



WAYNE ALFRED BELL

July 1, 1937 - May 26, 2016

Obituary of WAYNE BELL

Wayne Alfred Bell went home to God on May 26, 2016 following a 5 year struggle with cancer. He was born to George and Mildred Bell in Owosso, MI on July 1, 1937. His formative years were spent in Chesaning, MI where he met the love of his life, Dorothy Neumann. They were wed on July 17, 1957. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University and earned a Master's degree from University of Michigan.

Teaching was his passion and for 34 years he served the students of the Walled Lake School District as a teacher and Trade & Industrial Co-op Coordinator. His teaching was based on first-hand experience as he excelled at roofing, laying concrete, masonry, plumbing, drywall and electrical work to name a few of his many skills. He was an inspiration to those who knew him and his sons are especially grateful for the work ethic and knowledge he instilled in them.

He enjoyed the fruits of his labor by developing an interest in sailing. Wayne and Dorothy sailed extensively on the Great Lakes and the Caribbean and he earned a full certificate from the Power Squadron.

Following his retirement in 1991 he and Dorothy spent their summers in

Boyne City, MI and winters in Leesburg, FL. He and Dorothy travelled to all 50 states and throughout Europe. He continued his home improvements projects but also enjoyed golfing, bridge and became an expert in working with stained glass. They moved to Leesburg full-time in 1995 and to Lakeview Terrace in Altoona, FL in 2014. He especially enjoyed supporting his sons and granddaughters in their endeavors and nothing pleased him more than a good conversation. He made full use of the life that God had given him and will be greatly missed.

He is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Dorothy, his brother David, his sons Roger (Ann) of Austin, TX and Brian (Amanda) of Libby, MT and beloved granddaughters, Morgan, Erin and Devyn Bell. A funeral Mass will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Eustis, FL on Monday, May 30th at 10:00 a.m. Interment will be held at 12:00 p.m., Thursday, August 4, 2014 at the Resurrection Cemetery in Chesaning, MI.

Tribute Wall

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“ Dorothy, I don't know if you will even get this - but I'll try - Joan Drexler just told me that Wayne passed away in May 2016 - our heartfelt sympathy to you and your family I have many wonderful memories and especially remember visiting you in Charlevoix - we lived in Elk Rapids, Michigan over 10 years ago to look after my mother before she passed away and now its our generations time - also heard that Tim Drexler is gone. I just wish we weren't so far away - our prayers are with you and in our memories always.

Donald and DuAnn (Drexler) Findlay - July 17, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our heartfelt condolences to Dorothy and Wayne's family on the loss of a good man. God bless you all.

Joe and Stephanie McGunnigle - June 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM