



William Fred "Bill" Becks

November 8, 1938 - September 21, 2014

William Fred "Bill" Becks, age 75, of Pickford, Michigan, died on Sunday, September 21, 2014, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan. He was born on November 8, 1938 in Newberry, Michigan to William Henry and Loucille Mildred (Haas) Becks.

Bill grew up in Newberry, moved to Pickford as a child and graduated from Pickford High School in 1956. He went to college at Michigan Tech in Sault Ste. Marie. Bill worked for the Sault Evening News as a Circulation Manager and went on to work as a Corrections Officer at Kincheloe, Michigan. He married Eileen Portice on June 27, 1981. He retired in 2000.

Bill was a member of the Stalwart Presbyterian Church, and Sault and Raber Area Sportsman Clubs. He was also an organizer of the Islands Chapter of Ducks Unlimited.

Bill was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed watching hockey and football.

Bill is survived by wife, Eileen (Portice) Becks; daughters, Terri (Randy) Flannigan of Virginia, Minnesota, and Cindy (John) Carlson of Perkins, Michigan; son, William Arthur (Cheryl) Becks of Pickford; step-children, Keith (Gaye) Belonga of Pickford, Ervin (Marcie) Belonga of Pickford, Kathy (Brian)

Moss of Hessel, Michigan, and Sandy (Bob) Richardson of Mayville, Michigan; grandchildren, Cristin and Brandon Flannigan, Brooke, Jordan and William Carlson, Cody and Calie Becks, Krissy (Matt) Harman, Mandy Roy, Chelsea (Dave) Kasper, Justin and Stacey Moss, Andrea and Steven Richardson; great grandchildren, Jace, Xavier, Gavin, Kiera, Ian, Tatum, Peyton, Roman; sisters, Peggy (Jim) Hill of Pickford, Kathy (Kenneth) Batho of Knoxville, Tennessee, and Gaye (Keith) Belonga of Pickford; brother-in-law, Malcom Portice of Owosso, Michigan; and sisters-in-law, Hellen (Gordon) Novack of Owosso, Michigan, and Josephine Reed of Bay City, Michigan.

Bill is preceded in death by grandson, John Carlson III; brother-in-law, Dick Reed; and his parents.

Visitation will be held on Friday, September 26, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. until 1:30 P.M. at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford, Michigan. Funeral service will be starting at 1:30 P.M. Bob Hunter will be conducting the services.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens.

Memorials contributions may be left to Islands Chapter of Ducks Unlimited, P.O. Box 321, Hessel, MI 49745 or Stalwart Presbyterian Church, 8317 E. M-48, Stalwart, MI 49736.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **26.** 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
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flfh@familylifefh.com
<https://www.familylifefuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Fred "Bill" Becks*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Fred "Bill" Becks*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *William Fred "Bill" Becks*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Though we had only seen one another a few times over the last 40 years, I'll always remember Bill as a big tease at Grandma and Grandpa Becks' as we were growing up. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.*
Pat becks Kaas

Pat Kaas - September 25, 2014 at 04:45 PM



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Fred "Bill" Becks.*



September 25, 2014 at 08:59 AM

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“ *Sending hugs and thinking about all of you this week.*

Rick, Stacie and family

Stacie Saylor - September 25, 2014 at 08:40 AM

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“ *Eileen and Family, So sorry to hear of the loss of your husband Bill.
Our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Beverly Harwood - September 24, 2014 at 07:44 PM