seemed to fit just fine. Looking back now, we should have had him be one of the Angels instead. Knowing him for a lifetime was proof of that. Our love to all that had the enjoyment of his company, who got to share a laugh or two and toasted life as he did. We will miss him more than I can say....'til we meet again Cuz.
Yvonne & Jim Dean

Yvonne Busby Dean - March 26, 2019 at 07:26 AM



“ When I look at Bill's photo here, I just smile and feel so happy. Bill was just the most pleasant, good natured, friendly, and fun friend you could ever have. What a GREAT guy!! Well, and of course Rosanne is the greatest, too! What a great couple! I know Bill and Rosanne from Burroughs Farms, when we were all young and growing up. Bill always had, by the way, the absolute best sun tan of anyone at the beach. And, of course he got the prettiest girl, Rosanne, that all the other guys on the beach were after!! Later in life I continued to be in occasional touch with Bill through our work at Burroughs Corporation. I was working at Burroughs in California, and Bill at Burroughs in Plymouth. But, occasionally, I would make a trip to the Burroughs Plymouth plant and when I did, I would stop in and see Bill. It was always just like old times! Once, after I stopped working at Burroughs all together, my wife, Angie, and I were in Plymouth visiting family and we stopped at the Burroughs Plymouth plant to see if Bill was there, and he was, and he put aside his work and we visited for some time. It was so fun. And Angie and I cannot forget the hospitality shown us when we were invited to visit Bill and Rosanne at their lovely home in Chilson. We never made it up to Traverse City for a visit, although invited to do so many times. We will miss Bill and we will not forget him!! We share in your grief, Rosanne!!

Ken Archer - March 24, 2019 at 11:32 PM



“ We are so saddened to learn of Bill's sudden passing. We enjoyed our visits with Bill and Rosanne and always enjoyed their company. Their home in Brighton and Traverse City reflected how Bill valued friends and family in beautiful surroundings. He will be missed.
We extend our deepest sympathy to his family.
Karen & Gary Smith

Karen Smith - March 24, 2019 at 12:09 AM



“ We are so sad to learn of Bill's sudden passing. Every time we were with Bill and Rosanne he had a funny story to tell, or his plans for a new home project or a trip they were taking. He loved his family, friends and life. He will be extremely missed.

Rich and Cindy Deane

cindy deane - March 24, 2019 at 07:46 PM



“ He will be missed by everyone who knew him. I enjoyed the friendship I shared with Rosanne and Bill. They are the perfect couple and all about family and friends. My heart is so heavy with the news of his passing. My sympathy goes out to the family and to Rosanne. He will be missed by many

Marsha (Wilhelm) Jones - March 25, 2019 at 07:15 AM



“ Sharing our heart felt condolences to Rosanne and the kids. We will always remember Bill's friendly personality and that radiant smile. Wishing you strength during this difficult time. We know your close bonds as a family will be invaluable now. Sending love your way.

Baiba Jensen - March 25, 2019 at 03:43 PM



“ We met Rosanne when my Bill & I both started working at Burroughs Corporate office. Eventually Rose invited us out to see their place in Howell and the 2 Bills became friends. I became a prime target for his teasing. Though we moved to CA we maintained our friendship with traveling, cruising and a trip from Arkansas to their beautiful home in Traverse City 2 years ago. We were just beginning to plan a trip for them to our lake house in AR for late summer this year. We will miss him very much...especially since our foursome of friends we could always count on now is a threesome. Keep smiling, Bill. We are sure you are keeping God laughing.

Babs & Bill Verbrick - March 27, 2019 at 06:00 PM



“ Mom asks that rather than flowers you can make a donation to "The Friends of Sleeping Bear"

Kelly Covell - March 23, 2019 at 04:01 PM



“ As a member of the "CMU CREW" I am very saddened for this loss to our dear friend and outstanding person. Rose, Kelly, Ryan I pray you find peace. On behalf of Steve, Richie, Wan, Snake, Don, Casper, Brent, Kenny, Jeff you should know I'll be traveling to TC with "Buster" and the infamous "green sleeping bag". Sorry guys couldn't let it pass..Bill we love you and you will be missed forever in our heart.

Keevs

Mike Keevan - March 23, 2019 at 03:56 PM