



William R. "Bill" LaParl

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William R. "Bill" LaParl, age 69, of St. Clair, passed away peacefully at home, November 9th, with his family by his side. Bill was born April 10, 1951 in Painesville, Oh to William and Dolores LaParl.

Bill sailed the Great Lakes for many years as Captain of many ships, He was the trustee at Trinity Methodist Church, Algonac. Bill was a part of the Algonac memorial historical society. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Vets and American Vets. Bill enjoyed staying busy but the things he enjoyed the most was the time he spent with his family, telling stories and having the yearly family Christmas party at his house.

He is survived by his wife, Elaine LaParl; mother, Dolores LaParl; brothers, Gary (Becki) LaParl, Jim (Kathy) LaParl, Mike LaParl; sister, Laura Nickelson; aunt, Loleta Violet Howard, Barbara Jean Blankenship; nephews, Joe (Lorena) LaParl, James LaParl, Justin LaParl, Jared (Amanda) LaParl, Shane (Emily) LaParl, Myles (Jenson) LaParl, Corbin LaParl, Spencer (Jessica) LaParl; nieces, Ashley (Josh) Fye, Kaila (Brad) Campagne; step children, Sara Rose (Phillip) Doyle, Jennifer (Kyle) Hearn, Nathan (Krystyn) Brown; 9 great nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Morgan Breanne, Jameson Andrew, Regan Grace and Brynn Emersyn, along with many extended family and friends who will also miss him dearly.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, William S. LaParl (2006)

Memorials may be made to the Algonac VFW Post 3901 Veterans Memorial Donations.

A memorial service will be held Thursday November 12, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. visiting hours will also be Thursday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Interment will take place in Oaklawn Cemetery, Algonac. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com



Events

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Memorial Gathering

 **Thursday**, November 12, 2020

 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



Memorial Service


 **Thursday**, November 12, 2020

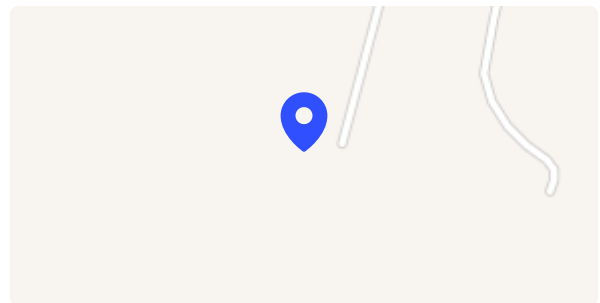
 1:00 PM ET

 **Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home**
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI



Cemetery Details

 **Oaklawn Cemetery**
Clay Twp. MI 48001





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MA

Marci posted:

A good man and friend. Prayers for the family. May your memories bring you peace of heart.

November 21 at 10:27 AM

JM

Jay Muciek posted:

A brother from another mother. We had many good times together running the river. Condolences to the family. Jay Muciek

November 20 at 4:25 AM

LW

Lester Wilkins posted:

Bill was a great guy, one of my favorite clients and a friend. I am glad we stayed in touch. He will be missed.

November 12 at 7:54 AM

HD

Harold Dusseau lit a candle in honor of William.

Always had a great time working beside him throughout our careers. He was a great shipmate/friend and will be surely missed. My condolences to his family and friends, may you find comfort in your memories. God bless you, Harry Dusseau

November 12 at 6:40 AM



MP

Marlene Paulson posted:

My condolences to Bills large and loving family. May you find peace in knowing he is in his final perfect mansion with our Lord our God. Marlene Paulson fellow Realtor Broker Excels Properties

November 11 at 11:59 AM

CL

Central Marine Logistics sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the LaParl family.

November 11 at 9:46 AM





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Anonymous sent a Days of Sunshine Bouquet to the LaParl family.

November 11 at 9:15 AM



Anonymous sent a Medium Dish Garden to the LaParl family.

November 10 at 4:04 PM



Sue Kennedy posted:

Elaine, family and friends, please know that both Art and I send our deepest condolences with the passing of Bill. Bill was always so friendly and eager to help with the many ventures at the church. I will always remember him planting flowers and having that handy drill for planting. He will truly be missed. We pray that you and all of you loved ones will be Blessed with Our Father's Favor of Peace as well as strength during this very difficult time. Bill may you Rest in Eve Peace in the arms of Our Heavenly Father. May God Bless you all. Art and Sue Kennedy.

November 10 at 3:26 PM



Anonymous sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the LaParl family.

November 10 at 2:39 PM



Pam Blusk posted:

I met Bill when I sailed on the Courtney Burton as a deck cadet with GLMA in the late 90's. Bill was Second Mate, working his way up to Master. A truly kind person, Bill always had such a positive attitude. I never saw him angry with anyone; he treated others with dignity and respect. Bill's advice for navigating the Lakes and rivers was indispensable. He was a patient teacher who became a trusted friend. My condolences to Elaine and his family.

November 10 at 2:14 PM



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SW

Sylvia Wroblewski posted:

Bill was a true and kind friend that I will forever treasure.....We had the opportunity to work together. Always loved his great stories! Sending many prayers for the family! 🙏🙏

November 10 at 1:17 PM

DF

Dan Fischer posted:

Bill and I sailed together starting in 1973 and many years after that, he was a great friend and a great person. My sympathy to Bill's wife and family. He will forever be in our thoughts Dan and Sharon Fischer Menominee, MI

November 10 at 12:13 PM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the LaParl family.



November 10 at 11:06 AM

ET

Eric Treece posted:

I spent many years sailing with Billy. A wealth of knowledge and full of stories. He was excellent at his job and an absolute joy to be around. Some of my favorite watches were spent with him as we sailed up and down the St Clair River. It was a privilege to know him and that he was a part of my professional life at its peak. He will be missed and thought of often. My sincere condolences to Elaine and his family. -Eric Treece

November 10 at 5:56 AM

LC

Lonnie Calloway November 11 at 5:06 AM

I was fortunate to have Bill as a shipmate and friend for many years as we sailed all over the Great Lakes. His work ethic, great attitude and evil sense of humor made a tough job a lot more fun. We discovered we had both been in East Lansing at Michigan State at the same time in the early 70's. Even hung out at the same clubs. I didn't know him then but certainly remembered a tall fun guy wearing a top hat! Bill was one of the few guys I know able to absolutely rock a tophat! I shared with Elaine that Bill spoke of her often and that whenever he did so his eyes would light up. I used to tease him about that. I'd say " hey Billy, my flashlights out. Come over here and tell me an Elaine story so I can read these numbers". Watch is over, Brother..Fair winds. Lonnie Calloway



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KR

Ken Reisner posted:

A fine man of personal and professional integrity. Bill was well liked and respected by all who knew and worked with him. Fair winds and following seas. Ken Reisner

November 10 at 5:32 AM

RR

Roberta A Rasmussen posted:

Bill and I worked together selling real estate on and off during the years when he was not out on the freighters. He was a great agent and a very kind and thoughtful man. So young to leave the rest of us but I'm sure he is in a better place. Keeping all of the family in our prayers.

November 10 at 4:10 AM



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November 10 at 3:19 AM

SB

Stan Barnes posted:

Bill and I go back to the days when neither one of us had white hair, I think 1975. He was a good friend. I will miss him. To all of the LaParl family, I am so sorry for your loss. Stan Barnes

November 9 at 3:58 PM

MC

Maureen Cox posted:

Dear Gary & Jim, I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a good man & friend to those who knew him. Many gentle blessings to you & your family. Maureen (Reisner) Cox.

November 9 at 3:35 PM

DS

Dale T. Schartner posted:

Gary, Jimmy you have my deepest sympathy. You guys are like family to me. Great shipmate, great person. Bill was always considerate of his fellow person. Heaven will be his new home. RIP. Dale T. Schartner

November 9 at 2:51 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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