



William J. McFarland

August 26, 1945 - March 10, 2016

William J. "Bill" McFarland, 70, of St. Marys, died 8:48 a.m, Thurs. March 10, 2016, at the Joint Township District Memorial Hospital, St. Marys. He was born Aug. 26, 1945, in Lima, OH, the son of John Fredus & Louise M. (Fisher) McFarland, who preceded him in death. On Oct. 14, 1968, he married P. Jeanne Reames, who preceded him in death on Aug. 17, 2011.

Survivors. Include,
a sister, Susan K. Thompson, Middle Point, OH,
a brother, John F. McFarland, Jr., Wapakoneta,
10 nieces and nephews,

He was preceded in death by a sister, Constance L. Copeland.

Bill worked as the meter reader for the City of Wapakoneta Water Dept. for 36 years. He was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta and a 1963 graduate of St. Joseph Catholic High School. He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #9289, St. Marys. His other memberships included the Middle Point AmVets, the Fraternal Order of the Eagles, Aerie #691, and the American Legion Post #330, both of Wapakoneta. He lived on Grand Lake St. Marys, and enjoyed boating and other lake activities. He was an avid fan of the Cleveland Browns, The Ohio State University Buckeyes, and NASCAR.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Mon. March 14, 2016 at the St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Patrick Sloneker officiating. Burial of his cremated remains will follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the St. Marys V.F.W. The family will receive friends from 2-6 p.m., Sun. and 9-10 a.m., Mon. at the Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 1102 Lincoln Ave. (St. Rt. 501) Wapakoneta. Memorials may be directed to the St. Marys V.F.W.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

Wapakoneta Fisher Road
Wapakoneta, OH 45895`

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 13. 2:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Eley Funeral Home & Crematory
1102 Lincoln Hwy
Wapakoneta, OH 45895
(419) 738-7676
eleyfuneralhome@gmail.com
<https://www.eleyfuneralhomeandcrematory.com/>

Service

MAR 14. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
Pearl Street
Wapakoneta, OH 45895

Tribute Wall

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“ Aunt Sue, Prayers and Blessings for the loss of your brother, and also all his family and dear friends. May he rest in peace.

Love,

David and Sandy (Thompson) Yahl

Sandy and David Yahl - March 13, 2016 at 10:38 PM

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“ When my family acquired our lake place, Bill was the first to welcome and embrace us. Bill and I developed a great friendship over the last 8 years.....lots of conversations about our shared passions for the Buckeyes and Cincinnati Reds among other things. He'd laugh at me and shake his head when he'd see me fishing his dock while snow was flying and air temps 30 degrees and less. Wasn't rare for him to invite me in to thaw.

Bill had a great wit and and likely was the nicest, kindest guy I've had the pleasure to know. I miss him already. God bless you, Bill.

Rande Martin and family

Driftwood neighbor and friend

Rande Martin - neighbor - March 13, 2016 at 01:10 PM

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“ Since Chuck and I moved away from the lake 7 years ago Bill continued to stay in contact with us with his weekly 10:00 a.m. Sunday phone calls (going to miss those calls. He would keep us abreast of what was happening around the lake and his visits with his family. He surely loved his family and we definitely enjoyed hearing his stories. Chuck and I are very fortunate to have met Bill. He was one of the most kindest, caring and well respected human beings that we have ever met. Your family was very fortunate to have had a brother like him. He will be very deeply missed and will forever be in our hearts.

Chuck and Marcie Meiring - March 12, 2016 at 06:24 PM