



## William Gotts Jr.

October 29, 1946 - June 11, 2025

William "Bill" Gotts Jr., of Oxford, Michigan, age 78 passed away on June 11, 2025. Born to the late William Sr and Shirley Gotts on October 29, 1946; boyfriend of Merris Lockrem; father of John and Jill Gotts; grandfather of William and Josiah Pinch; brother of Mary Olstyn (Doug), Judy Weber (late William), Keith Gotts, and the late Wayne Gotts. He is also survived by the wonderful friends he met while dancing or bowling who gave him the gifts of joy, fun, and laughter.

Visitation at the Mandziuk & Son Funeral Home in Sterling Heights, Michigan begins at 10 a.m. on Sunday, July 6, 2025. A memorial service begins at 11:30 a.m. with luncheon to follow.

In lieu of flowers, contributions are being collected for an event to be held later in 2025. See: <https://gofund.me/9cbee02c>

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

JUL 6. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Sterling Heights, MI 48314  
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# Tribute Wall

SR

“ Steve and Lee Rea planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Gotts Jr..

Steve and Lee Rea - July 01, 2025 at 05:44 PM

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“ Steve and Lee Rea purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Gotts Jr..



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SB

“ Correction it is suppose to say our time....

Sue Barron - June 19, 2025 at 12:57 PM

SB

“ Bill was a very gentle soul. His love for line dancing was his passion. He was a very sweet man that was taken too soon. I worried about him the last few weeks but never did I think this was going to happen. Life is a gift and we never know when it is out time. So everyone enjoy life while you are still here because you never know when the unexpected happens!! Bill you will be missed!

Sue Barron - June 19, 2025 at 12:55 PM

DW

Well said Sue💕

Denise Warren - June 21, 2025 at 12:51 PM



*Bill had been coming to my Monday morning line dance class for the last couple years. There were a lot of tears this morning when I told the class what happened. We dedicated the class to him, dancing as many of his favorites as we could. Bill was a gentleman in the truest sense of the word. He would always be there early and make sure I had a chair at the table where I set up to teach. He will surely be missed. I'd bet he's teaching a few dances in Heaven. Rest in peace my friend.*

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**Donna Martin** - June 23, 2025 at 04:04 PM

MG

*He was a true line dance advocate. Although I only knew him through line dance, he seemed very genuine, honest, and kind. RIP, Bill.*

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**Mona Goatley** - June 23, 2025 at 10:17 PM

ML

*Bill treated me like a queen. He was kind, funny, brilliant, and funny. A true gentleman in every sense of the word. I miss dancing with him, taking fun rides to no where special and his companionship. 60 games of Sequence at a time, his funny jokes, the roses he brought me every week for 2 1/2 years. Watching Tiger games together, his love of books, politics, his favorite dance songs & him trying me to learn a new dance every week. He was such a true friend. I was so lucky to have him in my life even for such a short time. Many people never get so lucky to have someone like Bill in their life. There is a hole in my heart.*

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**Merris Roberta Celine Lockrem** - July 07, 2025 at 10:45 PM