



William Parker Raynard

August 11, 1935 - December 23, 2018

William Parker “Bill” Raynard, age 83, of Pickford, Michigan, died December 23, 2018, in Lake Wales, Florida. He was born August 11, 1935, in Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, to George H. and Irene (Parker) Raynard.

Bill grew up on a family farm in Pickford. During high school, he was active in the Future Farmers of America, football and baseball teams, and was a member of the first team that won the U.P. State Championship in track and field, beginning Pickford’s 27 year reign as champions. After high school graduation, he married his high school sweetheart, Norma Jean Gough on November 6, 1954. In 1955, he took over operating the family farm where they raised their two sons, Paul and Alan. On the farm he kept busy milking cows, haying, and making maple syrup. Bill also took over Raynard Insurance, which his father started, and owned it until 2016. For fifteen years, Bill and Norma owned and operated the Village Inn Motel and Restaurant in Pickford. They then went on to purchase the Steppin Out Shoe Store in Sault Ste. Marie from 1981 to 1995. Bill managed the Hendee Tree Farm, for fifteen years where he sold and transplanted trees to many people and business around the area. During retirement, Bill and Norma stayed busy driving people to doctor appointments throughout Michigan for the Department of Human Services and the U.P. Health Plan.

Bill was a lifelong member of the Pickford United Methodist Church where he

served on many boards over the years. He was active in the Michigan State Grange, serving as the Executive Board Chairman for fifteen years. In the local Grange chapter, he was an active member and had held many positions. He also was a prominent officer on the Board for the Northwoods Christian Camp for over 35 years, active in the origination of the camp while also serving as the chairman for most of those years. Since 1980, Bill could be found at the Chippewa County Fair and at the Stalwart Fair organizing and serving concessions as a fundraiser for the local Grange and more recently, for Northwoods Christian Camp.

Bill played softball for many years in adult leagues, both on the church team and on the Village Inn/Slater team. He also was an active bowler in The Masters League in Sault Ste. Marie from the 1960's to the early 1990's. In the early 1960's, he was a referee for the Michigan High School Athletic Association.

Bill is survived by his wife, Norma; son, Alan (Karen) Raynard of Pickford, and daughter-in-law, Betty Raynard of Pickford; grandchildren, Tim (Janelle) Raynard, Michelle (Andrew) Saltzman, Katie Raynard, Linda Raynard, Carl Ygeal, and Shannon (Joe) Lawlor; great grandchildren, Ethan, Chloe, Levi, Silas, David, Daniel, Paige, and Chloe; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Hughey of Holland, Michigan.

Bill was preceded in death by his sister, Isabel Maynard; son, Paul Raynard; and brother-in-law, Don Hughey.

Services will be held Tuesday, January 1, 2019, at R. Galer Funeral Home, 24549 S. M-129 in Pickford. Visitation will be held from 2:00 P.M. until 4:00 P.M. The funeral service will begin at 4:00 P.M. with Pastor Tim Bashore conducting the service.

Burial will be at Oaklawn Chapel Gardens in Bruce Township, Michigan.

Memorial may be made to Northwoods Christian Camp, P.O. Box 574, or
Pickford United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 128, both Pickford, MI 49774.

Cemetery Details

Oaklawn Chapel Gardens

15264 S. M-129
Sault Ste. Marie, MI 49783

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 1. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Family Life Funeral Homes - Pickford
24549 S. M-129
Pickford, MI 49774
(906) 647-3400
flfh@familylifefh.com
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Funeral Service

JAN 1. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Parker Raynard*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Parker Raynard*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *William Parker Raynard*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Parker Raynard.*



December 29, 2018 at 04:55 PM



“ *Missy, Mandie, Pat, Lucy, Casey, Chris, & Montana purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of William Parker Raynard.*



Missy, Mandie, Pat, Lucy, Casey, Chris, & Montana -
December 28, 2018 at 05:17 PM

KS

“ .Sending our condolences to family, our friends. Norma, you and Bill we more support to me, and Dale, than maybe anybody else in my life, other than my parents. I loved you both. And Paul and Bette, and Al were such great friends. I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great man, with a big heart. May God bless you with His comfort and peace. Rest back in His arms and let him caress you with His love. I love you all, and we will be thinking of and praying for you .

Love, Karen & Dale Salter

Karen salter - December 28, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Parker Raynard.



December 28, 2018 at 04:37 PM



“ Grandpa was a community man. If it was happening in Pickford he was there and being supportive. One of his favorite places to be was driving a tractor. A man who knew a little bit about everything and was able to carry just about any conversation with anyone.

Michelle Saltzman - December 28, 2018 at 04:15 PM

SH

“ Our condolences to Aunt Norm and all of the family. Being universally recognized as a good man is the one of the highest tributes one can receive- Uncle Bill was a good man.

Steve and Cindy Hughey

Steve Hughey - December 28, 2018 at 02:57 PM

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“ *Cindy and Steve Hughey purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Parker Raynard.*



Cindy and Steve Hughey - December 28, 2018 at 02:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Parker Raynard.*



December 28, 2018 at 09:36 AM

TB

“ *We will miss our earthly friend, but know that we will see you again in our heavenly home. Your walk was inspirational to so many, and has helped others to see Jesus in all that you were involved with. We love you , but He loves you more. Until we meet in Glory- Pastor Tim & Kay Bashore*

Tim Bashore - December 26, 2018 at 09:52 AM

SW

“ Will miss your smiling face at the Grange building at the fair. Our sympathy to Norma and family. Sam and Marcia White

Sam & Marcia White - December 25, 2018 at 07:00 PM