



Willard "Bill" Palmateer

May 4, 1936 - October 13, 2024

Willard Palmateer ("Bill") of Hobart/Lake Station, age 88, passed away Sunday, October 13, 2024, at home. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

Bill is survived by his wife, Linda, four daughters, Cindy (Charles) Nush of Westville; Cheryl (John) Hutnick of Valparaiso; Christy (Kevin) Carpenter of Columbia, South Carolina and Carrie Lawson of Valparaiso. Stepchildren Michael (Lisa) Canaan of Pennsylvania; Jennifer (Sam) Kltschen of Cedar Lake and Leonard (Ginger) Canaan of Texas and 21 grandchildren and numerous great grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his father and mother (Frank and Lillian) and four brothers, Norman, Gary, Charles and Curtis.

A graduate of class of 1954 from Lew Wallace High School in Gary. He joined the apprentice electrical program after graduation. He was a very strong Union member of IBEW Local 697n for close to 70 years. He was Electrical Inspector of Lake Station for many years looking out for the people of Lake Station which earned him the nickname of "Red-Tag Willie."

He was a sports coach for many of his daughters' teams as well as enjoying pick-up basketball games on the Drive. He truly enjoyed casinos and cruises with his wife, Linda. He was a loyal sports fan to all Chicago sports teams as well as IU Basketball.

Per Bill's request there will be no services.

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory entrusted with arrangements.

Tribute Wall

JH

“ I recall meeting Mr Palmateer for the first time when Yolanda and I remodeled the home on Grove Street for her parents. He was so helpful and professional while sharing his great sense of humor. Every time we met him thereafter at your family gatherings, he always managed to crack us up with stories and jokes. Keep your hearts smiling with his memory. Peace and love, Yolanda and Juan Hernández.

Juan Hernandez - October 25, 2024 at 10:29 AM

JP

“ I will always have fond memories of all of the family cruises that we enjoyed. Such good times!!! Willie loved to joke with my girls when they were little. His favorite...”Is your face hurting you?” When they replied, “No.” He would respond, “Well, It’s killing me!” We all loved Uncle Willie’s “corny” sense of humor and will miss him so very much!

Jan Palmateer - October 17, 2024 at 10:39 PM

BW

“ Prayers to Bill’s Family. Had lots of fun during Softball season when his girls were playin & he coached. He was truly one of a kind. You are all in our prayers. 🙏❤️🙏. Ben & Sis Williams

Ben & Sis Williams - October 16, 2024 at 08:16 AM

EH

“ My father's name was also Willard. They were the only Willards I knew. Lots of Williams but few Willards. Christy was in my third grade student but I didn't meet Willard until Christy graduated and worked at the same school with me. He was my friend. Got free passes for me to see concerts at the casino, fixed my furnace that they told me was too old to fix that I still have, bought my old car and kept it for several years. Always made me laugh.

Elaine Harton - October 15, 2024 at 01:52 PM

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“ Linda and family,,I am so very sorry for your loss.
May be Rest in Peace.
Shirley Urbanek

Shirley Urbanek - October 14, 2024 at 07:39 PM

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“ Thanking the Lord for Bill Palmateer, for his work and care for his family and friends.

Carolyn DeLaughter - October 14, 2024 at 05:52 PM