



William E. Baird

January 31, 1917 - May 26, 2008

BAIRD , WILLIAM E. "BILL"™

Grand Ledge

Bill was a great man. He was born Jan. 31, 1917 to Frank and Mable (Everet) Baird in Toledo, OH, he joined the Lord on May 26, 2008. Bill moved to Grand Ledge in 1929 with his family when his father purchased the Ferndale Dairy. A graduate of Michigan State College (1939-Dairy Manufacturing) and brother of the Pi Kappa Phi fraternity, he married Helen Veltman on January 17th, 1942. Bill proudly served in the Pacific Theater of the Second World War. He left the Army as a 1st Lieutenant and was awarded two bronze stars. In his professional life, Bill was the owner of Ferndale Dairy and a successful realtor, welcoming many new residents to Grand Ledge. Bill actively served the community through the Eaton County Board of Commissioners, the Library Board, as Commander of the American Legion, The Men's Club at St. Michael's Church, The Rotary Club, VFW, The Harmony Club, Meals on Wheels, The Old Newsboys, and wherever else he was needed. Bill enjoyed travel with his family, time spent at the Houghton Lake cottage, golf, playing cards, and time spent with his many good friends. He will truly be missed and remembered by his wife, Helen, his sons/daughters-in-law: Dennis/Lynn and Buzz/Marianne, his daughters/sons-in-law: Marilyn/Bob Russo and Jan/Dan Hughes, his eight grandchildren: Eric, Matthew, Ryan, Julia, Kyle, Alissa,

Nora, Emma, and his many loyal friends. Visitation will be Thursday 2-4, 6-8pm at Holihan-Atkin Funeral Home Grand Ledge. Funeral Mass will be Saturday, May 31, 2008, 10:00am at St. Michael Catholic Church, Rev. Fr. James Eisele Celebrant. Military Graveside services will follow at Oakwood Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Eaton County Medical Care Facility Foundation 530 W. Beech Road Charlotte, Michigan 48813 or VFW National Home for Children 3573 S. Waverly Road Eaton rapids, Michigan 48827.

Tribute Wall



“ It was sad to hear the news of Uncle Bill's passing and we want to pass along our best wishes to Aunt Helen and to my cousins Dennis, Buzz, Marilyn and Jan. I have fun memories of visiting Grand Ledge- usually in the hottest months of summer - and sitting in the living room in front of a fan to cool off after playing basketball outside. Grandma and Grandpa Baird were still around them and it was a nice time when all the families were together. We had wanted to visit and show off our son, also named William, to Uncle Bill. I will be sure to show him the obituary so that he can see what a great man the original William Baird was. You all are in my thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##Peter Baird##imported-end##

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“ Dear Hughes Family In your moment of sorrow your family will be in our prayers, as each day passes fond memories of the past will return to soothe and heal the grief that is part of of the human spirit. May our acknowledgement of your loss start the healing process and know we share this moment together. Sincerely Charlie and Darline Walker##imported-begin##Charles & Darline Walker##imported-end##

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“ So sorry to hear of Bills passing. Bob and Mary Sue##imported-begin##Robert Porter##imported-end##

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“ *Helen and Family, I am very sorry to hear about Bill. Even though we haven't seen each other in a long time, I know you were there for my family in time of need. My prayers and thoughts are with you. All my Love Jane*###imported-begin##*Jane Bielecki*###imported-end##

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“ *I am deeply sorry for your loss.*###imported-begin##*Amy Bielecki-Jones*###imported-end##

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“ Greetings from Denver, CO! This is Bill's youngest nephew, David, youngest son of Tom Baird. I received word from my sister Lorna about Bill's passing and wanted to convey my deepest sympathies to the Bairds in Grand Ledge. His obituary and life were truly inspiring. I hope that you are all doing well under the circumstances. I can say from a profound place in my heart that my dad's passing was a life-changing event for me, one that led me down a spiritual path that I probably would have never taken. Making sense of his death in many ways made me the person I am today and as such, was a gift. Of course I miss and love my father to this day, and yet I feel comfort in knowing from my own acquired beliefs that his spirit lives on and that we will be reunited one day in God's loving embrace. I hope that you can find peace and solace in Bill's passing in your own ways, as I did, with my dad's. I trust that God is holding you all and Bill closely during this time. I am a bit bummed. I had written a much longer response in the guest book and upon submitting it realized that only 250 words are allowed. I will try to leave the rest of my response in an email. Hopefully Lorna has your contact information. My email is everrettell@yahoo.com. I hope we can open a channel of communication soon. Much love, David###imported-begin###David Baird and Family###imported-end##

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“ Marilyn and family: Very sorry to hear of your dad's passing. I was out of town and just learned of it. I will remember you and your family in my thoughts and prayers.###imported-begin###Mary Kay Valenzio###imported-end##

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“ Dear Jan & Family, Jan - All of the Happy Memories we shared on the Saturday Bowling Leagues, at MSU Hockey Games and having fun, will always be cherished. Our entire family will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless. Sincerely, Sheriff Mike Raines & Laurie Raines##imported-begin##Sheriff Mike Raines & Mrs. Laurie (Swint) Raines##imported-end##

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