



William Mason

May 24, 1935 - February 25, 2021

William (Bill) Mason, 85, Sterling Heights (formerly of Clarkston and Farmington).

Bill was reunited with his family in heaven on the sunny morning of February 25, after a short battle with cancer. Even as the disease progressed, Bill's charm and humor never left him.

Born in Detroit in 1935 to Peter and Mary Mason (Pietro and Maria Mozzon), Bill was the youngest of 9 children. He met the love of his life, Dolores, while in junior high school. Their 64-year marriage was testament to their commitment to each other and their immense value of family. Bill was the perfect father to children, Jeffrey (Jackie), David (Nancy), Robert (the late Maria) and Gianna (Frankie). He loved teasing, tickling and stirring up trouble with his grandchildren Michael, Emily (Mario), Peter (Emily), William, Natalie (Matt), Izzy (Cal), Ava and Siena. Sadly, great granddaughter, Virginia will not know what it is like to have her toes cracked by her papa. Bill is survived by his wife, Dolores; sister, Elda; brother-in-law, Larry, and many nieces and nephews.

On the dance floor, Bill and Dolores were unrivaled, swing dancing to big band favorites and Frank Sinatra. Bill loved to socialize. He rarely missed a family party and made friends wherever he went. Bill enjoyed the camaraderie of his golf and bowling league buddies and annual outings with the Cordenons Club. On a clear night, Bill would be quick to identify constellations, satellites and the Milky Way, and was always on the look out for the northern lights.

As a child of immigrant parents, Bill met his overseas family during several trips to Italy and formed a close bond with them that his children and grandchildren proudly continue.

Bill's career started early when he hawked newspapers on the street. As a teen he worked in several neighborhood grocery stores and even sold TVs door-to-door. Later he became a tool and die engineer in the automotive industry but returned to sales in his own business, selling stamping presses. This afforded him the opportunity to travel to Japan, Argentina and France.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: Good Fellows (www.detroitgoodfellows.org) or National Alliance on Mental Illness (<https://namimi.org>) or Clarkston Community Church (www.clarkstonchurch.com/give).

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

17100 Van Dyke (at 6 Mile Road)
Detroit, MI 48234

Previous Events

Instate

MAR 3. 10:00 AM (ET)

Clarkston Community Church
6300 Clarkston Road
Village of Clarkston, MI 48346
<https://www.clarkstonchurch.com/>

Funeral Service

MAR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Mason*

October 23, 2023 at 04:00 AM



“ *William Mason*

January 06, 2023 at 05:24 AM



“ *I'm so very sorry for your loss. I will remember Bill always ready with a joke after cooking classes! He really brightened my day and will be sorely missed.*
Mary Spencer

Mary Spencer - March 02, 2021 at 12:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Mason.*



March 01, 2021 at 09:23 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William Mason.*



March 01, 2021 at 05:41 PM

DC

“ We had the pleasure of meeting “Papa Bill” for the very first time when he and Dolores came to Australia to meet the family of their only Daughters Husband Frankie. Our connection was instant and His sense of family and his infectious sense of humour is something we will never forget. Papa Bill was one in a million and the proud matriarch of his wonderful family. We hope your family can draw some comfort knowing that you will now watch over them all from above. May God bless you and your beautiful family. All our love to you all.

Peter & Dee Cuda and Family

Dee Cuda - March 01, 2021 at 05:36 AM



“ *Dreams From the Heart Bouquet* was purchased for the family of William Mason.



February 28, 2021 at 06:42 PM

JE

“ *I will always remember Bill as happy go lucky. He always had a smile on his face, and even if you were down he always found a way to make you laugh. I will miss his smile. And his humor.*

Judy Eagle - February 28, 2021 at 10:33 AM



“ Dear Mason's and Cuda's,

Words cannot say enough. Know that I am with you, and I wish you all the greatest strength through this painful loss. I have known Mr. Mason since I was 7 and have so many memories over the years of his wonderful smile and terrific sense of humor. He could tell a story like few others, always captivating me, whether the story was about work, his children or traveling abroad. I am sending my deepest sympathy and prayers of healing to you all.

Love,
Lee Ann Pruett

Lee Ann Pruett - February 28, 2021 at 10:09 AM

DL

We have lost such a dear friend, and our sympathy goes out to his loving family. We have such good memories of Bill and will remember the happy times we shared, which were many. A gentle soul with a ready smile at all times. Doug and Barb Lott

Doug and Barb Lott - February 28, 2021 at 01:13 PM

HR

Golf will never be the same without Bill. He introduced me to the game in 1966, and I haven't forgiven him since. Hey Bill, there are no 4-putts in Heaven. You were a very important part of the Skomial family. Always there for us regardless of the circumstances. Thanks for all the great memories. Chris Radtke and your you know what hole ring bearer.

Harry Radtke - March 01, 2021 at 09:42 AM