



John "Bill" White

March 27, 1937 - May 12, 2023

John William “Bill” White, age 86 of Clare, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, May 12, 2023, surrounded by his family. On March 27, 1937, Bill was born the son of Thomas and Alice (Postma) White in Clare, MI. Other than brief periods of time during his early childhood and his early work career, Bill was a lifelong resident of the Clare area and a proud member of the CHS Class of 1954. He was an accomplished machinist with sixty-plus years in the trade. Bill’s earliest work career began in Clare at the Seiter Block Plant, and then to the Clary Corp. in Pasadena, CA. before returning to Clare where he began his career in machining for Holley Carburetor. After fourteen years of service with Holley, Bill moved on to machine for Future Mold of Farwell for ten years before striking out on his own as the owner and operator of J & B Tool Company—a business that he ran for forty years and was proud to have become an integral supplier for companies like Integrity Machine Services, ABC Battery, Dow Chemical, and Hemlock Semiconductor, as well as other firms all over the country. At age 82, Bill finally retired to spend time in a few of his other interests like golfing, playing pool and ping pong with his wife Fern, and enjoying his morning coffee at the local café with the “Old Farts Club”. Bill was also an active member of the St. Cecilia Church.

On June 26, 1999, Bill was united in marriage to Fern Williams, and she survives him. Other survivors include his sons Larry, Wayne, Mark, and Eric White, his stepdaughter Annette (Dan) Forbes, his sister Lois Zeller, and

several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Thomas and Alice White, his son Isaiah White, his brother Paul Michael White, his stepson James Williams, and his brother-in-law Fay Zeller.

A funeral mass in honor of Bill will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2023 at the St. Cecilia Church at 11:00 A.M. with Monsignor Francis Koper officiating. A rosary service will be held on the 17th at the church before the mass from 9:30 A.M. to 10:00 A.M. and the visitation will be held from 10:00 A.M. to the time of mass. Friends may also visit the White family at the Clare Chapel of the Stephenson-Wyman Funeral Home on Tuesday, May 16th from 4:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions in honor of Bill may be directed to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. For those unable to attend services, online condolences may be shared at www.stephenson-wyman.com

Cemetery Details

Arthur Township Cemetery

2500 S. Athey Ave.
Clare, MI 48617

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 16. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Stephenson - Wyman Funeral Home (Clare)
1005 North McEwan St.
Clare, MI 48617
(989) 386-7451
wymanfh@chartermi.net
<https://www.stephenson-wyman.com/>

Rosary Service

MAY 17. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Hope Parish, St. Cecilia Site
106 E. Wheaton Street
Clare, MI 48617

Visitation

MAY 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Mass

MAY 17. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Services

MAY 17. 2:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

SL

“ So sorry to hear of my Uncle Bill’s passing. If I had been told he had gone, I would have been at the funeral. - Steve (Tom) Landon

Steve (Tom) Landon - June 16, 2023 at 07:44 PM

SW

“ Fern, I was so sorry to hear about Bills passing. He was a friendly, funny, and all around good person. Mike dearly loved him like a brother. He will be missed. Prayers for you and all the family. 🌸🌺🌹



sharon white - May 16, 2023 at 05:54 PM

WW

“ Wayne T White purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of John "Bill" White.



Wayne T White - May 13, 2023 at 07:46 PM

JD

“ John was a sweetheart! Friendly and always interested in who you were. He greeted everyone with a genuine smile. He will be missed and Fern I am so sorry.

Joanne Dana - May 13, 2023 at 05:56 PM

CL

So sorry to hear that Bill passed. Prayers for comfort and peace for the family at this difficult time. He will be missed by many. He was a legend.

chuck lake - May 14, 2023 at 06:28 AM

LB

I am so sorry. I Wayne I have known you for so long. Your brothers and you are in my thoughts. Lori Baker

Lori Baker - May 14, 2023 at 12:10 PM