



William D. "Bill" Pratt

June 20, 1946 - September 13, 2021

William D. Pratt ("Bill") of Plymouth passed away Monday Sept 13, 2021 at his home after an unexpected, brief illness. He was born in Hamilton, OH, on June 20, 1946 son of the late Russell and Helen Pratt (Cook). He is survived by his wife Vicki Pratt and his children Greg (Heidi) Pratt, Lisa (Tim) Berg, Kelly (Mike) Wegher, Sarah (Scott) Haskins and seven grandchildren who were the light and joy of his life, (Nora, Ian, Adrienne, Will, Joey, Ben, and Dom). He is also survived by his three siblings: Dana (Nancy) Pratt, Marilyn (Ralph) Helzerman, Nancy (Chuck) Thiele, and thirteen nieces & nephews. Bill graduated in 1968 with an accounting degree from Bowling Green State University where he was a member of the Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He went on to work for McGraw Edison in Chicago before landing a job as a controller for the Buss Fuse company in St Louis, MO. In 1978, he relocated the family to Michigan where he was hired as a controller for the JH Bennett Company. After working at J.H. Bennett for over a decade, he started his own business consulting and tax preparation company with a friend and neighbor, Michael McKernan. In 2008 he sold his business to Jeff Schultz and stayed on part time until he fully retired in May 2021.

Bill was an avid golfer who enjoyed playing with many varied partners over the years. Bill spent many years vacationing at one of his favorite places, Glen Lake, where his parents bought land and cottages in 1955.

Over the past 30 years he had various roles with the Plymouth Rotary AM, Plymouth Township Planning Commission, and Plymouth Zoning Board and

Plymouth Chamber of Commerce where he served two terms as President. An expert in state and federal tax code, he also taught tax preparation courses across the lower part of Michigan.

The family will be holding a celebration of life service at Vermeulen-Sajewski Funeral Home, 46401 Ann Arbor Rd. W., Plymouth. Saturday, October 9th 12 noon. The service will be live streamed. Please visit:

[Facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live](https://www.facebook.com/vermeulensajewskifuneralhome/live)

Visitation will be from 10 AM until the noon service.

Due to the pandemic, we are suggesting that everyone mask up when inside the chapel. Those wishing to make a donation in Bill's name should donate to St. Joseph Mercy Home Care & Hospice by going to this site: <https://donate.trinityhealthathome.org/>

Thanks to all of his family and friends for your thoughts, prayers, & love. To share a memory, please use the Share a Memory tab on this web page.

Previous Events

Gathering of Family and Friends

OCT 9. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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

Celebration of Life

OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ William D. "Bill" Pratt

December 07, 2023 at 05:11 AM



“ I never met Bill "Grandpa". But the admiration and love shared often with us regarding all her Grandparents by Nora made us feel like he was a member of our family. She said my husband reminded her often of him, mostly his wit. He touched lives of people he never met. That's quite a man. Rest High 🙏 Lin and Rex Combs



Linda Combs - October 09, 2021 at 09:46 AM



“ Bill was my son's father-in-law but he became more than that to our family. A friend who with Vicki were always welcome to our family events, always helpful when someone had a question of tax matters, and when he became a member of our golf league every Thursday years ago was an integral part of our after golf discussions over a few beers. He was a good friend and will be missed greatly by the members of our golf league, especially by my brothers, brothers-in-law and cousin who played golf with him every week. Vicki and family you are in our prayers.

Joseph Wegher - October 09, 2021 at 08:43 AM

KM

“ Over the years Bill and I spent countless hours working late into the night on the Chamber auction only to get up and do it all over again the next day! He introduced me to spinach pizza at Compari's and it became our tradition to order one every year. I'll promise to eat one in your honor Bill. He definitely served the Chamber and his community with great dedication!

During those times he often talked about Vicky and the kids along with his brother and sisters, you were truly loved! Praying you find comfort at this difficult time.

Bill rest in peace, although I know you're up there doing taxes and supporting the community!!

Kris Mayer - October 07, 2021 at 06:15 PM



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Dana Pratt - October 05, 2021 at 02:55 PM



Uncle Bill was a rock for his family. A straight shooter, someone I looked up to all my life. As much a brother as an uncle. DWPIII

Dana Pratt - October 05, 2021 at 03:03 PM

DC

We enjoyed sharing Bill's love for musical performances by attending with him and Vicki to U of M plays, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, Fisher Theater, and even a few performances in Stratford, Ontario. We loved his gift of laughter. He seemed to be able to find humor in many things and made us laugh. We will miss him greatly. Don & Theresa Ciofani

Donald Ciofani - October 07, 2021 at 03:35 PM

AD

“ *All our love, Nancy and Dana purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William D. "Bill" Pratt.*



All our love, Nancy and Dana - October 05, 2021 at 10:42 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William D. "Bill" Pratt.*



October 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William D. "Bill" Pratt.*



October 03, 2021 at 12:51 PM

MK

“ We were saddened upon hearing the news of Bill's passing. I've known Vicki since we were 10 yrs. old - "best friends". And in college she met her "BEST BEST FRIEND"! Despite never living near each other we managed to keep close through the years. And their marriage was everlasting, one filled with strength, love and happiness. Blessings to the Pratt Family; Peace in Prayers; Time will ease your sorrow.

Mary and George Karalexis

Mary Karalexis - September 30, 2021 at 09:45 PM

JR

“ We're so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We weren't personal friends of his but have been clients for many years. He was always so personable at our usually once a year meeting that he made us feel comfortable and much like friends. We never doubted that Bill had our back. I was prepared to miss him when he retired, but I can't imagine how much he will be missed by his family and friends at his passing. Bill will be well remembered by us for his work, his patience listening to our questions, sharing our yearly visit, and maybe mostly for his wonderful, resounding laugh. Rest in peace.

Judy Roy - September 30, 2021 at 03:57 PM

GB

“ Bill and I were fraternity brothers at Bowling Green. I have many great memories of him, but more than anything else, I remember him as a stand up guy. Always fun to be around, he still maintained the ability to be steadfast when he needed to be, or when those around him needed him to be. Vicki, I send my heartfelt Blessings to you and your family in these difficult days. I don't know your children and grandchildren - and I apologize for focusing on your daughters - but I can only imagine how much they enjoyed having Bill for a dad.
Gil Bean, Galloway, NJ

Gil Bean - September 21, 2021 at 05:21 PM

GP

Gil, thanks very much. Great to hear from you and to see how far dad's reach was in this world.

Greg Pratt - September 26, 2021 at 04:24 AM

WG

“ Bill did so much for the Chamber of Commerce through his years on our Board. He did the same for many other organizations and our community. We are all better off for having Bill Pratt in Plymouth/Plymouth Township. On behalf of the Chamber of Commerce, we give you our condolences for your loss.

Wes Graff - September 20, 2021 at 01:27 PM

GP

Thanks Wes!

Greg Pratt - September 26, 2021 at 04:22 AM

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Greg - September 17, 2021 at 05:04 AM