



William Condry "Bill" Whitlatch

March 2, 2014

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William Condry (Bill) Whitlatch passed away on March 2, 2014 at his home in Worthington, Ohio. Son of the late Judge Walter G, and Evelyn O. Whitlatch, Bill was born June 21, 1939, grew up in suburban Cleveland, graduated from Charles F. Brush High School and received his degree in Architecture from Pennsylvania State University and his Masters of City Planning from the University of Pennsylvania. He served as planning coordinator for the initial development of Cleveland State University and was employed as a Senior Planner by the Regional Planning Commission where he prepared the initial Master Plan for the City of Brecksville. He served as the Director of Planning for Cleveland's Poverty Program and later established the consulting firm of Urban Research & Planning which prepared Master Plans and development regulations for numerous municipalities and counties in northeastern Ohio including the cities of Twinsburg and Kirtland Hills, Kirtland Village and Geauga County. As planning consultant to the City of Twinsburg, he helped the City adopt its Planned Development district regulations and convince Forest City to annex some 600 acres of Township land into the City to create Ethan's Green. In 1974, he joined with a local builder to develop and construct the first Senior Citizen public housing in Cleveland's outer suburbs. From 1976 to 1980 he served as Assistant General Manager of the Land Division of Forest City Enterprises where he developed subdivisions throughout northeastern Ohio. In 1983, he partnered with Bob Pruchnicki to create

Whitlatch & Co. as the developer and builder of condominium communities featuring one and a half story Cape Cod styled attached dwellings designed to appeal to successful middle class seniors. Over the next 20 years the company developed some 29 communities in Twinsburg and Twinsburg Township containing 1029 homes which today range in price from under \$100,000 to over \$500,000. In 1988, the company was building in five different communities and was ranked by Inc Magazine as the 11th fastest growing company in the State. During the early 1990's the company averaged 250 home sales per year and was ranked the largest volume Home Builder in northeastern Ohio. In the mid 1990's, Bill undertook the commercial redevelopment of downtown Twinsburg with the development of Twinsburg Town Center and Creekside Commerce Center which today is home of the Twinsburg Academic Center of Kent State. With the demise of the housing market in 2007, Bill closed out Whitlatch & Co and retired to Worthington, Ohio to be close to his daughter's family. Bill was a Trustee of the Building Industry Association of greater Cleveland and served as Chairman of the Northeastern Ohio Home Builder's Coalition. He was a long time member of the Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce and for many years sponsored the annual Twins Day parade. From 1996 until 2009 he resided in Glen Eagle Lane. Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years Janice Compton Whitlatch, daughter and son-in-law, Laura A. and Ronald L. Ferencz of New Albany, OH, grandsons, Ryan L. and Dylan J. Ferencz and brother Norman R. Whitlatch and sister-in-law Jo Whitlatch of Menlo Park, CA. A Memorial Service will be held on March 14, 2014, at 11:00 AM, at Saint John's Episcopal Church, 700 High Street, Worthington, OH. Memorial Contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Saint John's Episcopal Church, Worthington, OH.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Condry "Bill" Whitlatch*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *I am sorry for your loss. Bill and I life share a similar path. Bill Whitlatch*

Bill Whitlatch - September 08, 2015 at 01:40 PM



“ *When I was informed about about Bill's passing, it was beyond description, a moment in time you never expect. I truly loved this man. He was more then some person that ran a company, had a family and meshed the two..He is the person that helped forge a person that has become a part of my life, a person that will always be there in my little insignificant life... I do and will always remember the life of the man called Bill Whitlatch for what it is, unselfish and giving. I question if without him if my current life would be the same, odd the way things are tied together. Rest in peace Bill.*

Richard Bell - March 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill..my mentor, my "boss", my friend and one of the most influential people in my life; what an impact! I was truly blessed to know him. My heartfelt condolences to Jan, Laura, Ron and family.*

Deborah Zakrajsek-Bell - March 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was very sad to hear that Bill passed away. Bill made a huge impact on the housing market and has inspired future generations to follow in his footsteps. He always treated people with respect and encouraged them to do their best. Working with Bill at Whitlatch & Co. for 13 years definitely made a lasting impression on myself and my career. Employees were treated like family because he really did care about people. My thoughts are with you Jan, Laura and family. Bill will be missed, but his presence will always be around.

Tim Hinkle - March 08, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ I can honestly say that no person had more influence on me than Bill Whitlatch. He was an amazing combination of imagination and analytical thinking. I am sorry I didn't get to see him in the last few years. My condolences go out to Jan and the whole Whitlatch family.

Thomas Basalla - March 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing, our thoughts and prayers are with his family. Bill is a big part of the reason I am where I am today, his guidance and passion has had a tremendous impact on those around him. He will be sorely missed.

Jim Lipnos - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will miss Bill greatly. He has left us; but he has left us with wonderful memories. Our prayers are with Jan, Laura and the rest of his family. Your own strength and your memories of Bill will carry you through any hard times and bring you joy forever.

Robert Dreifort - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ *My thoughts and prayers are with Jan, Laura and family. May God grant you peace and comfort at this time. Bill was a kind and generous man. It has been my honor to know him.*

Arla Brown - March 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM