



William James Staley Jr.

November 30, 1944 - January 6, 2023

Staley, William, J. "Billy" age 78. of Upper Arlington, Ohio went to heaven to be with Jesus on Friday, January 6, 2023. He joined his parents, Bill and Vera Staley, whom he so dearly loved. Bill is survived by his sisters Bonnie (Doug) Forster, Mary Ann Kraft and Nancy Johnson; nephew Toby (Gina) Johnson; nieces Kim Miller, Laurie (Brian) Niemet, and Erica Johnson; special cousins and a wonderful "family of friends"--all of whom had a special place in his heart. You would know Bill by his warm smile and outgoing nature.

Bill graduated from Columbus Business University and enjoyed the food service industry. He began his career in management with Frisch's and most recently worked for Bob Evans. Bill had a gift for making others feel special, constantly caring and sharing. He most loved planning trips to Branson, where he delighted in the entertainment and developed personal friendships with many of the performers.

Friends may call on Sunday, January 15 from 2:00 PM-6:00 PM at the Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home, 515 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 43085. Chapel service will be on Monday January 16th, 2023 at 11 AM at the St. Joseph Cemetery, 6440 South High Street, Lockbourne, Ohio. Please visit www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com to offer your condolences.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

6440 South High Street
Lockbourne, OH 43137

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **15**. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home
515 High Street
Worthington, OH 43085

Graveside Service

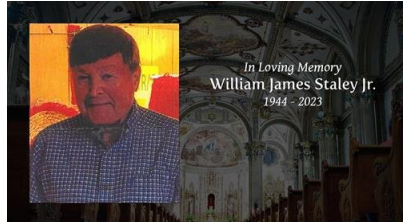
JAN **16**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Lockbourne, OH 43137

Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of William James Staley Jr.*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - January 13, 2023 at 03:20 PM

PD

What a beautiful tribute.

Pamela Deiseroth - November 05, 2023 at 05:55 PM

PD

“ *Happened across this by accident. I often wondered what happened to Bill. I was friends with him in the 80s. I once helped him deliver his ads. It was always a pleasure to be around him. Rest with God Bill.*

Pam Orsini Deiseroth

Pamela Deiseroth - November 05, 2023 at 05:43 PM



“ *William James Staley Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM

AU

“ So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. He was truly one of the "good guys"! His heart was huge, and he welcomed all into his circle of family and friends. He so enjoyed life and serving others. He loved his family very much and I know they miss him terribly. I'll always think of him at Christmas for he loved to celebrate this day. I'll truly miss his ever-faithful Christmas card. I can only imagine his joy when greeted with: "Well done, My good and faithful servant, well done." The earth's light just got a little dimmer, but my how Heaven brightened up!! Audrey

Audrey - January 15, 2023 at 08:26 PM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Met Bill back at Giant Eagle Pharmacy years ago and ran into most recently last fall at Bob Evans. Terrific guy . The world is less a place without Bill in it. My prayers to Bill's family and friends.

Stephen Biro - January 15, 2023 at 10:43 AM

JD

“ As a member of the Bishop Watterson High School Class of 1962, I was privileged to see Bill flourish in the years following our graduation. When another classmate, the late Rick (Frederick) Safford, and I visited Bill at one of the restaurants he managed, we were impressed by his inviting personality, the high standards he set for his employees--standards which he exemplified as their role model. May he rest in peace.

James A. Drake - January 14, 2023 at 11:52 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William James Staley Jr..*



January 13, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We met Bill through Dorothy & Jerry Shroyer and really enjoyed his sense of humor. Also thought it was a wonderful Christmas fundraiser that he did every year. We know he will be missed by all who knew him. Please know we are sending prayers to all the family.*

Bernie & Priscilla Schick

Bernie Schick - January 13, 2023 at 02:08 PM



“ *We loved him so much! He set up my luncheons for OSU Ag. Retirees for many years at Golden Corral and then at Bob Evans. A true friend and A wonderful man❤️ He will truly be missed❤️ Norma Harper and our Retirees*

Norma Harper - January 12, 2023 at 02:05 PM

JC

“ Bill represents all that is good in the world. Mom and I made his acquaintance 30 years ago. Thirty years of laughter, an occasional heartbreak, much gratitude, weekly sharing of life. Bill helped me through my Mom's passing in 2020. We loved Bill and he reciprocated twice over. Bill made me a better person. I am grateful he was in our lives. This photo of Bill and Mom was taken in April 2016.

In gratitude, Jennifer Cross and Jennie Cross (Mom) in spirit



Jennifer Cross - January 11, 2023 at 07:20 PM

LA

“ I was so blessed to have met Billy- what a kind man! Praying for his sisters and family and friends who loved him.

Laura Amberg - January 11, 2023 at 06:00 PM

JS

“ I'll remember Bill from my years of visits to Golden Corral in Dublin. He made sure "his" customers had their place settings and favorite beverage ready for their arrival and different napkins for the various holidays, plus a calendar for the new year and its Branson activities. Bill was truly one of a kind!

Julie Kay Smithson - January 11, 2023 at 07:31 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William James Staley Jr..*



January 10, 2023 at 10:32 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William James Staley Jr..*



January 10, 2023 at 11:21 AM



“ *Great friend. Met many years ago when he delivered ads to our door. Progressed to little treats hang on door to my wife doing an ads route for Bill. Friendship developed over the years and we became part of his closeted friends. Probably along with 500 others. Will miss him greatly. My Christmas outside decoration job has now ended after 20 years.*
Ardon Smith

Ardon Smith - January 10, 2023 at 11:01 AM



As recently as two months ago, met Bill again at Bethel Road Bob Evans with a menu in his arm ready to take us to a booth. Also remember his stint at the Giant Eagle and a few years ago with his mom at any of the CAPA downtown theaters for a few words at the door. Certainly, did not know he was ill and wish his family good feelings that he was so well known in his town. Carl Long

Carl Long - January 12, 2023 at 01:25 AM

MB

Billy and I began our relationship when we lived on the same street in elementary school. We would often walk to school together. He had such a lovely family and I always enjoyed interacting with his engaging Mother.

When I moved away, we would meet at our high school reunions and catch up. He was always willing to share.

He was truly one of the most kind, inclusive human beings, I have ever met, in all my travels. He is a lost treasure in our world. His light will be missed.

Martha Rarick Brawley - January 15, 2023 at 01:53 PM