



## William H. "Bill" Rector

March 25, 2012

William H. "Bill" Rector, age 81, of Dublin and Delaware County, passed away Sunday, March 25, 2012 at Kobacker House. Born to the late Ruth H. and William H. Rector, Sr., he grew up in Columbus and graduated from Central High School in 1948. He joined the United States Navy shortly after graduation and was stationed in San Diego. After his discharge, Bill moved back to Columbus and began his career with Big Bear Stores. While there, he met his loving wife Vera and they were married for 57 years. He retired from Big Bear early and in 1989 started his own successful manufactures rep business, which he loved and never truly retired. Bill was active in the community and Central College Presbyterian Church where he served as a trustee, elder and on the building committee. He was a member of New England Lodge #4, F&AM, a 32nd Degree Mason-Valley of Columbus and an active member of Aladdin Temple Shrine where he served in the Hospitality Unit. He was past president of the Columbus Housewares Club, advisor to the 4-H Club in Delaware County, a volunteer for the American Red Cross and the Central College Food Bank. Bill was an avid golfer-having scored a hole-in-one at Safari Golf Club, a fisherman, and enjoyed baseball, softball, football and the Ohio State Buckeyes. He was also an avid fan of the Little Brown Jug and was a former member of Muirfield Country Club. He will be greatly missed by his wife Vera, son Fred Rector and daughter and son-in-law Tami and Bill Sergent, grandson Tim Sergent , best friend Clarence Huskey and so many friends and colleagues. Family will receive friends from 4:00-8:00pm.

WEDNESDAY at the RUTHERFORD FUNERAL HOME AT POWELL, 450 West Olentangy St., Powell, OH 43065 (614)-792-1471 with a Masonic Service at 7:30pm. (The funeral home is located on W. Olentangy St./Powell Rd./SR 750 ¼ mile east of Sawmill Parkway.) Funeral Service will be held at the funeral home 1:00pm. THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2012 with The Reverend Dr. Richard Ellsworth, officiating. Burial will follow the service at Kingwood Memorial Park, Lewis Center, Ohio. The family sends a special thanks to the staff at Kobacker House. In lieu of flowers, friends are asked to consider a memorial contribution to: Kobacker House, 800 McConnell Drive, Columbus, OH 43214 or The American Red Cross, 995 East Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215 in Bill's memory. Send condolences for the family to: [www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com](http://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com).

# Tribute Wall



“ *William H. "Bill" Rector*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *you will be missed you were such a close dear friend like a brother to me . len*

leonard kahn lisa frye - July 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Vera: I just wanted to let you know how sorry I am about Bill. You are both wonderful people. He was always kind and generous through all the years in 4-H. I truly think of you both daily as I drive by the farm taking my kids to school everyday. Many prayers for you and your family.*

JoAnn Must Fisher - April 01, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Vera, So sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Please know that I am thinking of you and your family. I hope you gain strength through your family and friends during this difficult time. Mary*

Mary Fries - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Vera and Family, I am sorry to hear of Bill's passing. What a great loss. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult transition. Neighbor, Noreen 7288 Falls View Circle*

Noreen Weisberg - March 28, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Dear Rector family, My condolences for your loss. From reading the obituary, Mr. Rector appeared to be both loved, loving and enjoyed life very much. May the God of tender mercies provide comfort for you during this difficult time (2 Cor 1:3-4). By drawing close to God in prayer the Bible promises that “he himself will sustain you.”— Psalm 55:22. It is my hope that you will find comfort from these few words during this difficult period.

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**B. Williams** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

ML

“ Vera, we are so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We think of you both often remarking how nice it was to have you in our lives. Please know you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.

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**Mike and Carolyn Leasure** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ I would like to express my condolences to the family and friends of Bill. I had the pleasure to work with him from time to time while employed at Big Bear. He was a wonderful person. Kathy

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**Kathy Sako** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Vera & family, I am sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Bill truly was one of the "good guys" in our business and will be missed by everyone. He had a great life, marriage and family and he was the first one to tell you about it. Bill was one of a kind. Sincerely, Jim Zellner

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**Jim Zellner** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ Vera - I'll treasure my great memories of Bill, although we only saw each other once a year in Chicago. Always looked forward to his hugs and his jokes. Phone conversations were never brief and very rarely business-related! I will miss him and am lucky to have known him all these years. Condolences to you and your family.

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**Beth Geiger** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ My condolences for your loss. I worked with Bill for many years at Big Bear and Harts. My wife and I grew up in Delaware, So we had some things in common with Bill. Bill was always one of my favorite Buyers. Will keep you in our prayers.

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**Lewis Cox** - March 27, 2012 at 12:00 AM