



William Edwin Purves

August 31, 1936 - January 13, 2023

PURVES E. WILLIAM passed peacefully in his sleep on January 13, 2023. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife and best friend of 27 years, Margaret. Loving father of Timothy (Nina), Steven (Tracy) Slater, Lisa (Jim) Harner, Jason Slater, and Laura. Loving grandfather of Michael Harner, Nicholas Harner, Patrick Sayers, Bryce Slater, Megan, and Lance. Companion and dear friend to Basha Szematowicz. William was preceded in death by his siblings Elizabeth Reppuhn and Charles II and survived by his brother Thomas.

William "Bill" was loved by everyone who knew him; he spent most of his working profession as a civil engineer for the Michigan Department of Transportation. He was also the leader of Boy Scout Troop #189 of Clarkston, MI, for several years. He was an avid sportsman, enjoyed the outdoors, especially fishing, and was a long-time member of the Oakland County Sportfishing Association. He was a dedicated history buff who spent much time reading about and visiting civil war battlefields. Closely aligned with his interest in history, he spent many hours working on genealogy and researching the family's roots as far back as the early 1800s. Bill always enjoyed sharing fond memories and humorous stories of growing up in the small-town Owosso, MI, with his siblings. He enjoyed and looked forward to weekend breakfast with his son Timothy and discussing and watching sports with Jason. His family and friends will most remember Bill as a kind,

considerate, and compassionate individual, and he will be deeply missed.

Visitation will be held at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI, on Thursday, January 19, from 2:00 pm to 5:00 pm and from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.

A funeral service will be held at the Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, MI, on Friday, January 20, starting at 1:00 pm, followed by a burial service at the Davisburg Cemetery in Davisburg, MI. Following the burial please join the family for a luncheon from 3-5PM at the Oakland County Sportsman's Club 4770 Waterford Rd. Clarkston, MI 48346. Memorial donations can be made to: St. Jude Children's Hospital or Karmanos Cancer Institute. www.dryerfuneralhomeholly.com

Cemetery Details

Davisburg Cemetery

Davisburg, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 19. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

DryerFuneral Home, Inc.
101 First St
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Visitation

JAN 19. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

JAN 20. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Dryer Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Edwin Purves*



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - January 23, 2023 at 09:39 AM

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“ *To: The Family of Bill Purves
I had the pleasure and privilege of working with Bill during the 1988 Construction Season. Bill and I were managing two high impact MDOT construction projects on I-75 in Oakland County for our boss John Baxter, the Resident Engineer. I valued our conversations and the knowledge he shared. He impressed me with his integrity and seriousness about quality and getting the best bang for the State dollar. I still remember some things he showed me. Every morning he would greet me with the same phrase, "Save your money". He will be missed but not forgotten. May God Bless and keep you all.
Drew Buckner, MDOT*

Drew Buckner - January 19, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *Fiery Lily and Rose was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 18, 2023 at 10:50 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 18, 2023 at 09:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 18, 2023 at 05:31 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 18, 2023 at 02:48 PM



“ 25 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dryer Funeral Home, Inc. - January 18, 2023 at 02:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William Edwin Purves*.



January 17, 2023 at 04:21 PM



“ *It was pleasure taking care of you Bill, all of your friends here at Canterbury will miss you.*



Ashley - January 17, 2023 at 09:41 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 17, 2023 at 09:21 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 16, 2023 at 12:39 PM



“ *Bill at many times told me how much he loved and missed his beautiful wife he has joined her now in heaven RIP Bill!!!*

Myron Laidler - January 16, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 15, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Edwin Purves.*



January 15, 2023 at 11:50 AM