



William J. Doty

June 2, 1940 - March 7, 2021

William "Bill" Doty, 80, a long-time resident of Saline, quietly passed away on Sunday, March 7, 2021 surrounded by his family after a courageous battle with cancer.

His family was the highlight of his life. He was married for 40 years. Watching his grandkids play baseball, hockey, softball & volleyball and perform in concerts and plays made him very happy and full of pride in his retirement years.

He was born in 1940 in Illinois and grew up on a farm. After serving in the Army in Korea as a radar operator, he was trained by Philco-Ford in electronic data processing. He evolved with the growing personal computer industry in hardware systems and repair working for many years at ComShare Inc in Ann Arbor. He formed his own company, Telcom Engineering in Ypsilanti, which specialized in the installation and maintenance of small computer systems and data equipment. His last job before retiring was as Director of Customer Support for Baseview Products.

An avid traveler, he visited dozens of countries on 6 continents and all 50 states. He enjoyed more than 20 ocean cruises and had several RVs in his later years. Another big hobby was bowling. He was on leagues in several area bowling alleys and participated with a close group of friends more than 25 times in the annual ABC national tournament. He enjoyed flying and for many years held a private pilot's license. At different times he flew in a helicopter, a military jet, a glider and a hot air balloon.

He enjoyed sharing meals, drinks and laughs with his many longtime friends and co-workers. His was a life very well lived.

He is survived by his loving wife Mary (formerly Stroup), children Becky, Jerry and Tom; grandchildren Kyle, Kailey, Wynton, Gus and Leah. He was preceded in death by his sister Norma and his granddaughter Madelyn.

A celebration of his life will be observed this summer on his birthday. To sign Bill's guestbook, to leave a memory, or for information please visit www.rbfhsaline.com.

Comments



“ Bill was a great neighbor and friend! I will miss our talks in the yard. You will be missed my friend. Mary we are so sorry for your loss. If you need anything please let us know.

Chris Barks - March 16, 2021 at 09:12 AM



“ Mary, Very sorry for your loss. Cherish the many memories you shared with Bill. They will be a comfort to you as time goes by.

Mary Jane (Lambarth) Ormsby

Mary Jane Ormsby - March 10, 2021 at 10:29 AM



“ Bill was a wonderful sweet man who simply loved everyone. Always there if you needed him. I remember a time many years ago when I was really distraught and Bill came to the rescue by listening and offering wise counsel. My deepest sympathies to Mary and to his family. Everyone who knew him will surely miss him.

Toni Voss - March 09, 2021 at 11:09 AM



“ Mary, So sorry for your loss. Let me know if you need anything. Maybe just to talk. I understand what you are going through. Your in my thoughts. Joy

Joy Holley - March 09, 2021 at 09:06 AM