



## William Calhoun

July 30, 1940 - April 21, 2015

William David “Bill” Calhoun, age 74, of Hessel, Michigan, formerly of Commerce Township, Michigan, entered eternal life April 21, 2015. He was born July 30, 1940 in Highland Park, Michigan, to James Robinson Calhoun and Catherine (Kilpatrick) Calhoun.

During his 30 year career in public education, the last 25 years as an administrator at Walled Lake Western High School, Bill found the opportunity to make a positive influence in his many students’ lives and futures the most rewarding part of his job. Upon retiring, Bill relocated to the Les Cheneaux Island Area and enjoyed the quiet and slower pace, boating, spending time in the woods, and enjoying the company of many friends.

Bill is survived by his sons, Curt (Connie) Calhoun of Oakdale, California, and James (Jennifer) Calhoun of Davisburg, Michigan; grandchildren, Corrine, Christopher, Caden, and Kylie Calhoun; and loving friend and companion, Margaret “Peg” Patrick.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 31 years, Joan R. Calhoun in 1997; daughter, Elaine M. Calhoun; and brother, Richard Calhoun.

Bill’s strength and courage made him a hero to all who knew and loved him.

A graveside memorial service will be held Saturday, May 30, at 11:00 A.M. at Cedar Cemetery in Cedarville, Michigan.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Les Cheneaux Ambulance Auxiliary, P.O. Box 453, Hessel, MI 49745 or to Legacy Scholarship Funds, (William D. Calhoun in Memo) Suite C, 3095 S. Commerce Rd., Walled Lake, MI 48390.

# Cemetery Details

## Edgewood Cedar Cemetery

4 Mile Block Road  
Cedarville, MI 49719

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

MAY 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Cedarville, MI 49719

# Tribute Wall



“ *Happy Birthday Bill, many tattered memories*

Vivian Hatfield - July 29, 2025 at 01:14 AM



“ *Merry Christmas Bill, I think of you fondly*

Vivian Hatfield - December 24, 2024 at 08:27 PM



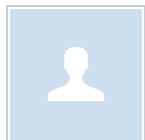
“ *William Calhoun*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Calhoun*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *William Calhoun*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Julia Beckham Sidebottom lit a candle in memory of William Calhoun*



Julia Beckham Sidebottom - July 17, 2018 at 07:58 PM

JS

*Mr. Calhoun was a literal lifesaver while I was in High School. I was in the first year at WLW. (class of 1970). We all came into this new school with a variety of fear and expectations. I worked closely with him to design the first costumes for the Warriors. I also was able to know his kindness and understanding during some difficult task getting ready for collage. I will always be grateful to him. I hope that some of these little memories help you through the difficult days ahead. You are all in my prayers and thank you for sharing Mr. Calhoun with all of us. Julia Beckham-Sidebottom*

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**Julia Beckham Sidebottom** - July 17, 2018 at 08:05 PM



“ *Mr. Calhoun was always one of my favorite people when I went to school at Walled Lake Western. He was a wonderful man with a ready smile for all the students! I used to sneak up behind him in the commons and "bo" him, he would always jump a foot! And was a great sport about it. He will be missed by sooo many. My condolences to his friends and family.*

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**Teresa Helsel** - April 28, 2015 at 09:27 AM

MD

“ *Never worked for Bill in Walled Lake but certainly knew of him and served on a couple of committees with him during our tenures in the district. My condolences to all the family. Marcia D.*

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**Marcia Detter** - April 28, 2015 at 08:56 AM

JE

“ *Mr. Calhoun was a great man and very good to me and my family. I could always go to him for help. I remember when he retired. He was so looking forward to relaxing and fishing. I was selfish and didn't want him to leave the school. Thank you for being my confidant Bill Calhoun! -Jessica Edwards (from the Dewey family)*

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**jessica Edwards** - April 27, 2015 at 08:23 AM

MB

“ My name is Mike Brewer. I went to Walled Lake Western High School while Mr. Calhoun was a principle there. I knew him for all of my tenure at that school. He was always a straight up dude! I respected him more than any of the other principles at that school. I respected them all, but him mostly. My condolences to his family left behind to grieve. Rest knowing that he is in a much better place now.



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**mike brewer** - April 26, 2015 at 09:55 PM

JB

“ My sincere condolences to Mr. Calhoun's family and friends. So many of us from Walled Lake Western High school always remembered him as a very nice guy. I hope he enjoyed the U.P. I had an uncle that lived up there in Rudyard. Nice quiet area. Peaceful. R.I.P. Class of 1980. Jeff Boike

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**Jeffrey Boike** - April 26, 2015 at 09:23 PM

GS

“ Very sad to see this ... Mr. Calhoun was so nice to me ...  
My sympathies to the family... Sorry for your loss ...



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**Greg Salazar** - April 26, 2015 at 08:37 PM

RL

“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the family. Bill was at Western High School as the same time I was a teacher. He was a very special person and was always fair to staff and students alike. My 3 sons who were students at Western have had nothing but good things to say about your dad. We were all sad to hear the news. However, you must agree that his was a life well lived and he will be missed by many.

*Roberta Lehto*

*Retired in Crystal Falls, Michigan*

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**Roberta Lehto** - April 26, 2015 at 05:15 PM

 Patsy Taylor

“ Patsy Taylor lit a candle in memory of William Calhoun



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**Patsy Taylor** - April 26, 2015 at 04:34 PM

DM

“ My deepest condolences and prayers are with your family. I have many fond memories of Bill from my four years at Walled Lake Western. He always had a smile and a word of encouragement for the students he worked with. His laugh was infectious and you could often hear it above the hubbub in the halls. He was a good man and a good example to those around him and will be greatly missed. I pray the Lord will comfort you all and walk with you through this sad time.

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**Debbie Mauelshagen** - April 26, 2015 at 02:16 PM

EA

“ *Earleen Abraham lit a candle in memory of William Calhoun*



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**Earleen Abraham** - April 25, 2015 at 11:23 PM

KT

“ *Ken & Donelda Taylor lit a candle in memory of William Calhoun*



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**Ken & Donelda Taylor** - April 25, 2015 at 10:59 AM

KT

*We did not know Bill Calhoun personally but knew of him though Jim and Jennifer Calhoun. Bill was a much loved father and grandfather. His spirit will live on in his children and grandchildren.*

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**Ken & Donelda Taylor** - April 25, 2015 at 11:07 AM

TF

“ *Bill was our neighbor in LesCheneaux. We could always count on him for a smile and a friendly chat. We will miss him. We would like to extend our condolences to the family at this difficult time.*

*The Collins Family*

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**The Collins Family** - April 24, 2015 at 04:35 PM

VH

“ *Vivian Hatfield lit a candle in memory of William Calhoun*



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**Vivian Hatfield** - April 23, 2015 at 06:22 PM

VH

*He will be forever missed*

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**Vivian Hatfield** - April 23, 2015 at 06:23 PM

GD

*I will always remember Bill as "Billy". He is my first cousin. His Aunt was my Mother. In the 1940's Bill and his older brother Jim, would come to our farm in Harbor Beach and stay for a couple of weeks... Sometimes my brother RD and I would come to Highland Park at Xmas, and "Kitty", his mother would take us on a street car, down to J L Hudsons' to their toy dept. I lost my wife of 61 years on March 1st--I will grieve for Bill too.*

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**Gerald Duncanson** - April 24, 2015 at 02:38 PM

JB

“ *My sincere sympathy to the Calhoun family during this difficult time. Bill, Joan and I worked together at Ford School. They were both well respected and loved. May you find comfort from the love and support of family and friends and the wonderful memories shared. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Judy Blackwell, Sterling Heights, MI*

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**Judy Blackwell** - April 23, 2015 at 04:49 PM