



## William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner

October 26, 1952 - December 19, 2023

William "Bill" John Garner, age 71, of Saline, Michigan passed away on the morning of Tuesday, December 19, 2023 with family by his side. William was born October 26, 1952 in Detroit to the late George Sr. and Dorothy Garner. He is survived by his partner Cathe Krammer and his 5 children whom he raised with the late Betty Garner: Lisa Street, Marie Gonzalez (Anastacio), William Garner II (Gail), Kimberly Garner, and Lindsey Eldridge. He is survived by his 12 grandchildren: Christopher Suer, Tabatha Galvan, Antonio Galvan, Brandon Galvan, Micheal Gonzalez, Veronica Gonzalez (Corey), Hailey Garner, Megan Garner, Julia Garner (Griffin), Chelsea Kampf (Jake), Dre'dan Dixson, Avery Eldridge; 6 great-grandchildren Joselynn Cooper-Galvan, Amelia Fee, Serenity Galvan, Mahoja Galvan, Colson Brockman, Braxton Brockman; Siblings Judith Barta and George Garner Jr.; Nieces Deborah Barta, Sandra Barta, Shelby Kiekens; and Nephew Matt Garner. He joins his late sister Trinnetta Garner and son Billy Garner.

Bill graduated from Henry Ford Community College while working at Ford where he became a millwright, gained the nickname "Bildo," and supported his family for over 40 years. He had a passion for bowling and coaching youth bowlers, impacting the lives of all he taught. His favorite pastime was sitting on his deck, enjoying the summer sun, watching hummingbirds and airplanes fly by while sipping on scotch and smoking a stogie. He enjoyed listening to rock n' roll and blues music and watching the Red Wings, Lions, and Michigan

football. Bill was a committed family man who was proud of his children's and grandchildren's accomplishments. His family was his everything, and spending time with them brought him tremendous joy.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, December 22nd, 2023 at the Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home in Saline from 1:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Visitation will continue on Saturday, December 23rd from 10:00 A.M. until the time of Funeral Service at 11:00 A.M. Burial will take place following the service and will be held in the Macon Township Cemetery in Macon Township, MI. A gathering will take place following the burial at the home of Marie Gonzalez for close friends and family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the family, care of Kimberly Garner. Donations will be put towards supporting youth in bowling, and envelopes will be available at the funeral home. To leave a memory you have of Bill, to sign his guestbook or for directions please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

The service will be livestreamed and can be viewed by visiting the funeral home's YouTube Channel at <https://www.youtube.com/@rbfhsaline>

# Cemetery Details

## Macon Township Cemetery

Mills-Macon Hwy  
Clinton, MI 49236

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **22**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
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## Visitation

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## Funeral Service

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DEC **23**. 11:00 AM - 11:50 AM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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DEC **23**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Macon Township Cemetery  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services created a Livestream will start at approximately 10:55 A.M. in memory of William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner



Robison-Bahn Miller Funeral Home & Cremation Services - December 20, 2023 at 01:02 PM



“ My heartfelt condolences to the family, loved ones and friends of Bill.

Roger Swaney - January 11, 2024 at 10:38 PM



“ We were lucky enough to have Bill join our coaching staff of the Ann Arbor Skyline High School Bowling program last season. Coach Bill will forever be an Eagle. He was so great with the kids and we enjoyed having his perspective and knowledge and was so grateful that he was able to share it with us. He will be greatly missed.



Roger Ratkowski - December 23, 2023 at 10:15 AM

PM

“ *Bill had a penchant for teaching bowling to kids and adults and he was a good man.*

Patrick Murphy - December 22, 2023 at 04:24 PM

BG

“ *Rest In Peace Bill*

Bill Gearns - December 22, 2023 at 09:05 AM

MB

“ *I'm so saddened to read about Big Bill. We would share stories about music and mother nature at work. Get your wings my fy. My prayers to Maria and family. I so sorry for your loss. Marcy Berry*

Marcy Berry - December 21, 2023 at 06:17 PM

RP

“ *Dear Cathe and Family,  
A little over 8 years ago I moved to your neighborhood.  
The day I arrived I parked at what I  
THOUGHT was my home. I could not figure  
out why a white Ford truck was parked in MY spot.  
So I asked Whitney what was the deal.  
She said, "Well, you might want to ask Bill. That's his truck."  
I was two houses down!  
Bill was a mighty fine gentleman and a good neighbor.  
He frequently helped neighbors with snow removal, including mine,  
or lent them his snow blower.  
I am so sorry to learn he was sick, but am so pleased to have  
known him and you.  
God Bless You.  
Rev. Mike Petroski*



Rev. Mike Petroski - December 21, 2023 at 01:03 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner.*



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December 20, 2023 at 09:32 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner.*



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December 20, 2023 at 07:58 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner.*



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December 20, 2023 at 07:50 PM



“ *Steve Miller purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner.*



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**Steve Miller** - December 20, 2023 at 03:11 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" "Bildo" John Garner.*



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December 20, 2023 at 02:38 PM



“ *I first met the big guy in July 1977 and we have been like brothers ever since. We bowled on numerous leagues together, he was a fantastic bowler with those huge hands of his. I love you William and always will. The world has lost a super human being. But he will live on in my heart and memories.*

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**John P Marshall** - December 20, 2023 at 10:04 AM



*Hi John P Marshall. Its been a long time.. Big Abe we called him then. He was the first person I met on the job in 1973. It was a wild ride up to 1980 when the foundry started to close. Was one awesome guy.*

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**Norbert** - December 21, 2023 at 04:49 PM