



## William (Bill) Slezak

May 11, 1930 - July 10, 2017

William (Bill) R. Slezak, age 87, passed away July 10, 2017 at home with his loving family by his side. Bill was born May 11, 1930 in Akron, Ohio to Andrew and Bertha (Prohaska) Slezak. He served his country for 2 years in the US Army constructing bridges and runways in Korea. Bill attended Kent State University earning his Master's degree in Vocational Education. His career included being a machine trade teacher, school administrator, and overseeing the design and construction of Alliance High School and Maplewood Career Center where he became their first Director. Bill had an inquisitive and creative mind, always looking for new projects or solutions to problems. He enjoyed woodworking, creating beautiful furniture, playing the accordion, boating and traveling. They moved from Ohio to Holland, Michigan in 1999, spending winters in Florida and Arizona. Bill was a member of Iota Lambda Sigma and life-long member of the Elks Lodge. Bill is survived by his beloved wife Betty of 34 years; his sister, Barbara Berg; children, Rick (Connie) Slezak, Andrew (Sheila) Slezak, Kathryn (Rich) Goebelbecher, step-children, Michael (Terri) Sturdevant and Linda (Jim) Parker; grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by brothers, Andrew and Raymond. A Memorial service is Noon on Saturday, July 22 at Langeland Sterenberg Funeral Home, 315 E. 16th Street, Holland, MI preceded by a time of visitation from 10:00-Noon. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Hospice of Holland or First United Methodist Church of Holland.



# Tribute Wall



“ *William (Bill) Slezak*

August 31, 2022 at 01:26 PM



“ *"Bill,  
Thank you for being such a wonderful mentor and great friend. I will always cherish our many conversations and talks. My life was made better by working with you at Maplewood. Carolyn and I send our love and deepest condolences to Betty and your family."*

Michael Loewy Loewy - January 17, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *"Dear Betty and family. I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. You are in my thoughts and prayers. I'm glad you made it back home so you are closer to family before this happened. He will be missed. With my deepest condolences. Kathy"*

Kathy Verdino - July 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *William (Bill) Slezak*

pat garrett - July 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*Dear Andrew, We have never forgotten you or your wonderful Dad. I remember those fine suppers at our house in Kent. Your dad was interested in the world and the people in it, kind to everyone, and a person who influenced others. I have thought of you so many times through the years and we are thinking of you and your family. Pat and Paul and Susan Fafrak, Friends, Texas and Kent Ohio.*”

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**Pat Garrett** - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*We will miss you. You spent your time well while here and so glad that you were our friend. Joe and Joyce Kulesia*”

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**Joe** - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*The Slezak Family: Andy, Ray, Bill and Barb.*”

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**Frederick Slezak** - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*The brothers: Andy, Ray and Bill. Taken about 1955*”

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**Frederick Slezak** - July 19, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“*A great man of knowledge and talent; woodworking and playing accordion, You always made us feel welcomed to be with you. We will miss you. I feel blessed to have called you friend and look forward to seeing you again in heaven.*”

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**Rick** - July 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“We will miss you Bill. We are so glad we got to know you and are left with many good memories. You were always so kind. It was a blessing to call you our friend. Play that accordion for God rest in peaceDennis and Barb”

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**A friend** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“Dad, You have been an important person in our lives. Your love for mom and for us has always shown through no matter what stage of life you were in. You were a great grandfather to Matt and David and then their children. You taught us all how to make the best pumkin pie, and sauerkraut and chops on New Year`s Day. We loved when you played your accordion; it always seemed to bring you such pleasure. Play it now in heaven and give the angels some polkas to sing to. We love you, dad, and will miss you - and then some some.Love til we all meet again,”

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**Michael and Terri Sturdevant** - July 14, 2017 at 12:00 AM