



Elwin "Bill" Ohlsson

March 27, 1926 - February 26, 2016

A devoted father, husband, and Opa. Lifelong Detroit area resident, Elwin William Ohlsson, died of the result of a stroke at Plymouth Inn with family by his side. He was 89. Elwin, also known as Bill, grew up in Highland Park with his mother, father and 4 siblings. A WWII veteran, Bill served in the Army, and later attended Wayne State University, receiving his Bachelor's Degree in Electrical Engineering. While serving in the Army, Bill was deployed to Germany with duties as a telephone lineman. Always the romantic at heart, Bill fell in love at first sight, with a German girl, Sophie Katharina. He was so smitten by Sophie, he persuaded his landlady to invite Sophie over for dinner, and so the courtship that led to a near 59-year marriage began. Bill and Sophie were married at Stadkirche church, in Germany, on July 3rd, 1946, with the church's bells ringing loudly in the air. Those very church bells became a very significant part of their lives, not only ringing on the day of their nuptials, but also on the days both of their children, Heidi and William, were later baptized. When released from the Army, Bill stayed in Germany as a civilian PX Manager. The family came to the United States aboard the Queen Elizabeth I in 1948, and bought a house on Detroit's Westside. Years later, Bill climbed the very bell tower at Stadkirche and recorded the bells for his wife, Sophie. The church bells became a family tradition that were played on holidays, family celebrations, and every Sunday morning. Bill and his family played the recording of the church bells when his wife, Sophie passed away on March 23rd, 2005. Bill was also a successful business man, the CEO of

Plasteel Corporation in Inkster. His legacy at Plasteel lives on today through his son, William Ohlsson, and his grandsons, Bill Jr. and Scott. Bill loved his family dearly, was extremely proud of all their accomplishments, and was generous beyond measure. He had the best laugh, and enjoyed feeding the “critters” in his back yard, reading, working on his iPad, watching classic movies and mini-series. He is survived by his daughter and son (Heidi and William), his daughter-in-law (Jane “Jean” Ohlsson), his son-in-law (Ron Schacher), 7 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. The funeral service will be Monday, February 29, 2016, at 11 AM at the Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 W. Ann Arbor Road, Plymouth, MI (between Sheldon & Beck). Visitation will be Sunday from 4 PM until 8 PM. Interment will be at Glen Eden Memorial Park, Livonia. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project online or mailed to: P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675

Cemetery Details

Glen Eden Memorial Park

35667 Eight Mile Road
Livonia, MI 48152

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **28**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
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Funeral Service

FEB **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Elwin "Bill" Ohlsson*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Sorry to learn of Mr. Ohlsson's passing. Our mother, Minnie Bradley, worked at Plasteel during the 50's, 60's,70's and into the 80's and always appreciated "Mr. Ohlsson" and his integrity.*

Elsie Bradley Stricklin and Evelyn Bradley Ursu

Evelyn Bradley Ursu - March 01, 2016 at 11:24 AM

CA

“ I am a Minister of Jehovah's Witnesses my wife and I would like to give you and your family our deepest sympathy for the lost of your loved one. We would like to leave you with these words of encouragement from Gods word the Bible. At Job 14:14 it ask the question, "If a man dies, shall he live again?," The bible makes the promise: Your dead love ones will live...They will rise up. The bible also says, The righteous themselves will possess the earth and they will reside forever upon it. Isaiah 26:19;Psalms 37:29. May you find comfort in these scriptures and in the loving memories of your loved one. If you have any questions or concerns about the lost of your loved one feel free to email us at ctksdk@yahoo.com
Sincerely, Carlos & Sandy

car - February 29, 2016 at 07:53 AM

LB

“ Dear Bill and Heidi: I was sorry to read about your Dad. He was always kind to me. When Erich Von Behren was in town, your Dad would always bring Erich up to the Arbor Drugs where I was working so we could have a chat. Your families are in my prayers. Larry Borrusch, Harbor Springs, Michigan

Larry Borrusch - February 28, 2016 at 05:41 PM

JB

“ *Uncle Bill and Aunt Sophie were warm, loving and full of fun. Thank you for the memories. God speed.*

Jane Briggs-Bunting - February 28, 2016 at 01:18 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Elwin "Bill" Ohlsson.*



February 27, 2016 at 11:58 AM

PH

“ *Dear Ohlsson family, Losing Opa will leave a big hole in your family as he dearly loved his family as much as you loved him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you in this difficult time. It is never easy to lose a loved one. However, we are rejoicing for Opa that he is finally reunited with his beloved Sophie! What a celebration for Opa and Oma!*

*Our love,
Penny and Norm*

Penny Hannewald - February 27, 2016 at 08:50 AM