



## William M. Parnell

September 28, 1954 - February 26, 2024

William M. Parnell, born in Gary, Indiana, resident of Lake Station, Indiana, passed away at the age of 69 on February 26, 2024.

As the saying goes “the man, the myth, the legend”. Some, a few, may think that of him, but to us he was just a regular guy. Happiest in his sweatpants, and stained up shirts. He could be dramatic, but didn’t need to draw attention to himself. His happy places were on the beach, snorkeling in Lake Michigan, it was a sight to see a 6 ft man snorkeled up walking out to the water to look for treasures along the shore but he thought it was normal. Or coaching his sons Little League and Pop Warner games. Halloween (his favorite time) would find him setting up his “scary scene” in the driveway of his sister in laws house. Faith, Family, Friends were what really matter most. Becoming a father was very special, becoming a grandfather was even more special. To say “no” was not part of his vocabulary. You might be spoiled with “dark chocolate” candy, ice-cream for the kids in the neighborhood, Albanese for the ladies he assisted rides for, or cook a special meal for company. Teaching Faith Formation to 8th graders was a challenge he truly embraced. Joining the Knights of Columbus later in life, helped complete his Spiritual journey. He leaves us, sailing into the sunset.

William is survived by, wife; Laura Parnell, son; William M. Parnell II (Brynnda) daughter; Nicole Manning (Nic Manning), Deborah Parnell Barnes (the mother of William and Nicole), grandchildren; Jillian Albritton, “the beep beeps”; Macallister, Vaughn, and Finnley Manning , great grandchildren; Zane and

Lilith Shelton, "Tuesday Night Kids"; Sandi, Samantha, Angela, Brian, Anthony, Amelie, Brooke, Blake, Andrew, Aubree, Izzy, Lila, brothers; Ivey Parnell (Georgia), Ed Senf (Amy), sister; Patricia Reeder, mother in law; Martha Angotti, sisters in law; Lisa Peete (Mike), Paula Angotti, Maria Knight, Andrea Angotti, lots of cousins, who were all his "Favorites" including "Princess".

Services will be held at Our Lady of Sorrows Church, 356 W. 700 N.

Valparaiso IN 46385

Rosary Conducted by Knights of Columbus Council 12149 at 2:30 pm until Mass at 3:00 pm officiated by Father Paul Quanz. 4:00 p.m. Pizza Party to celebrate his life at the Church Hall. Arrangements entrusted to Burns Funeral Home Hobart, Indiana. [www.BurnsFuneral.com](http://www.BurnsFuneral.com)

# Previous Events

## **Rosary Service**

MAR 4. 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Our Lady of Sorrows Church  
356 W 700 North  
Valparaiso, IN 46385

## **Mass of Christian Burial**

MAR 4. 3:00 PM (CT)

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356 W 700 North  
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# Tribute Wall



“ Mike & Debbie Barnes planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William M. Parnell.

Mike & Debbie Barnes - March 04, 2024 at 03:43 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William M. Parnell.



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“ Deborah Cafiero and Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William M. Parnell.



Deborah Cafiero and Family - March 02, 2024 at 11:50 AM

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“ Grandpa Bill, I can't believe that you are gone, it doesn't seem like it was time for you to go. It hurts me knowing your gone because all I can see is all the times I would come stay the night, if it was for fun or even to see the airshow at the beach. I miss you so much, I will never forget every Halloween and Christmas we would all do pumpkins and gingerbread houses. I'm sorry I couldn't have seen you more, I really wish you could have meet my daughter and got to see how beautiful she is. I know you are pain free now I just wish there was more time. I love you. - Jill

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**Jillian Albritton** - February 28, 2024 at 11:18 PM