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William Ruth Obituary

William E. Bill Ruth, 77, of Elyria, died April 20, 2014 surrounded by his family at University Hospitals Elyria Medical Center. He was born May 21, 1936 in Crawford County, OH and graduated from Sulphur Springs High School. He received his bachelors degree and masters degree from The Ohio State University. Bill began his 40 year career in education in Shreve, OH and then helped to establish Lorain County Joint Vocational School, where he was employed for 30 years, retiring as Superintendent in 1998. He was active in the formation of the original Lorain County 911 and had served as levy committee chairman. Bill was an active member of St. Andrews Episcopal Church and over his career was also a member of many professional and civic organizations. He enjoyed spending time with his family and wintering at their home in New Port Richey, FL. Other interests included flower gardening, golf, reading and puzzles. Bill is survived by his wife of 29 years, Sally L. (nee Davies); sons Edward (Peggie) Ruth of Elyria and Michael (Pam) Ruth of Waxhaw, NC; daughter Patti (Kirk) Gott of Wellington; stepson Chip (Jane) Heginbotham of Gilbert, AZ; stepdaughters Beth (Jim) McNulty and Sandra (Rob) Vidovich, both of Elyria; Susan (Greg) Willoughby of South Amherst, Nancy Borgia of N. Ridgeville and Heidi (Tim) Knapp of Grafton; grandchildren Ryan, Jennifer and Kelly; Kristin and Jarrett; Alex and Brianna; Emily, Sara, Hope, Jared, Ian and Kyle; Ryan; Maria, Joseph, and Anthony; Abby and Alexis; Donald and Dustin; and Matthew and Christopher; 17 great grandchildren; brothers Robert and Daniel Ruth and close friends Frank Williams, Lynn Mand and Chase Klun. He was preceded in death by his parents George and Vivian Ruth and a brother Richard Ruth. Friends will be received Wednesday, April 23, 2014 from 11a.m. to 1 p.m. in the lounge at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 300 Third St., Elyria. A service will follow at 1:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary with Reverend June Hardy Dorsey officiating. In lieu of flowers,



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memorial contributions may be made to Elyria Schools and Friends Alumni Association, P.O. Box 63 Elyria, OH 44036 for the establishment of a student scholarship fund. Arrangements are being handled by Dicken Funeral Home, Elyria. For online condolences, visit www.dickenfuneralhome.com

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in memory of William E. "Bill" Ruth, please visit our floral store.

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DB

David Brenneman posted:

I was at LCJVS when he was there. I know I was told by other Instructors that after he left the place definitely changed and not for the better. He was the guide that kept it going the right direction. One thing he definitely earned was respect. He will be missed.

May 14 at 8:00 PM

BN

Bernie & Marion Nirode posted:

To Ed & Patti and your entire families, We both send our sincere sympathy for the loss of your father. I was one of his students in Vocational Agriculture at Shreve High School. Sincerely, Bernie & Marion Nirode

April 24 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jack & Joni Crumrine posted:

Very sorry to hear of Mr Ruths passing my favorite teacher at Shreve High. He was a great guy & will surely be missed by his friends & family.

April 21 at 8:00 PM

MP

Michael B. Palazzolo posted:

I'm so sorry for you loss. Bill will be missed at St. Andrew's

April 21 at 8:00 PM

SB

Susan Bowers posted:

To Ed, Peggie & your entire family, We both send our deepest sympathy to you on the loss of your father. Sue Bowers & George Kalo

April 20 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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