



William "Bill" Van Soest Jr.

August 18, 1942 - January 10, 2024

William "Bill" Van Soest Jr., aged 81, passed away on January 10, 2024 after a progressive illness. Born on August 18, 1942, to the late William and Marjorie (Bultema) Van Soest in Hammond, Indiana, Bill proudly remained a lifelong resident of DeMotte. He had a strong work ethic and excelled at poultry farming and agriculture.

Beyond his work, Bill found comfort in simple joys. Fishing, gardening, and morning coffee gatherings with friends filled his spare time. Bill's enduring legacy is marked by his unwavering love and commitment to family.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 62 years, Mary (DeVries), and their loving children: Kathryn (Edward) Tillema and John (Starla) Van Soest. Bill's presence will be greatly missed by his grandchildren: Elizabeth (Scott) Fieldhouse, Andrew Tillema, William Craig Van Soest, Holly Van Soest, Brad (Ali) Van Soest, Jenna Van Soest, Brent (Angie) Van Soest, Brandon (Morgan) Van Soest, and Hunter (fiancé Shannon) Van Soest. His great-grandchildren include Owen Van Soest, Daniel and Hannah Fieldhouse, Carter Van Soest, William Thomas Van Soest, Theodore Van Soest, and Rosie Wood.

Bill is now reunited in heaven with his parents and son, William Mark Van Soest. A celebration of Bill's remarkable life will be held at the First Church of Wheatfield on Saturday, January 20, 2024, commencing at 9:00 a.m. until the

service at 11:30 a.m., officiated by Pastor John Hill.

A private interment at Holland Cemetery will follow at a later date. In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests memorial contributions to the Good Neighbor Food Pantry of DeMotte or the American Cancer Society.

Cemetery Details

Holland Cemetery

Holland Cemetery
DeMotte, IN 46310

Previous Events

A Time of Remembrance

JAN 20. 9:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

First Church
5387 W State Road 10
Wheatfield, IN 46392
(219) 987-5156
<http://www.first.church>

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



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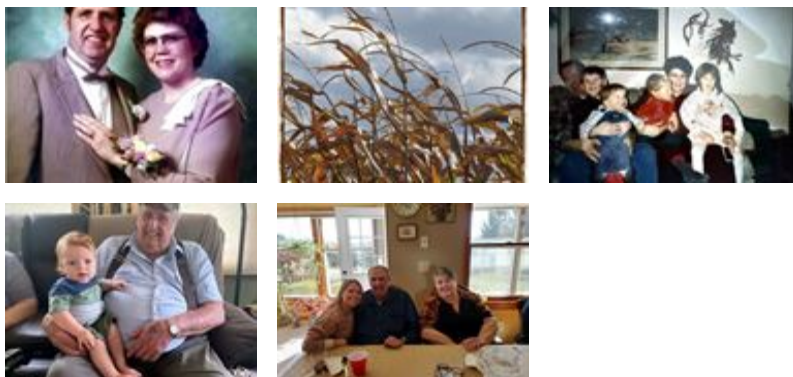
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“ *Condolences for Mary and her family from your Wheatfield High Classmate and friend. Years and miles apart I always remember the good times we had.*

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