



William Carl Hover

February 15, 1938 - January 25, 2025

William (Bill) Carl Hover, 86, of Bangor, passed away at his home on Sunday, January 26, 2025

Bill was born in Lawrence on February 15, 1938, to Carl and Irene Hover. He attended Bangor schools, spending most of his young life on the family farm. After graduating high school, he went to Michigan State University, graduating with a degree in agriculture and meeting his soon-to-be wife, Judy. After they were married, he enlisted in the army, and trained as a ranger at Fort Hood, in Texas. Upon returning home, he served as a Captain in the Michigan National Guard while he built a home in the Bangor /Lawrence area. Initially hired by Hilltop Nurseries, Bill eventually took over the operation of Midway Orchards, one of the most productive farms in the area for 50 years. He was active in many soil conservation and state agricultural committees, even travelling overseas to observe orchard techniques in the middle east and southwest Asia. Along the way, he raised two daughters, flew model airplanes, and had a love for painting, fishing and hunting. He was involved with the Lawrence American Legion Post 174, participating in parades and honor guards. In 2021, he travelled to Washington D.C. with the Talons Out Honor Flight to tour the major memorials. He was a devoted husband to his wife, Judy for 65 years prior to her passing in 2022. He is survived by his sister, Joyce Barton of Mattawan, daughter Shelly/Steve Buckman of Clinton Township, daughter Stacey/Dave Garvison of Lawrence, grandson James/Megan Buckman of

Clinton Township, granddaughter Kalie/David Belanger of Grand Rapids, granddaughter Rae/Lars Lofgren of Crawford, TN and great grandson Roman Belanger.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Van Buren Youth Camp via the donation link at vbyc.org or by mail at Van Buren Youth Camp, % Joy Conrad, 1422 Vassar Dr, Kalamazoo, MI 49001.

Cemetery Details

Hill Cemetery

Red Arrow Highway and Butcher Road
Lawrence, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bangor Chapel
258 West Monroe Street
Bangor, MI

Memorial Service

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PV

“ So wonderful to have known Bill. He was a friend to my Dad & I both. Many Good conversations with him. Very smart and sincere man .A pleasure to know him. Rest in Peace my friend.

Paul Valentine - February 05, 2025 at 09:43 PM

RD

“ Shelly, Stacy and family,

So Sorry, we have lots of nice memories with your dad. He was such a loving, nice person and wonderful neighbor to my parents and I always loved his smile. He will be missed for sure, sending hugs and prayers to all of you.

Becky & Bob DeGrandchamp

Rebecca DeGrandchamp - February 04, 2025 at 05:32 PM

LK

“ The thing I loved most about Bill was he never treated me like I couldn't do something when I'd come over with Amber (I'm a left above knee amputee w/o prosthetic). He'd stand by in case I needed help but he wouldn't help unless I needed it. He even let me mow with the zero turn...Highlight of my year! He was a very kind, funny man. He was always moving, doing something it seemed like. Many times I'd sit with Judy while Amber worked. We were very lucky to have him in our lives.

Lisa King - February 04, 2025 at 04:44 PM

RW

“ *Camp Rusty Rifle will miss Bill so much. So many great memories with the hunting buddies. He will always be a part of our group. He is the godfather of the camp. So glad we got together last week. Great visit.*

Rodney Winkel - February 04, 2025 at 09:10 AM

SS

“ *Stacey, I am so very sorry to hear of your father's passing. My thoughts are with you and your family. Sending you so many hugs, my friend.*

Shannon Strzykowski-Hilliard - February 03, 2025 at 08:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Carl Hover.*



February 01, 2025 at 01:21 PM

BD

“ *Shelly, Steve, Stacey, and Dave,*

I was very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I have so much respect for your dad. He was a really good person, and the way he took care of your mom (and did it so well) speaks volumes about his character. I cherish the memory of deer hunting in the U.P. with your dad the year I graduated from college. It was very cold, but he helped make it fun. My thoughts and prayers are with all of your family.

Bill Delor - January 31, 2025 at 07:41 PM

BM

“ *Brenda Mead lit a candle in memory of William Carl Hover*



Brenda Mead - January 31, 2025 at 10:21 AM

JR

“ *I will miss you my friend very much. I was very fortunate to get to know you and your wife while working for you. Over the years they became like family. Mr.Hover was a very special person and I believe that at one time he could do anything. Painting, hunting, fishing and all the while taking care of his family. I will miss him very much. Praying for you the family*

Julie Ramsey - January 29, 2025 at 10:14 AM

SG

Thank you Julie

stacey garvison - January 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM

PH

“ *Stacey, Shelly, and families I am sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

With sympathy, Patti Distefano Henry

Patti Henry - January 29, 2025 at 08:01 AM

SG

Much appreciated

stacey garvison - January 29, 2025 at 11:55 AM

NI

“ Sorry to hear of your dad’s passing. A great guy!
Nancy Insidioso

Nancy Insidioso - January 28, 2025 at 06:59 PM

SG

Thank you Nancy

stacey garvison - January 29, 2025 at 11:56 AM

FJ

“ Francine J. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Carl Hover.

Francine J. - January 28, 2025 at 05:13 PM

MB

“ Maggie Brooks lit a candle in memory of William Carl Hover



Maggie Brooks - January 28, 2025 at 01:06 PM

RB

I never really got to talk to Bill but when I did he was a very nice man. I grew up down the road and went to school with Shelly and Stacey, they to were also very nice. I am very sorry to hear of Bills passing and my prayers go out to his family.

Rocky Blades - February 25, 2025 at 03:43 PM