



William Porter Ireland

July 22, 1933 - September 20, 2013

William Porter Ireland, 80, of Charlotte, died Friday, September 20, 2013. He was born in Eaton Rapids, MI, the son of Edd and Ruth (Bateman) Ireland. He grew up on a family farm in Kalkaska before his family moved to Mason, MI, where he graduated high school. Bill served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict before returning home to work 37 years as a researcher for the Department of Transportation. Bill always loved music, playing the trombone in the VFW band in his early years and singing up until just a few years ago. He met his wife, Deanna, in the choir at the South Lansing Church of Christ. The two married 1979 and moved back to Charlotte in 1989. Bill was a faithful member of the Charlotte Church of Christ, and a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Deanna; daughters, Cheryl (Rodney) Monroe and Shari Uddin of Colorado; son, Tom Hertzfeld; grandchildren, Joshua and Dana Hertzfeld; brother, Jim (Claudia) Ireland; sister, Barbara Ireland; and sister-in-law, Joanne Ireland. He was predeceased by his brother, Eddie Ireland and son, William Patrick. Private family services will be held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Mason. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.prayfuneral.com.

Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Deanna, sorry to hear about Bill. Keeping you in my prayers.*

Joyce Owens - September 23, 2013 at 08:10 PM

SS

“ *Cheryl: I am sorry for your loss, you and your family are in my thoughts and prayer. Sally*

Sally Starkweather - September 23, 2013 at 02:08 PM

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“ *Our hearts go out to all of Bill's family.*

Ferris Family of Potterville - September 23, 2013 at 12:25 PM

DB

“ *Deanna and family, I am so sorry for your loss. He has suffered a long hard battle along with those who cared for him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. Love you Lots Bob and Dottie Bennett (Baldwin, Mich)*

Dorothy Bennett - September 23, 2013 at 09:08 AM

GE

“ *Deanna, so sorry to see that Bill has passed away. Gene*

Gene - September 22, 2013 at 10:25 PM