William Arthur Braaten



JULY 23, 2021

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of William Arthur "Bill" Braaten. Bill passed away surrounded by close family and friends on the afternoon of July 23, 2021.

Bill was born in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. The family moved when Bill was still quite young and lived in Toronto where Bill played hockey throughout his youth. Upon the family settling in Burnaby, British Columbia, Bill finished school and began his own family as well as a long lasting and successful career in the lumber industry of which he was well known. Bill was a very kind and caring person who would do anything for his family or friends. He was happy to lend a hand when someone was in trouble or needed advice. While it was true that Bill worked very at all he did, specifically when it came to his career, he always made time for his family especially in caring for his mother and father in their later years.

Bill had a tremendous love for golf and you could find him either out on the course for a round or in front of a TV, whether at home or with the boys down at the pub, watching the latest PGA tournament. Bill was also an avid football fan who had been to the Super Bowl, Pro Bowl and Grey Cup on numerous occasions. Having a love for car racing, Bill was particularly fond of going down to the Nascar races in Phoenix each year where he would also spend treasured time with his lifelong friends Bob Leffler and Ronnie Roberts.

Bill was predeceased by his beloved parents Arthur and Margaret Jane, and brother Brian. Bill is survived and will forever lovingly be remembered by his wife of 29 years Diane, children Ron (Lisa), David (Yvonne), Rhonda (Chris), Vince (Monika), his sister Beverly, his 8 grandchildren as well as his extended family.

The family would like to extend its most sincere thanks to all of the doctors, nurses and support staff that assisted throughout his courageous 6 year battle.

God looked around his garden
And found an empty place.
He then looked down upon the earth,
And saw your tired face.
He put His arms around you
And lifted you to rest.
God's garden must be beautiful,
He always takes the best.
He knew that you were suffering,
He knew that you were in pain.
He knew that you would never
Get well on earth again.
He saw the road was getting rough
And the hills were hard to climb.
So He closed your weary eyelids
And whispered "Peace be thine."
It broke our hearts to lose you
But you did not go alone…
For part of us went with you
The day God called you home.

As per Bill's wishes, a small family service has been held and a celebration of life alongside his brother Brian, will take place in the future.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly suggests a donation to the BC Cancer Foundation or a charity of your choice.

Messages of Condolence

Bill was an awesome person. Great person to work with. Had a lot of great times . I will miss him a lot

— Gary McKeating

Our condolences to you and your family Diane. I remember our (all too brief) times with you and Bill fondly!

— Sarah Vander Veen

I’m so very sorry to hear this sad news. Sending my love to Diane & family, & to Bev & her daughters. A difficult year for you all.

— Pam Ludwar

It is so hard to find the words to say with Bill's passing. Please except my sympathy to your family Dianne. Bill was slightly older than me so our time together but we always made sure to play some pool, have a few drinks and tell family stories. It was such a joy to enjoy the zoom conference last year and I'm hopeful that we do that again to keep everyone in touch.
Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.

— Bob Braaten

I am saddened by the loss of my Uncle Bill Braaten and extend my condolences to his children and Wife Diane. Bill was always great to talk to and was one of the best story tellers who could always be counted on to make anybody laugh. I was fortunate to get to know him more personally in the last few years after my father and his brother Brian passed which helped me get to know Bill better and even get to see him one final time which I will cherish. I miss him and he'll be in my thoughts.

— Scott Braaten

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