



# William Edward Kaiser

FEB 3, 1945 - SEP 6, 2023



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**W**illiam Edward Kaiser, age 78, returned to his heavenly home on September 6, 2023. Born to the late Edward and Evelyn (Wobbrock) Kaiser on the 3rd of February 1945, Bill and his siblings grew in the Detroit area during the post-war boom. At age 12, tragedy struck their family when Evelyn succumbed to Cancer, leaving the kids to make their way through life without her.

Bill accepted the loss of his mother with difficulty and was unmoored for several years until one memorable day when he turned over his life to the Lord, uniting his suffering to His. Looking for a job, particularly Ford, his persistence paid off shortly after his conversion, landing a position where he consistently worked through the ranks. It was during this time that he also met his future bride, Shirley, while the two of them were enlisted in the Civil Air Patrol. Never one to sit still, Bill also attended night school for several years, keeping his mind sharp and ready for the stage in life that was to come.

Marrying Shirley in 1966, the two of them set their lives apart, living intentionally and with a youthful vigor. Together they grew their family to a little platoon of 6, adding 4 children to their union. Bill's hard work and dedication to his craft led the family to live abroad for many years in his role as an Engineer for Ford. He lived purposefully knowing that each moment was all in service to God.

Residing downstate for most of his life, Bill was an eager Detroit sports fan. He loved to entertain family and friends at his bar, cheering on the games together. He also enjoyed spending many hours out on the golf course, suiting his appreciation for the gift of nature. Kindness oozed from Bill and he was quick to laugh, bearing peace no matter the external situation. Always active, the rare times he was convinced to sit still, he was fast asleep in minutes.

Quick to help anyone, Bill believed that love began with giving, following the example of Jesus. He was a fierce reader of the Bible and took copious notes of his



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own. After retirement, he took those notes and spent many hours compiling a book on the history and origins of the Bible. Bill lived each moment of his life for the Lord and died with the peace of eternal happiness. In cards and letters, Bill's parting words implored to "Always do what's right in the eyes of the Lord. He'll take care of the rest." He will be dearly missed.

Left to carry on is his bride of 57 years, Shirley; Children: Matthew (Melinda) Kaiser, Holly Kaiser, Paul Kaiser, and James Kaiser; Grandchildren: David, Sabrina, and Gabriella; Sister, Wendy Kaiser; Brothers: Timothy (Beverly) Kaiser and Thomas (Sharon) Kaiser; Aunt, Shirley Eckoff; and Nieces, Megan and Kelly.

A memorial service will take place on Friday, September 22, 2023 at 11 AM at Chapel of the Lakes Lutheran Church with Pastor Bookshaw officiating. A visitation will be held an hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be directed to The Gideon's ( [www.gideons.org/donate](http://www.gideons.org/donate) ), Mayo Clinic ( [philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC](http://philanthropy.mayoclinic.org/donateMC) ) or God's Helping Hands. Envelopes will be available at the church.



# Events

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## Visitation

 **Friday**, September 22, 2023

 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Chapel of the Lakes Lutheran Church**  
9407 90th Ave., Mecosta MI 49332



## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall

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**Terry &** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



September 26 at 11:43 AM



**Betty Lake** lit a candle in honor of William.

So sad to see Bill and Shirley come to this time in their lives that one has passed. Bill we will miss you dearly. We know you are in the comfort of Jesus and at peace. God Bless!



September 21 at 1:29 PM



**Cheryl Parkinson** posted:

Our heartfelt condolences to Shirley and family on the loss of such a wonderful man. Bill was kind, considerate, compassionate, witty, intelligent and caring. And patient....the OW Golf league that Bill organized and continued to run weekly would put a strain on anyone's mental health! Anyone but Bill, with the amazing support of dear Shirley. We feel blessed and fortunate to have been able to spend time with Bill while he was on this earth. Our hearts miss him. We are so deeply sorry for your loss. May you find peace and comfort in knowing he is in his happy place. Cheryl and Jef Fry

September 19 at 10:37 AM



**Annegret And Shankar, Germany** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Kaiser family.



September 18 at 8:39 AM



**Annegret And Shankar, Germany** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



September 18 at 8:39 AM



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**Ray And Dianne Farah** posted:

Our sincere condolences to Shirley and the family at Bill's passing. With great sadness we heard the news of a good friend for many years who I knew both within the company and after retirement. I remember his excitement during one of our work trips when we surprisingly were able to obtain tickets from Durango to Silverton on a big steam train. We both shared a love of model steam trains and layouts, and talks about his favorite subject! We remember the fun of the 2 week winter trip with Bill and Shirley touring Christmas markets through France and Germany prior to Bill's retirement, while we were stationed with Ford in Europe. Bill was always helpful, serious about tasks, calm in manner. I was especially thankful for his help while in Europe because he was a good listener and decisive. Certainly he will be missed by many at Ford. And we will miss his Christmas newsletter always full of hope and good cheer. In our church we say he is now in a place of sweet repose where all suffering, sighing, and sadness have fled away. May his 'memory be eternal'. Riad (Ray) and Dianne Farah

September 12 at 11:29 AM



**Bonnie Hand** posted:

Shirley, We always felt so much friendship and love when we were together at Bible Studies and gatherings. Both of you are such warm and full of loving kindness. We pray for peace and comfort for you and your family. Bonnie and Gary

September 12 at 9:47 AM



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** sent an Enduring Grace to the Kaiser family.



September 12 at 8:22 AM



**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



September 12 at 8:22 AM



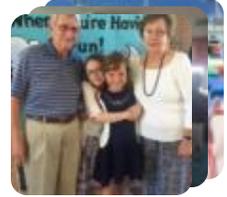
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**Holly Kaiser** shared 3 photos to the **Memories** album.



September 12 at 7:12 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Kaiser family.



September 11 at 7:40 PM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



September 11 at 7:40 PM



**Paul&Linda Arbesman** posted:

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. As a man of faith, we know where he is now. We enjoyed his easy manner and soft smile. It was relaxing to those around him. We pray for the families comfort at this time. Blessings, Paul&Linda Arbesman

September 11 at 3:51 PM



**Sharon M Caldwell** posted:

Bill and Shirley, Your long time friendship was such a blessing. Your Bill's devotion to his Lord and Savior meant so much to so many. I'm sure he and my Bill who passed August 3, 2023, are rejoicing now in the company of Jesus. Love you both! We donated a tree in your Bill's memory.

September 11 at 12:52 PM



**Sharon & Bill C** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



September 11 at 12:21 PM



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**Marie Samarat** posted:

We'll never forget the wonderful Oceanwalk parties hosted by the Kaisers. Also, all the work Bill did to make building 6 the best one in the complex. Condolences to Shirley and family. Our prayers are with you. Marie and Mac Samarat

September 11 at 11:37 AM



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Great Memories



# Media

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Daytona 2017



My favorite Photo of Pop



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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