



## William J. Royce

November 15, 1935 - March 6, 2020

William Joseph Royce "Wild Bill", age 84, passed away on Friday, March 6, 2020 at the St. Joseph Mercy Hospital with his daughter by his side. He was born on November 15, 1935 in Ann Arbor, MI, the son of Joseph A. and Beulah B. (Miller) Royce. On July 14, 1958 in Kalamazoo, MI, Bill married Georgia Jean Miles and she preceded him in death. Bill served in the United States Army and retired from the United States Postal Service in Ann Arbor, MI. Survivors include his daughters Sherrie (Jerry) Hill of Saline, Julie Royce of Fountain Inn, South Carolina, and Becky Hughlett of Magnolia, TX. Other survivors include his sister Linda Eileen (Royce) Smith of Wheatland, Missouri, brother and sister-in-law Robert (Roberta) Miles of Otsego, MI, sister-in-law Mary Ann Eaton of Portage, MI, 11 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, several cousins, and friends. Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 56 years, one grandson, two great-grandsons, his mother Beulah Miller, and his father Arthur Royce. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and no services are planned at this time. Burial will take place in the Washtenong Memorial Park in Ann Arbor at a later date. To leave a memory, to sign Bill's guestbook, or for more information please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Washtenong Memorial Park

3771 Whitmore Lake Road  
Ann Arbor, MI 48105  
<http://washtenongmemorialpark.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *William J. Royce*

October 23, 2023 at 01:07 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear. We had some good times and memories.*

*Bill, rest in peace.*

*Walter*



**Walter** - March 10, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We have SO many memories, all good ones. He was a a good neighbor and even better friend. Rest in peace Bill.*



**Doug and Kay Rayment** - March 10, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. Royce.*



March 10, 2020 at 10:57 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Sherrie, Becky and family thoughts and prayers to all.

*Lisa Reilly Mesner*



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**Lisa Reilly Mesner** - March 10, 2020 at 08:30 AM

SB

“ Sue Boucher lit a candle in memory of William J. Royce



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**Sue Boucher** - March 10, 2020 at 07:33 AM

RC

“ Sherrie, Deb and I are so sorry to hear of your loss. We will keep you and your family in our prayers. I'm glad I was able to met your Dad. I know now where you get from. I wish we had met long before.. God be with you

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**Roger Cohoe** - March 09, 2020 at 07:11 PM

TK

“ So sorry to hear of Willy Willy lump lumps passing. He was a great neighbor back in the day. Sincere condolences to Sherrie, Julie and Becky.

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**Teri (Passow) King** - March 09, 2020 at 06:35 PM

DR

*So sorry to hear of the passing of (AAHS class of 54) classmate, Bill Royce. We went to school from kindergarten on. He attended class reunions over the years and some of the recent class lunches. He will be missed. Our hearts go out to Bill's family.*

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**Dian Hague Rentschler** - March 10, 2020 at 03:26 PM

LR

“ *Sherrie, Julie, Becky and family-*

*We are so sorry to read this about your Dad, we didn't even know he was back up here. So glad you could be with him Sherrie. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*



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**Larry and Robyn Robison** - March 09, 2020 at 06:25 PM

BM

“ *From Bob Miles , brother - in-law of Bill and brother of his wife Georgia. Bill was a good ole boy and a fun person to be around. I enjoyed talking with Bill about Michigan football and many other subjects. I also had a great time meeting Bill at one of his watering holes before a Mi football , of course he knew everyone there, and they would say to me “it must be great to be related to Bill” which I responded you are right there. Bill will be missed by many.*

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**Bob Miles** - March 09, 2020 at 06:03 PM

BH

*I will very much miss watching Michigan football games with dad. He taught me everything I know about how to scream at the tv when they made a bad play. Go Blue!*

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**Becky Hughlett** - March 10, 2020 at 12:39 AM



*Bill was the best cousin a person could have. Rest in peace. Beverly and Jerry Miller.*

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**Gerald Miller** - March 10, 2020 at 02:49 PM



*It was a pleasure to work with Bill at Ann Arbor post office back in the good ole days Jane Bryan 1969-2012*

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**Jane Bryan** - March 11, 2020 at 01:37 PM