



# William "Bill" Schunk

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**W**illiam "Bill" Schunk, age 87, of St. Clair, passed away March 13, 2026. He was born February 18, 1939 in St. Clair to the late Milton and Ruby (Hyslop) Schunk.

Bill was the youngest of 5 children and often jokingly referred to himself as a "mistake" or his dad's "left hand" because his dad lost his hand in a corn shredder at a young age. He graduated from St. Clair High School Class of 1957. He always enjoyed attending the monthly class luncheons. Following graduation he enlisted and served 2 years with the U.S. Army as a medic.

Bill owned and operated Blue Water Marine Construction later called Sanford and Son Marine Construction, installing docks and seawalls along the St. Clair River. He was a die hard baseball and hockey player. Bill loved entertaining on his barge, hosting rides up and down the river and over to Stag Island. Growing up Bill worked on the family farm and in his later years enjoyed gardening. As a former athlete he had a passion for watching sports. His love of dancing was ever-present when attending any event with a dance floor. His unmistakable laugh and his gift of "BS ing" will be missed by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his children, Sonja (Greg) Furtah, Bill (Diane) Schunk, Starr Schunk (Greg Ashman) and Toni Schunk; grandchildren, Jeramie (Tai) Mason, Julie (Michael) Joy, Olivia Myers, Jasmine Koss, Allison Schunk (Brent King), Billy Schunk, and Alexa Fahner; great grandchildren, Bin Bin, Remington, Mason, Reecilyn, Claire and Mallory and many nieces and nephews, who called him "Uncle Billy".

Bill is predeceased by his siblings, Velda (Bill) Cleland, Phyllis (Bob) Behringer, Ken (Delores) Schunk and Lois (Rolland) Eisen and a son, Norman Amrich.

Funeral services will be held Monday, March 16th at 11:00 a.m. at Young Funeral Home, China Twp. Interment will be in Hillside Cemetery, St. Clair. Visitation will be Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. Military honors will be conducted by the St. Clair County Allied Veterans.



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Serving as pallbearers are Bill Schunk, Billy Schunk, Greg Furtah, Greg Ashman, Michael Joy and Jeramie Mason. Honorary pallbearers are Dave Landon, Denny Robbins, Butch Guildenstein, Mike Field, Gary Reichle, Jules Bougenoy and Dave Ruff.

Memorials may be made to Blue Water Hospice or American Legion Post #382, St. Clair. To leave a message of comfort visit <https://www.youngcolonial.com>



# Events

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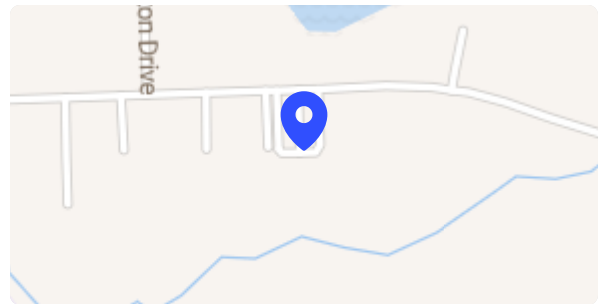
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## Visitation

**Sunday**, March 15, 2026

2:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET

**Young Colonial Chapel Funeral Home, Inc.**  
4061 Saint Clair Hwy, East China MI 48054

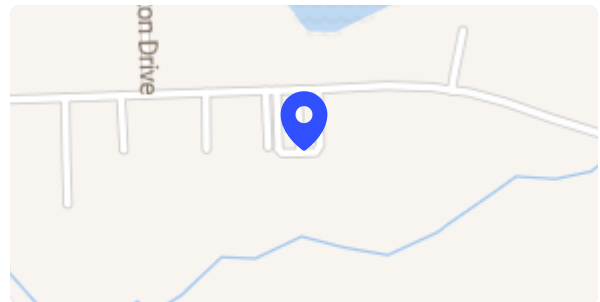


## Service

**Monday**, March 16, 2026

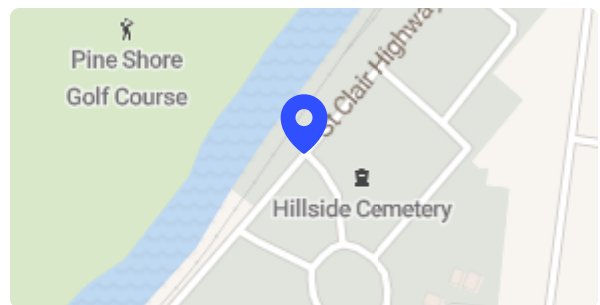
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## Cemetery Details

**Hillside Cemetery**  
1355 St. Clair Hwy., St. Clair MI 48054





## Tribute Wall

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**Nancy Boomer** posted:

Sonja, our hearts go out to you and your family. Bill was a man who truly loved life and lived it to the fullest. Will always remember his laugh and him circling the dance floor like a man on a mission. He will be missed by many. Ken and Nancy Boomer

March 16 at 9:35 AM



**Debra Redden** posted:

Sonja, Whenever your dad walked into the salon he immediately lit up the place with his contagious laugh and jokes! May God give you peace in the days ahead, knowing your dad had a life well lived. Prayers to you and your family. Deb Redden

March 16 at 6:42 AM



**Amberly Garrison** posted:

I will never forget that laugh. Also him trying to make me dance with him! I tried my hardest but that man's agility on the dance floor was truly chaotic art. That prankster holds some of the best of my childhood's memories. He lived the best life. He left nothing on the table. He's going to an absolute menace up there in the best way.

March 15 at 11:58 PM



**Joan F.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

March 15 at 9:34 AM



**Terri S.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

March 14 at 6:25 PM





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**Don Stefforia** lit a candle in honor of William.

What a fun loving man and friend to soooo many. FuLL of jokes and laughs .....he will truly missed by many. My own father's great buddy that's for sure (Art Reichle and Butch Bassett- im sure greeted him in heaven) Sonja did such a great job looking over her pops.....She is truly a blessing.Love Donna Reichle Stefforia And Michelle Eckerty

March 14 at 12:08 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Schunk family.

March 14 at 11:33 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Schunk family.

March 14 at 11:14 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

March 14 at 11:14 AM



**Mary Guldenstein** lit a candle in honor of William.

March 14 at 10:05 AM





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**Mary Guldenstein** posted:

Memories, so many, but one really stands out for me. Anyone that knew Bill has seen him dance at least once. Well, I had the pleasure of dancing with him once, and only once! I don't recall where this was, probably one of many parties he had. Anyway, he asked me to dance, after seeing how he moved on the dance floor I politely declined, haha. He took me by the arm and before I could resist, I was on the dance floor. Around and around I went from one end of the floor to the other and back again and I don't think that my feet ever touched the floor! He certainly was a very strong and powerful man on and off the dance floor! That's just one of many memories. Bill was a life long friend that will be terrible missed Rest in peace my friend. I'm sure you're dancing your heart away with the angels.

March 14 at 10:03 AM



**Rick Tebeau** posted:

We are truly saddened to hear about Billy's passing. I never knew anyone who had so much fun in life as Billy did, to call Billy a character would be an understatement. I can't count the amount of laughs we shared throughout our lives, riding up and down big river on the only barge with palm trees and of course an outhouse or just sharing laughs at coney island, not to forget the gorilla suit. I knew Billy almost my whole life and certainly will remember him for the rest of my life. God Bless you Billy, you will be greatly missed by all! Rick and Mary Tebeau

March 14 at 9:36 AM



**Love, Janeen Neumann** sent a Serene Retreat to the Schunk family.



March 13 at 10:26 PM



**Don Hazelton & Sherryl Bassett** sent a Crystal Cross Bouquet to the Schunk family.



March 13 at 10:18 PM



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March 13 at 9:54 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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