



William Joseph "Bill" Spath

June 27, 1934 - June 26, 2021

William Joseph "Bill" Spath entered into eternal life on Saturday, June 26, 2021, one day shy of his 87th birthday. Bill was born the first of four children to Herman and Evelyn (Herberger) Spath in 1934. Bill was a proud graduate of Flaget High School and attended Bellarmine College (now University). He served his country in the United States Army.

Bill married Sharon Potter in 1957 and loved and honored her everyday of their 64 year union. In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by his children, Bill Spath Jr., Karen Spath, and Kathy (Rob) Mullen. Bill's six grandchildren, Katie (David) Guthrie, Scott (Cynthia) Mullen, Leah Mullen, Amy (Terrence) Ferguson, Will Mullen, and Maggie Spath, and his six great-grandchildren were his pride and joy. He is also survived by his siblings, Bud (Carole, deceased) Spath, Don (Jo) Spath, and Rose Mary (Ed) Kithcart, many brothers- and sisters-in-law and countless nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends.

Bill was a good and faithful servant throughout his life – coaching his children's sports teams, serving on boards and committees at church, and cheering his grandchildren through sporting events, dance competitions, and piano recitals. He was "just so proud" of all of his family.

As a successful businessman, Bill served as the owner and president of Auto Electric Service Company, a family business founded by his father and served as well by his two brothers. Bill's success was recognized nationally with his membership on a variety of boards. Bill was a football official with KFOA for 26 years, making lifelong friends with fellow officials. If you were looking for Bill you could always find him in the bleachers at a UK, UofL, Flaget or Trinity High School football game or on the beach of Gulf Shores, Alabama.

Bill was recognized and honored for his business success and volunteerism on the following boards: Kentuckiana Automotive Wholesalers Association, the ASIA Group, Sacred Heart Village, Trinity High School Foundation, and the Sandpiper Owner's Association.

A celebration of Bill's life will take place at St. Raphael the Archangel Church, 2141 Lancashire Avenue, on Tuesday, June 29, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 28, 1-8:00 p.m. at Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home, 3800 Bardstown Road. Burial will follow in Calvary cemetery.

Gifts in Bill's memory may be made to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, P.O. Box 17126, Louisville, KY 40217-0126 or svdplou.org/donate-now/. Memories of Bill and messages of support for the family can be shared at <http://www.Ratterman.com>.

Cemetery

Calvary Cemetery
1600 Newburg Rd
Louisville, KY, 40205

Events

JUN 28 Visitation 01:00PM - 08:00PM

Ratterman & Sons Funeral Home - Bardstown Road
3800 Bardstown Road, Louisville, KY, US, 40218

JUN 29 Celebration of Life 01:00PM

St. Raphael Catholic Church
2141 Lancashire Ave., Louisville, KY, US

Comments



“ Bill was such a good man. Him and his wife Sharon was always kind to me. I am so sorry for your loss.

Sharon Wundrak - July 02 at 05:38 PM



“ I am a better man for having Bill and the Spath clan come into my life. He is missed .
Kevin Mullen

Kevin Mullen - June 30 at 07:58 AM



“ Sharon I am saddened to hear about Bill's passing. I enjoyed his friendship in Sportsmen Supper Club, Parrish House and the bus trips we went on to Cardinals Football games. He was a good man to know. Sonya and I send our condolences and love.

Paul Sykes

Paul Sykes - June 28 at 09:18 PM



“ Sharon I am so sorry that I did not make it to the funeral home. I cannot make it to the funeral because I have a funeral to work at St. Martha tomorrow as I set up the funerals there and it is a viewing from 9-11 and a funeral at 11. Bill was a great guy. He always thought of others before himself. He will be missed by all his Flaget, Trinity friends and anyone else who ever met him. Sharon, Rob and family are all in Anne, Tommy, Nick and my prayers. He has made heaven a more beautiful place.

Donald Clark - June 28 at 05:41 PM



“ Sharon and Kathy and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Though I didn't know Bill well, I did have a chance to meet him at Mass and share the Sign of Peace and always with a big smile along with it. May he rest in the peace of Christ. Love and blessings to all, Abbie Creed.

Abbie Creed - June 27 at 08:47 PM



“ Thank you so much Abbie. My dad was a wonderful person. I am so blessed that I could call him my own. Much love, Kathy

Kathy Mullen - June 28 at 12:27 AM



“ Bill was one of the kindest people that I have ever met. I enjoyed having him as a neighbor at Audubon Woods. Our deepest condolences to his family. Rest In Peace dear child of God.

Kathy & Jim Gardner

Kathy & Jim Gardner - June 27 at 11:48 AM



“ Thank you so much, Kathy and Jim. Dad was one of a kind. I feel so blessed that I could call him mine! Kathy

Kathy Mullen - June 28 at 12:26 AM