



## William E. Scollard

October 26, 1926 - April 7, 2024

William E. Scollard (Bill), a long time Ford Executive, died peacefully on Sunday, April 7, at his home in Bonita Springs, FL.

Bill was 97 years old. He was born to Clinton J. and Mary E. (Wherity) Scollard in Hingham, MA and grew up in White Plains, New York where he attended White Plains High School, class of 1944. He then enlisted in the Navy where he trained as an engineer and naval pilot.

Bill attended Dartmouth College and graduated with bachelors and masters degrees in mechanical engineering, as well as earning an MBA at Harvard University.

Bill was married to Mary-Hope Minton in 1950. That year he was recruited by Ford Motor Company where he worked until his retirement in 1991. He was then Executive Vice President, North American Manufacturing Operations, and an Officer on the Board. Bill was highly respected by all he worked with and made many lifelong friends. He will be remembered for his significant contributions to the success of Ford Motor Company. After retiring, Bill served as an adjunct engineering professor at the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College for several years.

Bill married Kuniko Washio in 1999.

Bill's favorite pastimes have been Boy Scouts, fundraising for the United Fund, the Detroit Opera Theater and Dartmouth College, summer events at the Chautauqua Institution, along with sailing, golfing, reading, playing cards, G&Ts and Kuniko's cooking.

He is survived by his wife, Kuniko, his mother-in-law Yasuko Washio, and sister-in-law Michiko Washio. He is also survived by his children, Pat (Chuck) Painter, Robyn (Palmer) Schoch, Chris (Jerry) Losey, Jim, Joanne, Samantha (Tad) Truex, and his daughter-in-law Kelly Scollard; his grandchildren Mary Bunch (Corey), Katy McGuffey (Brian), Becky Hall (Aron), Billy Schoch, Meg Pierce (Phil), Chad Painter (Ashley), Nick Scollard, Zach Scollard, Cam Scollard, James Scollard (Aislinn), Nathan Scollard, Alex Scollard, Teddy Truex and Abby Truex; and 16 great grandchildren.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, his first wife, his brother Bob Scollard of Dearborn, Mi, his sister Tish Scollard of Wethersfield, CT, as well as his sons Peter, Bill, and Jack.

Family and friends may gather from 11:00 A.M. until the time of his Memorial Service at 2:00 P.M. on Saturday, August 3, 2024 at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Deacon Chris Vida from St. Rita Catholic Church in Clarklake will officiate, and Military Honors will be provided under the auspices of the Washtenaw County Veteran's Honor Guard. A procession will follow to Oakwood Cemetery to inter Bill's ashes. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to BrightFocus Macular Degeneration Foundation at <https://donate.brightfocus.org>, 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).

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

AUG 3. 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services  
301 E Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176  
(734) 429-9760  
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com  
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## Celebration of Life

AUG 3. 2:00 PM (ET)

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## Graveside Service

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# Tribute Wall

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“ I had the pleasure of working for Bill as his business planning manager and as you might expect, he was an outstanding leader, mentor and friend. I recall one trip to Japan when his current wife was our interpreter. As it turned that early acquaintance ended up in a long term loving relationship. God Bless You Bill.

*Tom Sipila*

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**Tom Sipila** - June 04, 2024 at 07:33 PM

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“ To Bill's family, please accept my sincere condolences. Bill was a mentor to me and provided invaluable support during my career at the Ford Motor Company. I have added a picture which includes Bill from the award ceremony when the skunk works I formed, the SE-II Group, was awarded the company's first Corporate Quality Award. I'm standing next to Lou Ross. Again, please accept my sincere condolences....



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**John Randolph Elwell** - June 03, 2024 at 12:46 PM