



William "Bill" Latva

October 18, 1941 - July 12, 2016

William "Bill" Latva, 74, of Caspian, passed away on Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at St. Vincent Hospital in Green Bay, WI.

He was born October 18, 1941 in Amasa, MI, son of the late George and Ilmi (Maki) Latva. Bill graduated from Amasa High School in 1959 and enlisted in the United States Navy, serving his country for four years. He married Sandra Javoroski on August 12, 1978 in Amasa. Bill started his employment with Robbins Inc. at their flooring mill in White Lake, WI and was eventually transferred to Ishpeming. He worked as a manager and log buyer for the company for over 45 years, retiring in 2013. Bill was a member of Bethany Lutheran Church in Amasa. He enjoyed all sports and in his younger years played softball and basketball. Bill also enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and taking trips to the casino. Most of all, he loved spending time with family and friends.

Bill is survived by his wife of nearly 38 years, Sandra; two daughters, Kristina (Larry) McColl of Sault Ste Marie, MI and Kathie Latva (Brian) of Crystal Falls; a son, Keith (Linda) Latva of Green Bay; a brother, Jim (Judy) Latva of Fond du Lac; a sister, Esther Kivimaki of Crystal Falls; six grandchildren, Hope, Ben, Josh, A.J., Lucas and baby Karleen; and many nieces, nephews and special lifelong friends.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Karleen Javoroski and a brother-in-law, Victor Kivimaki.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, July 16, 2016 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm at the United Lutheran Church in Crystal Falls. The funeral service will follow at 1:00pm at the church. Rev. Micheal Laakko will officiate. Burial will be in the Hematite Township Cemetery in Amasa.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bill Latva online at www.nashfuneralhome.net

The family has entrusted the Nash Funeral Home of Crystal Falls with the funeral arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Hematite Twp. Cemetery

cemetery Rd
Amasa, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL **16.** 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

United Lutheran Church
506 Superior Ave.
Crystal Falls, MI 49920

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall

PO

“ *I'll never forget the times I shared with boogie Bill Latva he was a great friend my sympathy goes out to Sandy and family* ”

Paul OBrien - July 21, 2016 at 03:32 PM

PO

“ *Paul OBrien lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Latva* ”



Paul OBrien - July 21, 2016 at 03:29 PM

PO

“ *I'll never forget boogie bill latva we had many good times together my sympathy goes out to Sandy and family* ”

Paul OBrien - July 21, 2016 at 03:26 PM

GL

“ *Just found out about Bill! So sorry for your loss! I have known Bill all my life. Prayers to the family!* ”

Ginger LaRock - July 19, 2016 at 10:57 AM

PO

“ *My condolences to Sandy and family in will always remember the times that I shared with boogie Bill Latva* ”

Paul OBrien - July 19, 2016 at 07:45 AM

Jl

“ Billy- thanks for helping me get my buck out of the woods. No horns broke. All good.

To the family- sending our love to all of you. Hard to say goodbye to a happy guy.

Love Jim & Jill Reitmeyer

jim - July 17, 2016 at 02:41 PM

JJ

“ R.I.P. Bill, you will be missed by many.

Jim Jarvis - July 16, 2016 at 02:00 PM

PW

“ Sorry for your loss Kathy and family; Bill was quite an unforgettable guy. My sympathies.

Pat Westcott - July 16, 2016 at 12:29 PM

MJ

“ Sandy, Kathy and all of Bill's family,

My sympathies are with you in this time of loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers,

Marlene Johnson

Marlene Johnson - July 16, 2016 at 12:13 PM

TM

“ Tom and I knew Bill way back when we all were in high school. He was always a joy to be with. Bill played in a championship basketball game against Tom's team in 1959, and they became good friends. Our son Michael also got to meet Bill many years later when purchasing flooring from Bill. We have not been in the area for many years but never forgot Bill. While visiting my sister at the Medicare, she told me Bill was there too. I went to his room, but the door was closed. Since I did not know what his condition was or why he even was there, I didn't knock to enter. We are sorry to hear of his passing and the suffering he endured. May Bill now rest in peace. Our condolences to all of Bill's family. God Bless. Tom and Kathi McCole, Green Bay, WI

Tom and Kathi McCole - July 16, 2016 at 09:32 AM

LG

“ Our little town's greatest contribution will be found in the people it produced. Bill, I will always count you among the best of the best. Thanks for letting me be your friend. Your classmate, Lowell Gill.

Lowell Gill - July 16, 2016 at 08:52 AM

SK

“ Bill was a good friend and I enjoyed playing baseball with him. Thoughts and prayers to Bill's family. Gary and Sharon Krugel

sharon krugel - July 15, 2016 at 09:09 PM

JR

“ *Jeanne Marie Ravet lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Latva*



jeanne marie ravet - July 15, 2016 at 08:40 PM

DP

“ *Sharing your loss. Sincere sympathy and caring thoughts. A good man we called a friend. Dan and Sue Passamani*



Dan & Sue Passamani - July 15, 2016 at 06:13 PM

BE

“ *Deepest sympathy to the whole family of Bill. We have had the pleasure of enjoying his amazing sense of humor. He had a gift to make you laugh. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*
Beth and Don Emerich, White Lake

Beth and Don Emerich - July 15, 2016 at 04:47 PM

KL

“ *Kathie and family, I am so sorry for the loss of your dad! I only met him a few times, but he was such a wonderful man, and I'm sure he will be greatly missed.*

Kristen LaValley and family

Kristen LaValley - July 15, 2016 at 10:51 AM

AS

“ My sympathy to the familys.. Bill was a special person he will be missed.



Aida Seppala - July 15, 2016 at 10:44 AM

LR

“ My sincerest sympathies go out to the Latva family. I had the good fortune of knowing Bill for many years through work and our daughters being great friends. I smile each and every time I think of the many stories and antics from Bill at events like the Logging Congress or just running into him. He was a great man who will be missed and our hearts go out to his wonderful family who meant a great deal to him. Rest in peace Bill.

Linda and Dan Rose

Linda Rose - July 15, 2016 at 09:21 AM

JA

“ Dear Sandy and family - Our thoughts and sympathy go out to you and we were saddened to hear that Bill has passed away. We will miss him as he always had time to visit with us whether we saw him in Ishpeming or in Amasa. One memory is his 70th birthday party and his special cake. Take care and remember that Bill touched so many lives and made them all laugh a little more. Jeri and Don Ahola

Jeri and Don Ahola - July 15, 2016 at 07:59 AM

JA

“ Sandy and family, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was my boss for many years at Robbins flooring mill. He was a great guy, always had a good joke or two. Many good memories and good times. He will be missed by many. My deepest sympathy.

JoAnn Argall - July 14, 2016 at 05:18 PM

GH

“ Gary Hanttula lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Latva



Gary Hanttula - July 14, 2016 at 04:45 PM

JO

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bill for the last 15 years he was at Robbins. We took one road trip together to lower MI where Bill had found a sawmill that could cut hard maple for us. One of the owners introduced himself as Leroy. Then a few minutes later his brother approached us and introduced himself as Leroy. We had a hard time keeping a straight face during the ensuing conversations. Ever since then we called ourselves Leroy and Leroy.

I can say that every one of my memories of Bill is filled with laughter and fondness. I will miss him dearly.

We pray that your joyful memories of Bill will sustain you through this time.

Jonathan & Deanna Turner

Jonathan - July 14, 2016 at 03:45 PM

BT

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bill's family, I will miss my funny cousin!!!
Sincerely, Betty Wicklund*

Betty Torreano - July 14, 2016 at 01:36 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss. Sending healing hugs and prayers for the
family and friends.*

Sue Stern - July 14, 2016 at 12:54 PM

MA

“ *Michigan Physical Therapy Association
purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of
William "Bill" Latva.*



Michigan Physical Therapy Association - July 14, 2016 at
12:32 PM

CC

“ *Candy And Phil Coffey lit a candle in memory
of William "Bill" Latva*



Candy and Phil Coffey - July 14, 2016 at 11:59 AM



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Julie Borden - July 14, 2016 at 11:23 AM



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Julie Borden - July 14, 2016 at 11:22 AM



“ *Linda Maki Banicki lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Latva*



Linda Maki Banicki - July 14, 2016 at 11:18 AM



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Julie Borden - July 14, 2016 at 11:01 AM



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Julie Borden - July 14, 2016 at 10:57 AM

BA

“ *To Kristina and family:*

My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. I am continually thinking of you and your dad. Peace be with you and your mom and the rest of the family at this difficult time.

*Bruce Anderson
Sault Ste. Marie, MI*

Bruce Anderson - July 14, 2016 at 10:55 AM

CS

“ *Sandy and family, Bill had a special place in the heart of our family, serving as best man at our wedding and then being a long time friend to Butch. May you find peace and comfort in the days ahead.*
Candy

Candy Soderena - July 14, 2016 at 10:31 AM