



## William H. Cochran

January 7, 1943 - December 16, 2021

William H. Cochran, Jr. went to meet his Lord on Thursday, December 16, 2021 at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo, MI. He passed peacefully from Covid complications with his wife, Kathy and son, Tony, by his side. Always known as Bill, he was born to William H. Cochran, Sr. and Dora (Lio) Cochran on January 7, 1943 in South Haven, MI. Bill graduated from South Haven High School in 1961 and attended Western Michigan University. Always exceptional at math, his first job in the 1960's was at NCR, using the original computer language to create programs for businesses using computers for the first time. Bill was a mechanical engineer, working for about 25 years at Bohn Aluminum until it closed in 1996. He then worked at Do It Corp, Mono Ceramics and retired from Getman's in December, 2008. Bill had four children from earlier marriages; Susan, Jonalyn, Anthony and Gregory Cochran. He married Kathleen (Kathy) Yeider Hargrove on June 15, 1985 and added her son, Garry Hargrove, Jr. to their combined family as his own. Bill joined St. Paul Lutheran Church in South Haven in 1986 and there served as financial secretary, elder and trustee. Bill lived in the South Haven area until 1995 when he and Kathy moved to a farm near Bangor and changed their church membership to Trinity Lutheran. Bill played partners with John Malbone on the Bohn Golf League for over thirty-five years where they occasionally won first place trophies. For the past ten years, Bill played league pool with a group in Bangor. His friend, Dick Ely, remembers that when he had to play Bill, he was facing a formidable

opponent. Bill had happy memories of taking his kids on camping trips when they were young and especially tent camping on Beaver Island. His sons Tony and Greg were active in sports and he never missed a game. As a young man, Bill enjoyed hunting trips to the U.P. with his dad and uncles and later taught his sons safe bow and gun hunting and the moral responsibility that went with hunting. In later years, he preferred taking pictures of wildlife and several times had pictures published in the local newspaper. He looked forward to hunting for mushrooms every spring. Bill believed in a strong work ethic. He loved God, his family, his country and his German Shepherd, Rowdy. Bill adored his grandchildren and was Grandpa Bill until the early 90's when granddaughters, Nicole and Taylor, renamed him Pop Pop. He was Pop Pop from then on unless, with lots of giggles, they called him Poppy Seed. He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Sean McQuillan, his grandson, Steven McQuillan, his granddaughter, Tristian Hargrove and his best fur buddy, Rowdy. He leaves his wife, Kathy of 36 years, his sister, Kathleen Cochran Davis, his brother, Lawrence Allen Cochran, his children, Jonalyn Cochran Nash, Anthony (Holly) Cochran, Gregory (Lisa) Cochran and Garry (Tammy) Hargrove, Jr.; his grandchildren, Andrew (Lindsay) McQuillan, Jared McQuillan, Jason McQuillan, Rebecca (Josh) Butler, Amanda (Sean) Dempsey, Connor, Sophia and Liam Cochran, Madison, Mackenzie and Matthew Cochran, Taylor Robinson, Lacie Burnet and Nicole Jennings; his great grandchildren, Madison and Brodie McQuillan, Jonah, Henry and Suzie Butler, Charlie and Irie Dempsey and Laila and Levi Jennings. He also leaves his Aunt Linda Gurr; his niece, Jillene Panella; his nephew, Dustin Davis and many cousins and friends.

Services will be Tuesday, December 21, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bangor. Visitation is at 10 AM, memorial service at 11 AM and a luncheon following in the church's fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to Trinity Lutheran Church, St. Paul Lutheran School or St. Jude's.

# Cemetery Details

**Cremation**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
115 E. Monroe  
Bangor, MI

### Memorial Service

DEC 21. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church  
115 E. Monroe  
Bangor, MI

# Tribute Wall

CQ

“ Always enjoyed playing golf with Bill on the Tuesday league at Glen Shores

Cathy Quinn - January 10, 2022 at 04:05 PM

AW

“ My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family.



Amelia Walantyn - January 03, 2022 at 09:12 AM

DQ

“ Doug And Sandra Quinn lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Doug and Sandra Quinn - December 27, 2021 at 06:03 PM

DB

“ Sending condolences to Bill's family and loved ones.



David & Sandy Besemer - December 24, 2021 at 12:42 PM

ND

“ So sorry for your loss. Please know you are in my thoughts and prayers.



Nila Dubas - December 22, 2021 at 06:22 AM

DB

“ Dana Bryant lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Dana Bryant - December 21, 2021 at 06:53 AM

RD

“ Kathy and family Deb and I offer our deepest condolences and prayers.

Richard Dillman - December 21, 2021 at 12:16 AM

DH

“ Deena Hay lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Deena Hay - December 20, 2021 at 06:01 PM

AR

“ Going to miss you ole' friend. Lots of great memories of lots of great times on the golf course, on face book and any where else we would meet. See you on the 19th hole someday, until then my friend just know we all love you and we know you will be watching over our score cards. ~ George, Penny, Allan Ridley

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**Allan Ridley** - December 20, 2021 at 03:04 PM

JF

“ Joe Zmuda And Mary Ann Frazier lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



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**Joe Zmuda and Mary Ann Frazier** - December 20, 2021 at 06:50 AM

TB

“ Tim Brinks lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



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**Tim Brinks** - December 19, 2021 at 10:58 PM

JF

“ So sorry for your loss. Hold tight to all your good memories.

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**Jim and Pam Fisher** - December 19, 2021 at 08:26 PM

TN

“ Tom And Carol Newton lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Tom and Carol Newton - December 19, 2021 at 08:02 AM

LB

“ Linda Beckwith lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Linda Beckwith - December 18, 2021 at 04:53 PM

LB

So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He will be greatly missed by many. Praying for family.

Linda Beckwith - December 18, 2021 at 04:54 PM



“ First man I worked with when I started at Bohn Dec. 1, 1964. A lifetime ago. I'll miss you Bill.

Michael Benedict - December 18, 2021 at 04:51 PM

KG

“ Ken And Pam Goff lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Ken and Pam Goff - December 18, 2021 at 02:03 PM

BB

“ *I've known Bill for the most part of my life. Always enjoyed his company. My prayers are with all the family and friends.* ”

**Brenda Balfour** - December 18, 2021 at 01:11 PM

BB

“ *Brenda Balfour lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran* ”



**Brenda Balfour** - December 18, 2021 at 01:09 PM



“ *Kim Roe-Kester lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran* ”



**Kim Roe-Kester** - December 18, 2021 at 01:08 PM

MB

“ *Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran* ”



**Maggie Brooks** - December 18, 2021 at 12:57 PM

BC

“ *BILL & FAY CHILDS lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran*



**BILL & FAY CHILDS** - December 18, 2021 at 12:07 PM

MO

“ *Mark Sherry Olsen lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran*



**Mark sherry olsen** - December 18, 2021 at 11:38 AM

EH

“ *Earl & Peggy Hansen lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran*



**Earl & Peggy Hansen** - December 18, 2021 at 10:25 AM

JM

“ *John Malbone lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran*



**John Malbone** - December 18, 2021 at 09:51 AM

GT

“ Gary And Diana Taylor lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Gary and Diana Taylor - December 18, 2021 at 09:00 AM

SG

“ Sandy Guminski lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Sandy Guminski - December 17, 2021 at 10:14 PM

JL

“ Jeff And Diane Landry lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Jeff and Diane Landry - December 17, 2021 at 09:23 PM

RB

“ Ray & Savonna Braunz lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Ray & Savonna Braunz - December 17, 2021 at 07:46 PM

GS

“ Gary & Nancy Sturm lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Gary & Nancy Sturm - December 17, 2021 at 07:15 PM

NF

“ Norm Fouts lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Norm Fouts - December 17, 2021 at 06:36 PM

NF

“ Rest in peace Bill. Enjoyed knowing you and growing up with you through the years. Our next class reunion will be in Heaven.



Norm Fouts - December 17, 2021 at 06:34 PM

SC

“ Sheri Conner lit a candle in memory of William H. Cochran



Sheri Conner - December 17, 2021 at 06:12 PM

JB

“ Tony, sorry to hear about your dads passing. i have known Bill for a long time worked together at Bohn, played pool together and drove to Florida together to get on the USS Forrestal with you and John. I think he was a very good man and will be missed by many.



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**John s. & June Braunz** - December 17, 2021 at 02:37 PM