



## H. William Van Deusen

January 23, 1925 - October 26, 2012

VAN DEUSEN (Howard) William (Howard) William Van Deusen, age 87, passed away October 26th at Heartland Hospice in Perrysburg, Ohio. William was born January 23, 1925 in Painesville, Ohio, to Howard and Grace (Oldrieve) Van Deusen. Bill had been confined to a wheelchair after suffering a stroke in December of 2006. While at Heartland of Perrysburg, Perrysburg, Ohio, he fell and broke his hip which required surgery. He contracted pneumonia, which left his body unable to recover. Bill graduated from Mentor High School in 1943. He served in the U.S. Navy as a radio operator, stationed in Guam. He returned from WW II and married his high school sweetheart, Marjorie Jayne, on July 10, 1948. After playing football at Case Institute of Technology for one year, Bill attended Albion College, where he also played football. He received his Bachelor of Arts Degree, with a minor in Education in 1952. While pursuing his Masters, he was a Graduate Assistant. He also helped being an assistant football coach, as well as head swimming and baseball coach. He was affiliated with Sigma Nu Fraternity. Returning to Painesville, Ohio in 1954, Bill was appointed head football coach at Riverside High School. He later transferred to the Wickliffe school system. While there he was a teacher, coach, and later the high school principal. Bill started working for Jostens in 1965. He transferred to Toledo in 1968. It became a family run business for over 30 years, making so many friendships along the way. Bill was such a fun-loving individual. He enjoyed vacationing with family and friends on Ft. Meyers Beach, Fl. and Traverse City, MI. He sure loved

entertaining a crowd. Bill was best known for his meatballs and spaghetti dinners or grilling a huge 6" thick steak on the grill. Each fall, whether it be at Hueston Woods (Miami University) or tailgating at UM, he would provide chili and hot dogs. For years he would host a Run for the Roses Derby Party, leading the crowd to sing "My Old Kentucky Home". Bill liked being outdoors. There were several fishing trips and snowmobile rides. At home he enjoyed gardening ???" trying for the best tomato or perfect rose. Though he loved and raised St. Bernard's years before, he was content providing treats for the neighbors dogs and having Dugan (stuffed puppy) at his side. Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 64 years, "Pudge", son Tom (Nancee), granddaughters, Brittany (Scott) Hauptman, and Kerri Van Deusen. His great grandchildren Tanner and Ryan Hauptman will also miss their "Bubba". He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and good friends. Services will be private. A celebration of Bill's life will be announced at a later date. Memorial contributions in William's name may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. To leave a special message for the Van Deusen family, please visit online at [www.ansberg-west.com](http://www.ansberg-west.com).

# Tribute Wall

RR

“ *Van Deusen Family I graduated from Wickliffe High School in 1964. After graduating, I stopped in an saw Mr Van Deusen occasionally and once he gave me two tickets to The Ohio State Univeristy football game. He was an outstanding teacher, vice principal and a significant influence on my life. My deepest sympathy! Ronald W. Miller, Lt Col, USAF (Ret)*

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**Ron Miller - RonOhioFan@aol.com RonOhioFan@aol.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ *Thinking of you at this time of your loss, but remembering all the wonderful times we had over the years.*

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**Posie Traver - gatraver@gmail.com gatraver@gmail.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ *Sorry to hear of your loss, Pudge, but had a feeling it was forthcoming. Know you have both had a long and difficult time of saying goodbye, but hope that all your great memories stay with you and that you find peace. I sent a note to Myrt Jonasen, as she always cared for you so much; however, her daughter say she doesn't always remember from moment to moment; so sad!*  
*Lorraine*

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**Lorraine Shook** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ For over 25 years Bill and his family were our next door neighbor... "What a loss!" Our deepest condolences to the family. We will never forget his good nature. Jim & Donna Flynn

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**Jim & Donna Flynn - jamesflynn@bex.net jamesflynn@bex.net** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LV

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. May the promise from Jehovah God at Revelation 21:4 bring you encouragement and hope during this difficult time. "And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes, and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away."

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**Lacey Greenler - veronica-ivy@hotmail.com veronica-ivy@hotmail.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

NW

“ Pudge, Tom, Nancee, Britt and family, Kerri We were so sorry to receive the call about Bill passing. You have all been in our thoughts and prayers. We will keep the fond memories of Bill in our hearts. Our families lives have been intermingled for years..from our years with Jostens; get togethers here in Traverse City, Toledo and Florida, too. We have kept Bernie and Avis informed, as they go back as friends for so many years. With love and friendship...all of the Wilson's

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**Nancy and Lyle Wilson** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ Tom, So very sorry to hear about your Fathers death. He was a really wonderful man, and I remember how he was loved and appreciated by everyone who knew Him. May God Bless You, Nancee and your Family. Sincerely, John Kirk

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**John Kirk** - [jekirk@financialguide.com](mailto:jekirk@financialguide.com) [jekirk@financialguide.com](mailto:jekirk@financialguide.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Tom and Nancee I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was always up for a good time and alot of fun to be around. The hunting trips to Traverse City will be something I will never forget. Our thoughts an prayers are you and your family. Chris and Marti Fischer

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**Chris Fischer** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

KR

“ Dear Grandma VanDeusen, Tom, Nance, Kerri, Britt, Tanner, and Ryan, What a wonderful tribute to Grandpa VanDeusen! I enjoyed reading it and recall so many of those memories of him! There were always so many laughs when we were with him. We are thinking of you guys during this time and hope that your happy memories of Grandpa VanDeusen will warm your heart and make you smile. Much love to all of you! XOXO Kristen

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**Kristen** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ Dear Aunt Pudge, Tom, Nancee, and Family, The rare occasions when we saw Uncle Bill and all of you over the years were such a treat for the Petitt kids, and always full of laughs. My mom (Kay) had sweet childhood stories that she shared, and we always knew how much she adored her big brother. I can just imagine Char, Kay and Bill together now and it softens the sadness I feel from his passing. We send love and comfort to all of you as we remember our fun loving, warm hearted, beloved Uncle Bill. Peace be with you, Laura, Chris and kids

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**Laura Petitt Kelsch** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Hi Tom, Please accept my condolences on your father's passing. I hope that everything is as good as it can be in your family - given the circumstances. All of my best to you and your family. Sincerely - John Hills

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**John Hills** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ Hi Tom & Nancy, So sorry to hear about the loss of your father. He was a great example to everyone he came in contact with in his life. His spirit and inspiration will continue to live through everyone in your family. I am glad to have had the opportunity to meet your father. God bless you both and the entire Van Duesen family.

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**Mike Beerman** - [mike.beerman@jostens.com](mailto:mike.beerman@jostens.com) [mike.beerman@jostens.com](mailto:mike.beerman@jostens.com) - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TN

“ So sorry to read of your loss. May memories and knowing that he is now pain free help you find peace. May perpetual light shine on him. Barb

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**Tom and Nancee** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ I will miss my Uncle Bill very much. He had a long, hard fight these last few years, and I believe he's now in a peaceful, pain-free place. I am lucky to have great memories of him as far back as I can remember. I know he's found my parents, Justine and Ben - along with Aunt Barb and Uncle Bob, among many others. My love and condolences to Aunt Pudge, Deusie, Nancee, Brittany, and Kerri.  
Love, Jaynie

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**Jaynie LongbonsThompson - jaynethompson2@aol.com**  
jaynethompson2@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ You will missed, we loved and respected you for your humor and positive outlook on life. I,will always remember you as a teacher in Wickliffe and how much fun you were. The Good Lord now has you and will take away all the pain. You will now have fun all over again. God Bless your family in this time of sorrow. You will be missed. Pat and Judy Gucciardo q j

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**Pat and Judy Gucciardo - patgucciardosr@yahoo.com**  
patgucciardosr@yahoo.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Pudge, Tom, Nancee and Family, It was with great sorrow that we heard of bill's passing. What a great, fun loving guy he was. His robust laugh and his infectious sense of humor was enjoyed by all who knew him. The OASSA conferences in Columbus, the football get togethers for the Miami-BG or Miami-UT games and especially the surprise birthday trip to New Reigel will always bring back memories. Marcia and I send our sincere condolences at this difficult time. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Larry and Marcia Morrison

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**Larry Morrison - llmcomm@bex.net llmcomm@bex.net** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I often think of the many fun volleyball parties at your house. He was a great person to work with--especially as my first teaching job -- he was a real help.Hello to Pudge, and any of the other volleyball players. Charlie and I are still living in Chardon, Ohio.

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**mary brown** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ "Pudge" and Tom and Family - Reading Bill's obit brought back a flood of Start High School memories and the great association we had with Bill and Tom over the years. He always had a smile and often a story, and was great to work with on fundraising adventures. I appreciated his knowledge and friendship as a young administrator in those days. He made my job easier and the programs were always a great success. My thoughts are with you in the challenges you have gone through and his passing. Love and peace, Rick St. John

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**Dr. Richard St John - rstjohn@bex.net rstjohn@bex.net** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BP

“ I was so sad to hear this news. My condolences to Aunt Pudge and the rest of the family.

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**Barbara Petitt** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Pudge and Tom: As I watch another Redskin (aka Redhawk) game this afternoon, I fondly remember that it was Bill VanDeusen who introduced my parents and then me to Miami. The football weekends were something that my friends looked forward to as there was always good food, entertainment and laughter. And Bill could always be counted on to yell their favorite chant (which I won't repeat here but you know what it is). I suspect that Bill and my dad are already working on a game of charades with John and Dorothy Waltzer and anyone else they can find who wants to have some fun. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Debby*

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**Debby Schaefer** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TT

“ To the Van Deusen Family: All the remaining Waltzer family sends our thoughts, prayers, and condolences to you but this terrific guy I know is having another great party upstairs with the all those who left before him. John, Dorothy, and Billy "Mr. Wonderful" are there and again enjoying his infectious positive spirit and laughter. You will be hearing this often but Bill touched my heart and spirit as a young Educator and helped me to truly enjoy my profession and see the positives in working with young people. Fondest memories remain of my first and only National Principals Conf. in San Francisco in which Judy and I were so kindly accepted and enjoyed our stay with Bill and his beautiful bride Pudge. The day that Pudge and I played Pebble Beach and my bride Judy rode along was a piece of Heaven on Earth. And all the trips to Oxford, Ohio "Redskin" country to see Tom play football for Miami with the Geises, Calabreses, Van Duesens and my parents warms my heart again. What and Wonderful man and his wonderful family. You will always be a special part of my Life. Like the Shawnee, Miami, and Sioux Tribes say, Hokayae, wich means come on and follow me, Bill was a wonderful human being and it was an Honor to follow him through my 30 years as a Teacher, Coach, and Principal. God Bless Bill and his Family. Tim Waltzer

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Tim Waltzer& Family - timwaltzer@yahoo.com timwaltzer@yahoo.com -  
February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Tom, I'm sorry to hear about the death of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Rich

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Rich Jesko - RAJesko@bex.net RAJesko@bex.net - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DI

“ Dear Tom ,Nancee, and Pudge, so sorry to hear of the passing of a great man and friend. Seem like only yesterday I met Bill in the Summer Sales Meeting in Atlanta. He was one of my favorite Ohio Buddies. We all miss him coming to TC for the summerfun. Hope to see you all again some day. Bernie will be taking this real hard too.Dick Taylor

dick taylor - imringking@aol.com imringking@aol.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JK

“ Tom & Family What a great guy. I will always remember him coming to Northview High School. Lots of laughs. When I see anything regarding Jostens I think of the two of you. My best to you and your family.

Joanne Ehrsam - kehram@buckeye-express.com kehram@buckeye-express.com - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JL

“ When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure. Our sympathy to you all Tom, Nancee, Britt & Kerri. We will keep you in our thoughts and prayers. He was a very kind and generous man who raised a fine family. God bless! Jan & Jay Lehman

Jan Lehman - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ Pudge and Tom: So sorry about Bill and wish you the best during this difficult time. We remember Bill and his roses, and him driving a golf cart from #2 at TCC to your old home on Burroughs. Most of all, we remember him laughing all the time, whether it be at the Burnley Wood picnic or one of Salsberry's jokes. Peace to your family.

Jeff and Raeanne Hohl - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Tom and family, my condolences, Bill was such a great individual. I enjoyed my time talking to him when he visited my school or while at the fall conferences in Columbus. He was always looking out for everyone making sure that we were having a good time. He will be missed.

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**Ray Russell - Rrussell1953@gmail.com Rrussell1953@gmail.com** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ What a gem of a human being he was! I will always remember my Uncle Bill's big warm smile and fun spirit. Sending condolences, love and hugs to Pudge and my Van Deusen cousins.

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**Jean (Petitt) Gennaro** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AP

“ Bill was a great brother-in-law, a favorite of his sister Kay. We had great times together - pool parties and clambakes on the Lake Erie Shores of Mentor, Willoughby & Fairport. Great memories with a great guy. My prayers and condolence to Pudge, Tom and grandchildren.

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**Al Petitt** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ A great man who lead a great life, leaving so many wonderful memories and stories that will live on forever.

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**a loving nephew** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

VK

“ Hi VanDeusen family, So sorry to hear about the passing of a great guy and friend to all. Will always remember our great Ohio sales meetings. He was a fun and inspirational guy. He was good for the young guns and a joy to be with. My prayers and thoughts go out to you, the family, at this sorrowful time. Regards, Vern

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**Vern Krier** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RT

“ Tom, Nancee, Sorry to hear about your Dad. God Bless and take care..!!!!!!!!! roscoe tanner

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**roscoe tanner** - February 01, 2018 at 12:00 AM