



## William H. Bear

July 28, 1946 - October 1, 2024

William H. Bear, age 78, passed away in his home on October 1st, 2024 surrounded by his family and loved ones.

Born and raised in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania he graduated from Avonworth High School in 1964. In 1965 he was drafted into the military and served two terms in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagles, where he was decorated before his honorable discharge in 1971.

He retired from General Motors in 2001 having worked over 30 years where he was known by his nickname "Yogi". He was commonly known as Bill or Billy by his family and friends. Bill met his wife Andrea in 1983, and they were married in 1986.

Bill is survived by his wife Andrea and his children; Robert, Sean Fernandez (Gloria), Holly Fernandez-Douglass (Scott), Nicole, and Ryan (Patricia), twelve grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, his brother Mark (Sue), nieces Chelsea Anthony (Brad) and Cassea.

He was preceded in death by his daughter baby girl Bear, Grandmother Vera Morrow and parents Robert and Willa-Jean Bear, granddaughters; Shylia Noelle Newbern, Haley Jane Pineda and sister-in-law Lisa Bear.

Visitation will be held on Monday Oct. 7, 2024 from 2-7PM at the Dryer Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Tuesday Oct. 8, 2024 at 12:30PM at the Dryer Funeral Home with burial and military honors to follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Memorial donations can be made to: Howell American Legion Post #141. [www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com](http://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Great Lakes National Cemetery

4200 Belford Rd.  
Holly, MI 48442

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 7. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
(248) 634-8291  
bgdryer@hotmail.com  
<https://www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com>

## Funeral Service

OCT 8. 12:30 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.  
101 First St  
Holly, MI 48442  
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## Military Honors and Burial

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OCT 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Great Lakes National Cemetery  
4200 Belford Rd  
Holly, MI 48442-9444  
(248) 328-0386

# Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William H. Bear*



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**Dryer Funeral Home, Inc.** - October 07, 2024 at 05:01 PM

MP

“ *John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have Eternal Life.*

*This is my hope for you as I place my trust in Him who is our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Mary M. Patrick*

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**Mary M. Patrick** - October 08, 2024 at 09:43 AM

LD

“ *Lori D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William H. Bear.*

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**Lori D.** - October 07, 2024 at 08:23 PM

PP

“ *Deepest sympathies to you all at the loss of your father and grandfather, and to the larger family. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Love, Aunt Trish*



Patricia Patrick - October 07, 2024 at 03:18 PM

TF

“ *The Gally family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William H. Bear.*



The Gally family - October 07, 2024 at 01:44 PM



“ *26 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - October 07, 2024 at 10:54 AM

RB

“ Robert L & Jill Barney purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of William H. Bear.



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Robert L & Jill Barney - October 07, 2024 at 10:15 AM

RB

“ Robert L & Jill Barney planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William H. Bear.

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Robert L & Jill Barney - October 07, 2024 at 10:15 AM

KP

“ Lamentations 3:22-23 says, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness". May God bless you kids and everyone in your grief. We pray one day to be reunited in kindness and love under God's roof and in His house. Love, Aunt Kathleen

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Kathleen Patrick - October 07, 2024 at 07:51 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William H. Bear.



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October 06, 2024 at 11:27 AM

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“ *The Thompson Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William H. Bear.*



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**The Thompson Family** - October 05, 2024 at 02:34 AM