



William Willard Cox

September 4, 1936 - November 23, 2016

William (Bill) W. Cox, 80, of Vermontville, MI, peacefully passed away on November 23, 2016 in Bradenton, FL with his loving wife, family and friends by his side. Bill was born in Hastings on September 4, 1936.

In 1957, he married Betty Louise Sult, and after her passing, he married Virginia Jean Furlong in 1977. Bill attended Garret Theological Seminary, and Northwestern University in Evanston, IL before becoming ordained at Adrian United Methodist Church in 1968. He served as a Lay Pastor in Nashville, Ashley, and Bannister, MI. He worked in area shops in and around Hastings; such as, EW Bliss, Barry County Road Commission and Whites in Middleville. He then traveled to Houston, TX to work at Brown Oil Tools.

Bill served in the Michigan National Guard for 4 years, Army Reserves, for 5 years, and did 6 months of active duty at Fort Riley in Kansas, and Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. Bill loved buying and selling when it comes to yard sales, as well as hunting, fishing and camping. He rebuilt campers, trailers, bikes and anything else into a "redneck" style. He enjoyed traveling and attending tractor shows. His favorite pastime was to sit by the morning campfire.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Virginia, and 8 step-children.

A Celebration of Life will take place at a later date. Friends and family are encouraged to share remembrances and condolences online in Bill's Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com