



William Paul Darish

November 25, 1915 - October 3, 2015

William P. Darish of Bradenton, Florida and Northville, Michigan died peacefully at home on October 3, 2015. "Bill" was born on November 25, 1915 in Calumet, Michigan and grew up in

Paw Paw, Michigan. Bill and his dear wife of 70 years Betty Jane raised six children: Robert (1947-1951), William M. (Barbara), Kate Keating (Tom Miller), Patricia (David Binkley) Thomas (Mary Ellen), John (Joan). He was a proud grandfather and great-grandfather. Bill is also remembered by his beloved sister Betty, age 101, of Three Rivers, Michigan and her devoted children, grand-children and great-grand-children.

At the age of 18, Bill moved to Detroit to work for Industrial Electric Co. With the onset of World War II, Bill enlisted in the Marine Corps in 1942 and served in the South Pacific. Sergeant Darish earned a Purple Heart of Valor. As soon as the war ended Bill married his sweetheart and the love of his life, Betty Jane. They enjoyed almost 70 years of married life together. No stranger to work, eventually Bill purchased Industrial Electric Co. and continued his passion for long days of hard work, his love of life, and devotion to God and family.

At the age of 70, in semi-retirement, Bill discovered the game of golf. He also enjoyed boating, fishing and water sports; at the age of 90 he was still flying over the waves on a jet-ski with an energetic grand-dog Bailey on his lap.

A loving husband and father, and devout Catholic with an infectious warmth and a witty sense of humor for whom nothing was impossible, Bill was dearly

loved and will be greatly missed by all who had the joy of knowing him.
Bill was a longtime member of the George F. Monaghan Council 2690 Knights of Columbus in Livonia, and the VFW Post 4012 in Northville.

He received many civic awards:

National Electrical Contractors Association (NECA) Man of the Year 1985 and 2004

Thomas Edison Club of Detroit, President 1959

Board of Electrical Examiners, City of Detroit and Heating Board of Examiners, City of Detroit 1972 - 2000.

Catholic Youth Organization (CYO), Archdiocese of Detroit: Ed Crowe Award, 1972

(Boy Scout Leader)

Xavier University, Ohio. Distinguished Service Medal, 1980.

Visitation Thursday October 8, 6-8 PM and Friday 2-8 PM at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 West. Ann Arbor Road., (between Sheldon & Beck), Plymouth. Rosary Friday 7 PM.

In state Saturday October 9, 9:30 AM until the 10:00 AM Funeral Mass at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Drive, Northville MI 48167. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Our Lady of Victory Parish, 133 Orchard, Northville MI 48167, or the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Gift Processing Administrator, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive Triangle, VA 22172.

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Previous Events

Visitation

OCT 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Visitation

OCT 9. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

Rosary

OCT 9. 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home Plymouth
46401 Ann Arbor Road West
Plymouth, MI 48170
(734) 459-2250
plymouth@vermeulenfh.com

In state

OCT **10**. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
133 Orchard Dr.
Northville, MI 48167

Funeral Mass

OCT **10**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Paul Darish*

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ *Mr. Darish was a wonderful member at the Bradenton Yacht Club, his smile and courteous, friendly behavior towards our Crew will be deeply missed. Betty, our hearts and prayers go out to you and the family. May God's blessings cloak you all during this time of sorrow!*
Ken Nyhus, CCM/COO GM @ the BYC

Ken Nyhus - October 13, 2015 at 04:04 PM

AD

“ *Do not know if we are related (as my last name was changed from it's original Lithuanian way back when) but wanted to convey my sympathies for the family's loss. William Paul Darish would have been a contemporary of my father (Victor Darish, born 1918). My grandfather, Peter Darish, came here in 1902 from Lithuania, by way of Scotland. I will keep him and all his family in my prayers.*

Allan Darish
HighlandAI@aol.com

Allan Darish - October 12, 2015 at 12:18 PM



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



October 09, 2015 at 10:51 AM

LC

“ Love Liz , Tim and Ava Churnesky purchased the *Fairest of All* for the family of William Paul Darish.



Love Liz , Tim and Ava Churnesky - October 08, 2015 at 02:11 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden* was purchased for the family of William Paul Darish.



October 08, 2015 at 12:07 PM

CP

“ *Carlos Dorion and Dawn Platt* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William Paul Darish.



Carlos Dorion and Dawn Platt - October 08, 2015 at 10:32 AM

GF

“ *Gary and Maureen Fagin* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of William Paul Darish.



Gary and Maureen Fagin - October 08, 2015 at 09:45 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Paul Darish.



October 08, 2015 at 09:37 AM



“ A special and great man , a giant in the Detroit electrical industry . He helped me so much when I worked for him as an apprentice in 1974 - and called me every morning at 6:00 a.m.with what job to go to. He will always have my love and respect !

Norm Newton

norm newton - October 08, 2015 at 07:07 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Paul Darish.



October 07, 2015 at 11:05 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William Paul Darish.



October 07, 2015 at 08:03 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Paul Darish.*



October 07, 2015 at 03:05 PM