



William David Boswell

November 16, 1936 - September 27, 2018

Age 81 passed away Thursday, September 27, 2018 at St. Joseph Hospital Ann Arbor, MI surrounded by his family. He was born November 16, 1936 the son of Howard and Nellie (Brewer) of Boyle County, KY. After graduation from Forkland High School in 1954, he worked on the family farm for a number of years. In 1965, the family moved to Ypsilanti, MI. Bill was hired by Ford Motor Company in Ypsilanti as a line worker. He was accepted in the apprenticeship program, and became a Journeyman Tool and Die Maker. He retired from Ford in 2004 after 39 ½ years of service. He had been a member of Washtenaw Sportsman's Club, as well as other organizations for many years. Besides enjoying time with his family and friends, he enjoyed watching college basketball, UK to be specific, and he was an avid bird hunter. A large part of his life included raising, training, and hunting with his dogs. He also enjoyed camping throughout the United States and traveling abroad. He is survived by three children, Edna (Terence) Ensign of Manchester, Marilyn (Norris) Holderman of Perryville, KY and David (Sharon) Boswell of Saline. Grandchildren, Jennifer (Jim) Portaro of McDonald, PA, Amanda Ensign of Manchester, McKenzy (Zack) Chaffin of Bowling Green, KY, Daniel Boswell of Saline, Stephanie (Ryan) Stuck of Clinton, Miya Holderman of Bowling Green, KY. Great-grandchildren, Lucas and Christian Portaro, Keegan Holderman, Braxton and Merritt Chaffin, and Jacob and Autumn Stuck. Also surviving is sister-in-law Elsie Boswell of Danville, KY, several nieces, nephews, and his hunting dog, Gunner.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, October 2, 2018 from 9:00-11:30 A.M. at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home, Saline. The service will follow at 11:30 A.M. with Rev. William F. Natsis officiating. There will be a private family burial at Oak Grove Cemetery in Chelsea. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Red Cross. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory, to sign Bill's guestbook, or for more information or directions please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Cemetery Details

Oak Grove Cemetery East

1325 Freer Road
Chelsea, MI 48118

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 2. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 East Michigan Ave.
Saline, MI 48176
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Funeral Service

OCT 2. 11:30 AM - 12:15 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ *St. Joes Acute Care Flow Team purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William David Boswell.*



St. Joes Acute Care Flow Team - October 01, 2018 at 03:53 PM

JP

“ *Continued prayers for you, Marilyn, and your family. We love you and will be praying for peace and comfort during this time.*

Jayne Lynne Pitman - October 01, 2018 at 09:10 AM

BH

“ *Bill and I spent many pleasant days hunting bobwhite quail in southeastern Kansas. I fondly remember those crisp Fall days, walking through bluestem pastures and meadows following our English Setter bird dogs Mandy and Gunner. With one dog on point, the other dog honoring, the anticipation of a covey rise was always a joy to experience. Later, over a meal, with many cups of coffee, we would talk at length over the performance of the dogs, books we had read, other places to hunt and well, just about life.*
I will always be glad I met and became a friend of a man named Bill Boswell. Now, when the leaves are falling, the bird dogs are running and the cool wind is gently blowing on my face I will always remember Bill, And, wishing he were there with me.

Bill Herder - September 30, 2018 at 10:29 PM

DB

Such a great man.

donna bradshaw - October 01, 2018 at 06:24 PM

WF

“ *With much love and condolences, Jim, Julie (Portaro) & Famil purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William David Boswell.*



With much love and condolences, Jim, Julie (Portaro) & Famil - September 30, 2018 at 03:28 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William David Boswell.*



September 30, 2018 at 12:11 PM

TB

“ *Many days spent on your porch sharing stories about our lives, books we have read and our various travels will be treasured all my days. Sure am going to miss you dear friend.*

Tricia Boucha - September 29, 2018 at 12:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William David Boswell.*



September 29, 2018 at 11:41 AM



“ *My dads grouse hunting partner and Ford motor company working buddy for decades. I am his friends son Derek Deman my father is Len Deman.*

I have three stories that are my favorite of Bill

1.

After a day of hunting Grouse we arrived at my dads nephews house in Fredrick Michigan and like always it was fairly late around 11:00pm (a habit in our family) And Bill being very polite did not want to disturb this family at the late hour so he basically declined to go in until we all jumped on him a demanded he go in with us and of course polite Bill said I guess I'll go in for a spell. Once we entered Dennis Deman's house my father proceeded to tell Dennis it was Bills idea to stop in which Bill look mortified and of course we all had on big laugh. My time spent with Bill was always at hunting up north in Michigan. He was a wonderful hunting partner for my father and he was an exceptional grouse hunter. He and my father made many trips out west to hunt different kind of grouse.

2.

Bill was I believe from Kentucky and he told my dad that like most people from the south that he enjoyed biscuits and gravy. He also told my dad that he had them all over the United States and the best he ever had was from the cafeteria at Ford Motor company in Ypsilanti, Michigan where they worked, I just thought this was so funny.

3.

I also have had the honor of cooking for Bill at our hunting cabin just outside of Grayling Michigan after a long day of hunting birds. I made fried pork chops in a cast iron skillet with whipped potatoes and homemade gravy from scratch just like my mother used to. I felt much pride when Bill said Derek this is one of the best meals I have ever had.

I have so many fond memories of Bill Boswell and I wish him peace in the next life and may God Bless him.

Derek Deman - September 29, 2018 at 11:19 AM

FS

“ *RIP Bill..., spent a lot of days hunting with this great gentleman, Nicest guy ever, Scott brothers Fritz and Phil.*

Fritz scott - September 28, 2018 at 04:55 PM

TF

Rip. Bill I have enjoyed life with you a very great friend. You are on the top of my list Bill you will be greatly missed. Love, Tom

Tom Fital - September 28, 2018 at 05:57 PM

GC

Bill was an extremely nice person. I met him working in the Ford Ypsilanti tool room and admired his pleasantness and respect for others. Nothing but good memories of Bill. My condolences to his family.

Greg Cahil - September 28, 2018 at 11:39 PM

 Craig Deman

RIP Bill, one of the finest gentleman I have had the pleasure to know and hunt with. One of the greatest bird hunters of all time. It was a privilege to know you. Craig

Craig Deman - September 29, 2018 at 11:18 AM

PM

Just having met Bill last year while camping last year in Florida I found him to be quite the talker and we all enjoyed his stories, what a great man and he will be greatly missed by all that knew him!

Paul & Marsha - October 01, 2018 at 12:37 PM

BA

It would be hard to find a finer man than Bill. Always kind and considerate of others. Always enjoyed our times together. The grouse woods will seem a little more empty without him and his tales of bird hunting enhanced by his smooth as silk southern draw. We surely will miss Bill.

Love, Brian and Lori Allison.

Brian Allison - October 08, 2018 at 04:43 AM