



William "Bill" Boonstra

December 5, 1928 - December 2, 2017

William "Bill" Boonstra, 88, of Zeeland, passed away on Saturday, December 2, 2017, at Sheldon Meadows in Hudsonville. Bill was born in Detroit on December 5, 1928. He was raised in Zeeland by his parents Jack and Cora Boonstra. He graduated from Zeeland High School and began working to continue the family business at Boonstra's in downtown Zeeland. Bill served in the U.S. Navy for four years during the Korean War. He married Doreen Menken and they raised their three daughters in Zeeland. They were members of Second Reformed Church. Bill was a Zeeland firefighter for several years, and also served on Zeeland City Council. In 1991, Bill retired to Florida where he continued his hobbies as an avid golfer, a new car buff, and maintaining a near-perfect lawn and landscaping. Bill was preceded in death by his first wife Doreen in 1991, and his second wife Nelvia in 2014, his daughter Susan Watkins, and his granddaughter Terrie Jo Strach. He is survived by his daughters: Sara and Patrick Wilde of Hudsonville, Liz and Dave Meyering of Holland; two grandchildren: Melissa, Tony; four great-grandchildren: Zack, Makenzie, Makenna, Treyton; and his lifelong friend Howard Bouwens. Interment will take place in Florida and no services will take place in Michigan. Arrangements are by the Yntema Funeral Home, 251 S. State Street, Zeeland.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Boonstra*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"I was just made aware that Bill had passed. So sorry for your loss. Bill and Nelva were clients of mine and I fondly remember the day he picked me up in a severe snowstorm on his snow machine so I could assist Nelva and him with their window treatments. They were heading to Florida and needed to take care of some things before they left. I enjoyed knowing them and valued their friendship, Annmarie Meppelink"*

Annmarie Meppelink - May 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Sympathy from the Rlemersma family."*

Linda Wilson - December 13, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"I have fond memories of Bill. He was a seasoned clothier. He taught me a lot about selling, clothes, customer service,, etc. May he rest in peace and rise in glory."*

Thomas Folkert - December 09, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Deepest Sympathy to the family. Fond memories as a classmate, and a good friend in Florida. May he Rest in Peace. Gene Geib, Holland, MI. Dec.4, 2017"*

Gene Geib - December 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*“May the love of friends and family carry you through your grief.”*”

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“*“Sympathies to the family of Bill. Growing up just down the street, Mr. Boonstra was a family friend, I grew up knowing his kids. It was good to see him a couple of times this fall. Rest in Peace”*”

Douglas Dekker - December 04, 2017 at 12:00 AM