



William Wallace Bullard

February 23, 1939 - February 3, 2022

William Wallace "Wally" Bullard, 82, of Charlotte, a man of kindness and humility, passed away peacefully on the morning of Thursday, February 3, 2022. Wally was born February 23, 1939 in Wayne, MI, the son of Arthur Martin and Eula (Burger) Bullard. He grew up in Canton, MI, and graduated from Plymouth High School in 1957. Wally briefly attended Eastern Michigan University before he was drafted into the U.S. Army and stationed in Korea. Upon his return from the service, he attended Wayne State University and earned a bachelor degree in Anthropology and Sociology. On November 4, 1966, Wally married the love of his life, Kathryn Elizabeth Campbell, and the two started their family. Wally served as a probation officer for Wayne and Oakland Counties.

Following retirement, he and Kathy moved to Las Vegas, where Wally competed in the World Series of Poker. While in Nevada, Wally even served as a delegate to the 2008 State Democratic Presidential Caucus. They returned to Michigan and settled in Charlotte, to be near their son, Wally, and their grandchildren. Wally continued his love of poker, as well as golf, playing in multiple leagues at Centennial Acres until his health restrained him. He loved the music of Hank Williams and Jimmy Rogers, and was extremely well-read and knowledgeable of history. All who met and knew Wally loved him, and he lived a life devoted to his family.

Wally is survived by his wife of 55 years, Kathy; son, Wally (Melanie Anderson) Bullard; and grandsons, Stanley Bullard and Adrian Stadler. He was predeceased by his parents.

Friends are encouraged to support Wally's family by sharing memories on his Tribute Page at www.prayfuneral.com. Private interment will take place at Center Eaton Cemetery followed by an online memorial event that is being planned. Details are forthcoming. Friends are encouraged to go out to lunch in memory of Wally, or if memorial contributions are desired, Salvation Army is suggested. The family is in the care of Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

Tribute Wall

EC

“ *Sending our condolences from the staff at ECHRS*

ECHRS - February 08, 2022 at 08:43 AM

FB

“ *From Don and Teri Bullock purchased the Peaceful Reflections Garden Chime "Memories" for the family of William Wallace Bullard.*



From Don and Teri Bullock - February 07, 2022 at 04:13 PM

DB

“ *I met Wally and Kathy when they moved into the condominium development. When I walked my dog, Wally would pet and fuss over. Soon he rescued a dog for him and Kathy. The two dogs and Wally, and I became good friends. The dog walking activity became the forum for many a pleasant and informative discussion on history, politics, and the books we had read. I was amazed at his profound knowledge of many and diverse topics. Our discussions were cordial, and the disagreements were never vociferous or argumentative. He was calm and pleasant. Wally could find humor in any topic. Every time I see someone walk their dog by the condo, I shall remember our discussions and his kind and affable manner. Knowing him made me a better person. I shall miss him.*

Don and Teri Bullock

Don and Teri Bullock - February 07, 2022 at 03:59 PM

DW

“ Wally was kind, loving, and smart. He had a great sense of humor, and was always upbeat and supportive of those around him. A great friend for fifty some years. Not many like him -- my family and I will miss you, Wally. You're the best of the best.

Dian Wilkins - February 05, 2022 at 06:51 PM

LH

“ Wally and I worked together as Recorders Court Probation Officers 1972-1978 then I left to join the "Feds.". He was a generous gentleman, He transported us (James Ingles, and Wally's cousin) to the Indianapolis 500 using his van. He could and did keep secrets, was instrumental in assisting individuals with their sobriety. He never harmed another, did not gossip. In sum, this man was an example of a good wholesome individual.
Lynn Von Hatten.

Lynn von Hatten - February 05, 2022 at 06:51 AM

WB

Hi Lynn, thanks for reaching out. Within the last couple years my dad had tried to find you on social media. He thought the world of you and Jim Ingles. I actually found the picture of you, Jim my dad and my uncle Sam at the 1975 Indianapolis 500, it's fantastic. I'd love to share it with you.
Take Care,
Wally

Wally Bullard - March 04, 2022 at 01:31 PM

BR

“ I was the ring bearer at Wally and Cathy’s wedding, I was 4 or 5 years old and I stepped on Cathy’s dress train. They gave me a bracelet with my name inscribed on it which I still have. They used to babysit me and my brother Bob, they took us to the natural history museum and I remember visiting their friend who collected snakes which we thought was really cool. We loved to visit them and see little Wally, it was always a circus when all us kids got together , I feel very sad, especially for my cousin Cathy, in my minds eye I can still see them both as young hippies driving around in their Volkswagen Beetle, I will miss Wally, may he Rest In Peace, he was a great guy.

Bill Rotay - February 05, 2022 at 01:09 AM

SB

“ We called him Uncle Wally. He was my mothers favorite cousin. My sister and I were flower girls in Wally and Kathy’s wedding and we always loved them completely. Wally was the kindest most compassionate human being I’ve ever met. He also had the greatest sense of humor and the most infectious laugh ever. Our family will miss him deeply. I feel so incredibly lucky to have known and loved him.

Sandy Birch

Sandy Birch - February 04, 2022 at 03:35 PM

SB

“ I always called him “Uncle Wally”- even though technically he was my mom’s cousin. I will forever remember him as one of the kindest human beings I’ve ever known. My sister and I were flower girls for his wedding (“Aunt Kathy” - his perfect match!) Through the years he never missed a special occasion- even traveling down to my daughter Jordan’s wedding in 2019 which surprised us all. He was an angel on earth and my thought are with his family and all of those he touched here on earth. ❤️

Susie Boeve

Susie Boeve - February 04, 2022 at 03:34 PM

HV

“ I had the privilege to play golf with Wally in both the Senior Monday league and the Wednesday Emanuel league at Centennial acres. It was always a joy to play with him and listen to his endless banter. I always looked forward to the weeks we were scheduled to play with Wally. We will miss him. He was a joy to be around.

Howard Vogt

Howard Vogt - February 04, 2022 at 11:04 AM