



## William "Bill" Patrick

May 13, 1940 - February 6, 2013

William "Bill" Patrick, 72, of Traverse City passed away peacefully on Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Bill was born on May 13, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Thomas and Arbutus (Deadman) Patrick. The family moved to Cedarville, Michigan when he was very young, and then to Traverse City, Michigan when he was in grade school. Bill was a 1958 graduate of Traverse City High School where he excelled in athletics, including baseball, basketball, and football. He then attended the University of Michigan where he earned both his Bachelor and Masters Degrees, and was a member of Lambda Chi Alpha Fraternity. While in college he met and married his wife of almost 50 years, Anne Louise Pigman. They were married in Downers Grove, Illinois on August 24, 1963.

Bill started his career at General Electric, working in marketing for both the Television (Portsmouth, Virginia) and the Home and Laundry (Louisville, Kentucky) divisions. He then went on to work for American Tourister (Warren, Rhode Island) before moving back to his home town of Traverse City in 1983, where he finished his career as a manager for Real Estate One.

A sports enthusiast, Bill enjoyed attending and watching sporting events, especially the Detroit Tigers. He also was a regular on the Crown Golf course and enjoyed sharing his love for golf, fishing and baseball with his grandchildren. After retirement, Bill and his wife Anne enjoyed spending their winters in Sarasota, Florida, where he could continue enjoying the outdoors.

Bill was always very generous with his time. Every year during the Cherry Festival he assisted with the Festival of Races by standing and directing the way for racers as they made the turn by the Real Estate One building onto Front Street. Many in the community may remember Bill from the years he served as a volunteer for the NMC BBQ. He also loved helping his grown daughters by sprucing up a room with a fresh coat of paint or helping with landscaping.

Surviving Bill are his wife Anne, daughters Kristin (Mike) Fisher of Lexington, Kentucky,

Kathleen Patrick of Traverse City and Kari (Scott) Willmott of Traverse City, and grandchildren Kaylea and Julianne Fisher, and Patrick, Parker, Tanner and Annabel Willmott. Also surviving are brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Michael Lamson, Richard and Terry Pigman, John and Sue Pigman, Marcia Sandler, and Roger and Sarah Tellefsen. Bill was preceded in death by his sister Betty Lamson.

A Memorial service honoring Bill will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Saturday, May 18, 2013 at Central United Methodist Church, located at 222 Cass St. in Traverse City. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to Central United Methodist Church, 222 Cass St., Traverse City, MI 49684.

# Events

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**MAY**   **Memorial Service**   01:00PM  
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Central United Methodist  
222 Cass Street, Traverse City, MI, US

# Comments

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“ Sandy and got to know Bill on his first day at Real Estate One. His strong work ethic and commitment provided an important example for those around him. During trips to the corporate office in Farmington Hills Bill and I were able to have many long conversations during which I came to know Bill as a non-judgemental, dedicated leader. He was one of those people who did many wonderful things "behind the scenes" and never talked about them.

Our sympathy to Anne and family. Bill will be missed.

Gary and Sandy Pownall

**Gary Pownall** - February 12, 2013 at 11:06 AM

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“ I have fond memories of Bill at the Lambda Chi house in Ann Arbor. My thoughts are with the family.

John Carton

**John Carton** - February 11, 2013 at 10:02 AM

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“ I'm so sorry for your loss! Although I barely knew your Dad, Kari, there is one special memory of him that will forever stand out in my mind. At your wedding reception, I was completely surprised and impressed by how well your Dad danced for the Father/daughter dance with you. In fact, it left such an impression that whenever I hear the song "You're Still the One" it brings it all right back to my mind and I get teary eyed. I pray your family will be comforted during this difficult time. We love you!

Suzie, Jared & Ammon Willmott

**Suzie Willmott** - February 10, 2013 at 09:25 PM

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“ Anne and Family,

I was shocked to read about Bill's death. It is always sad to lose a high school classmate. I remember well, the times we would hitchhike home from college for breaks. Those were different times and hitchhiking was the fast, cheap and convenient way to get home. There were some interesting people that gave us rides. I am glad that you moved back to Traverse City so we could see each other at the class reunions which he helped to organize. We will all miss him.

Lynn T. Rayle, Jr Saint Joseph, MI

Lynn T. Rayle, Jr. - February 10, 2013 at 09:05 PM

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“ Bill was active in the Realtor association here in Traverse City, serving on the TAAR Board of Directors during the time I was the executive vice president of the association. He was a questioning, responsible board member and one whose opinion always deserved close attention and respect. Bill was a hard worker and a caretaker--he will be greatly missed. My sympathies to his family and many friends.

Judith Lindenau - February 10, 2013 at 03:37 PM

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“ Bill & I joined Real Estate One within a year of each other in 1984... He was my mentor, my partner, my good friend & ally in a business with its ups & downs through the last 28 years. He was a pal & a joy through many seasons of an office football pool called The Rose; But more than anything Bill was a man who was always true to his word, in business as well as friendship. God bless you, Bill Patrick.

Jon Dayton - February 10, 2013 at 10:04 AM

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“ Every summer our families got together in Traverse City. Lots of games with Bill and Lynne against Betty Lou and me. So much fun. Bill came to Lansing to visit many times during his time at college while attending that other school :). I always knew I could go to Bill for anything. He will truly be missed. Love Edie

Edie Robinson - February 09, 2013 at 09:41 AM



“ Bill was always friendly to me when I ran by his home in Huron Hills. We went a long way back as I remember him from TCHS. God bless you, Bill.

Mickey Fivenson - February 12, 2013 at 06:47 AM