



## Richard D.B. Bill

November 2, 1940 - August 9, 2020

Richard/Dick “DB” Bill used to say “if it’s worth doing, it’s worth doing well”. He lived his life well. We joked that we should do “everything in moderation, buddy” but that was because he showed his family and friends how to live well and squeeze the most joy and friendship out of each day. If you didn’t know DB, you hadn’t met him. Richard Anthony Bill, 79, of Columbus, OH died August 9, 2020 peacefully at home surrounded by loved ones. He grew up in Reedsburg, WI surrounded by his dearest family and friends. He excelled being a 4-sport athlete throughout high school and played basketball in College. He graduated with an honor degree in Economics from Assumption College in Worcester, MA where he was elected class president for an unprecedented four years. He served his country as a commissioned officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time in Marines, he met wife, Helynn (Lynn) Smith. They were married on April 29, 1967 in Rosemont, IL and as always surrounded by the love of family and friends. (This is a common theme for DB). He worked for Xerox and in public warehousing. He became President and CEO of The Merchandise Warehouse Company in Columbus, OH. DB was a leader and innovator in public warehousing and distributions systems for over 25 years. He was selected as an “Outstanding Young Man of America” by the United States Jaycees. Throughout his life, he was an avid competitor in everything he did. He won too many titles to mention here from golf, tennis, ping pong, and fishing. He even competed in the National Team Championship for North American Walleye Anglers in 2002. Go fish! He had

many fishing trips from Lake Erie to Alaska with too many good buddies to mention. He taught us to “Keep a tight line” and “Keep our powder dry”. Lynn and DB always said that our family is a circle of strength and love, with every birth and every union, the circle will grow, every joy shared adds more love, every crisis faced together, makes the circle stronger. They raised three strong daughters: Kristi, Laurie, and Andrea. After his retirement, he enjoyed caring for his grandchildren and supporting them in every sporting event to school play and every milestone in between. His brothers James A. Bill and Thomas J. Bill and parents, Alban and Irene Bill met him at Heaven’s door. His siblings, Chub, Betty, and Mike still ‘hold down the fort’ here on earth. His immediate family of Lynn, Kristi (Brian Cooper), Laurie (Brock Marbaugh), Andrea (Brenda Seggerman) will continue his legacy. His grandchildren Cort and BAM Marbaugh and Franki and Lexi Cooper will continue his circle of love. We know that he’s like Allstate and in good hands. Ditto. We will be having a celebration of life mass at St. Peter Roman Catholic Church in Columbus, Ohio on Tuesday, August 18th at 11 AM. There will be a virtual option as well. Due to high risk family members, we are going to save hugs for future celebration.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Richard D.B. Bill*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I did not know DB well, but felt like I had known him forever with his warm, welcoming heart and the stories he would share. I loved his sense of humor and how giving he was. You could feel how proud he was of his family and he lived life to the fullest! He is missed. xo - Britt Hauptman*

**Brittany Hauptman** - August 18, 2020 at 10:22 AM



“ *So sorry to hear about Dick's passing. Spent some time visiting my parents grave yesterday (Phil and Therese - Teeshee). Told them about Dick. I'm sure Dick is already enjoying one of my dad's brandy manhattans in heaven.*

*Terri Sgarlata-Lutz and Jim Lutz*

**Terri Sgarlata-Lutz** - August 18, 2020 at 09:01 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.*



August 17, 2020 at 07:06 PM

RH

“ Sure sorry to hear about Dick’s passing. Old Friend in Warehousing and Logistics back In 70/80’s here in Columbus 🙏 RIP my friend

Richard Hitchcock - August 17, 2020 at 04:21 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.



August 17, 2020 at 01:40 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.



August 17, 2020 at 12:00 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.



August 17, 2020 at 10:46 AM

RM

“ *ROGER USMC  
IT CANNOT BE INHERITED NOR CAN IT EVER BE PURCHASED.  
YOU AND NO ONE ALIVE CAN BUY IT FOR ANY PRICE.  
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO RENT AND CANNOT BE LENT.  
YOU ALONE AND OUR OWN HAVE EARNED IT WITH YOUR  
SWEAT, BLOOD AND LIVES.  
YOU WON IT FOREVER.  
THE TITLE  
UNITED STATES MARINE  
GO WITH GOD MY BROTHER  
SEMPER FI*

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**ROGER MALONE** - August 15, 2020 at 11:47 AM

LS

“ *Liz and Bill Stranges purchased the Mrs. Fields N  
ibblers® Sympathy Basket for the family of  
Richard D.B. Bill.*



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**Liz and Bill Stranges** - August 14, 2020 at 02:20 PM

LS

“ *My husband I (Liz and Bill Stranges) we're  
lucky enough to be invited to Thanksgiving  
dinner at the Bill's. We found ourselves alone  
one year, and Brock whose Dad was my  
brother got us a seat at their family's table.  
Dick and Linn welcomed us and shared their family with us. I must  
say that I let Brock know that we were available by sending him an  
email that said "Have turkey, will travel!" It was a fun day.*



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**Liz and Bill Stranges** - August 14, 2020 at 02:07 PM

RM

“ *It was always fun to be around DB. He was a good man, fair poker player, and a great person in every regard. I'm sitting here looking across the river, at the D. B. Sad to think I'll not see him at the helm again, smooth cruising ahead Dick.*

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**Rich McCleery** - August 13, 2020 at 05:15 PM

KC

*Thank you*

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**kristi cooper** - August 14, 2020 at 07:25 AM

AN

*Thank you, Rich, for the memories!!*

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**Andi** - August 14, 2020 at 10:02 AM

TB

“ *1 file added to the album DB*



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**Timothy Bill** - August 13, 2020 at 03:21 PM

TB

“ Oh how I miss my Uncle Dick. Born not too shortly after his big brother Jim (my pa), the two of them were attached at the hip. He was in a way, my mid-west dad. Because of a lack of proximity, our paths did not cross as often as I would have liked. Despite that, we had too many adventures to relive in this musing (often a fishing pole was involved). I cherished each and every time we got together. He regularly corresponded with me during college, often with a \$20 bill enclosed - my primary source of income at the time. Dick Bill's generosity has touched many lives. When uncle Chub called me about 18 months ago regarding a trip to see Dick last year, I worried, but did not believe that it would be our last trip on the boat. Chub did not present this outing as an option; he simply asked when I was free so that he could make arrangements. I suspect my schedule forced us to miss the peak season, but the opportunity to see my uncles clearly outweighed the lack of a single walleye on my hook.

Tim

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Timothy Bill - August 13, 2020 at 03:17 PM

KC

How he loved bragging about you and loved getting your postcards! And don't think we all haven't heard about you eating the worm on a bet/dare 🤪🤪🤪 love you!!!

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kristi cooper - August 14, 2020 at 07:22 AM

SB

“ Dick has always been one of my most faithful nephews--from the time he was about 3 years old! It was then that I temporarily left my teaching position to join Alban in caring for him, Jim, and Betty Ann while his mother, Irene, cared for my mother in the hospital in LaCrosse ...a LONG time ago! Through the years, Dick and Lynn kept in touch with me. A number of times, Dick drove to Victory Noll, picked me up, and took me to spend time at their home. What a joy -- to watch the little family grow up!

Dick's letters and gifts arrived faithfully through the years, and our correspondence never failed. Even this past year, his notes arrived, with no mention of failing health! Thanks to Betty Ann who informed me of the situation, and enabled me to write him a lasting message....May he rest in peace.

Surely God's welcome was loving and warm, as He introduced one of His most faithful followers into His Kingdom of peace, love, and everlasting joy! Thanks, Dick, for your unfailing example of a life well-lived! In loving prayer,  
Sister Alma Bill, OLVM  
1900 W. Park Dr.  
Huntington, IN 46750

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**Sr. Alma Bill** - August 13, 2020 at 01:56 PM

KC

He loved you so much and often reminded me of our fun time at your jubilee! We love you so much and Chub actually read your kind card to dad❤️

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**kristi cooper** - August 14, 2020 at 07:24 AM

CF

“ Chub, Sue, Nicole, Jimmy, Amy & Aaron and families. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.



Chub, Sue, Nicole, Jimmy, Amy & Aaron and families. -  
August 13, 2020 at 09:42 AM



“ I only met Dick a few times, and then briefly, but I knew of him mostly through my cousin Lynn, his wife, and her parents Helen and Henry, and if THEY approved of him then he was worthy. I also know of his support for Andi, Laurie, and Kristi and all they undertook. I am sorry for your loss, but feel you will be strengthened and grateful for the memories of all your years together - for Lynn especially, love from your cousin Bob

Bob Rivoire - August 12, 2020 at 03:14 PM

Andi  
Bill

Thank you, Bob!

Andi Bill - August 12, 2020 at 04:46 PM

KC

Thank you Bob!

kristi cooper - August 12, 2020 at 09:21 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.



August 12, 2020 at 02:46 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.*



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August 12, 2020 at 02:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.*



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August 11, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ *Michael Bill purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.*

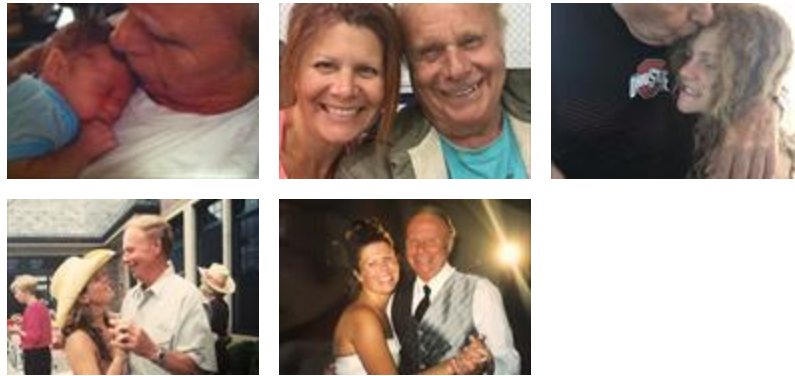


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**Michael Bill** - August 11, 2020 at 08:31 PM

KC

“ Too many memories to post Dad.... but I love and miss you already so much .... Ditto



kristi cooper - August 11, 2020 at 05:28 PM



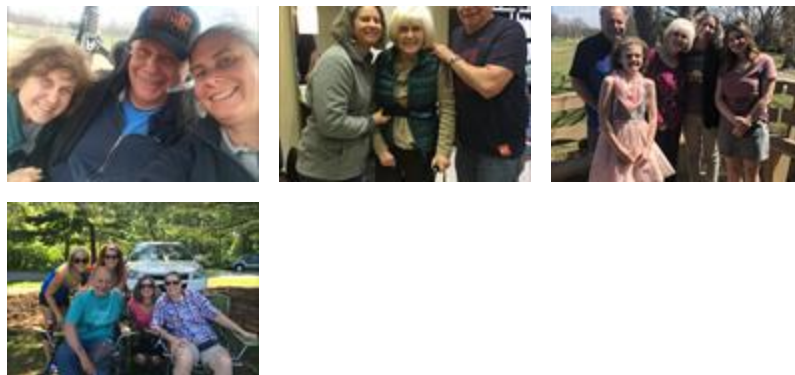
“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Richard D.B. Bill.



August 11, 2020 at 02:46 PM

AB

“ 4 files added to the album DB



Andi Bill - August 11, 2020 at 01:46 PM



*Love*

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**kristi cooper** - August 11, 2020 at 05:23 PM