



## William John Barath

August 25, 1936 - November 26, 2016

William “Bill” Barath, aged 80, passed away peacefully at home on November 26, 2016, after a long battle with Parkinson’s Disease. Born August 25, 1936 in Gary, IN to Andrew and Irma (nee Elish) Barath. He attended Gary Edison High School where he played football and met the love of his life, Lavon Barath (nee Tipold). They were married at the Hungarian Grace Reformed Church, Gary, IN, in 1953.

Bill spent most of his adult life working for US Steel Gary Works (USW Local 1066) and later as a consultant for US Steel resolving quality issues at Ford Motor Company, Subaru and others.

Bill lived most of his life in Hobart, IN before moving to Columbus, OH in 2006. He was an avid outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt, trap and trap shoot. He was known for his wood carving of decoys, tying fishing flies and commercially sold hand-made lures under the name “Ol Bill’s Lures”. Bill was a terrific athlete playing football, basketball and golf. He began running the track at Mundell School in Hobart just before turning 40, achieving his goal of 40 quarter-mile laps on his 40th birthday, and continued to run into his seventies. Bill made friends wherever he went. He was a lifelong member of the Hungarian Reformed Church and a member of the Masonic McClelland ML Lodge, Hobart, IN. Bill was a loving family man cherished by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Lavon Barath (nee Tipold), daughter Debbie (Vic) Schmill, son William (Lisa) Barath, four grandchildren, Julie

(Fred) Roblero, April (Ben) Monterotti, Jake Barath, and Madison Barath. He is also survived by four great grandchildren, Kalman Vannest, Gannon Arledge, Uriel Roblero, Adelynn Roblero, Bentley Barath and sister, Irma Cunningham (nee Barath).

Funeral service for Bill will be Friday, December 2, 2016, at 10:30 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 East 7th Street, Hobart. Friends are invited to visit with his family on Thursday from 2-8:00 p.m. at Burns. Entombment at Graceland Cemetery Mausoleum, Valparaiso, IN. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Graceland Cemetery

Valparaiso, IN

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 1. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home - Hobart  
701 E. 7th Street  
Hobart, IN 46342  
(219) 942-1117  
info@burnsfuneral.com  
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## funeral

DEC 2. 10:30 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Lavon and family-I am deeply sorry for your loss. My heart goes out to all of you.*

*In the short time I knew Bill; he was a quiet, gentle, humble man. He would smile and always had a great attitude.*

*My thoughts and prayers are with you, God Bless, Tina M.*

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**Tina Martindale** - December 05, 2016 at 04:20 PM

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“ *BILL WAS A GREAT CLASSMATE AND FOOTBALL TEAM MATE AT EDISON IN THE 50S.MY PRAYERS AND SYMPATHY ARE FOR THE BARATH FAMILY..I NEVER HAD THE OCASSION TO TELL BILL I WAS HALF HUGARIAN,,,MY MOM....BOB FALCONE*

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**BOB FALCONE** - December 02, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William John Barath.*



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December 01, 2016 at 08:42 AM

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**cindy barath** - November 30, 2016 at 11:19 PM



“ *Dear Lavon and Family,  
We have enjoyed getting to know Bill over these last several years.  
Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your  
family during these difficult days.  
Love and Blessings,  
Gene and Dee Lynn Grace*

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**Gene and Dee Lynn Grace** - November 30, 2016 at 05:41 PM



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