



William J. "Bill" Aschbacher

August 26, 1940 - March 31, 2017

William J. "Bill" Aschbacher, age 76 of Highland, IL, died Friday, March 31, 2017, at Faith Countryside Homes/Faith Care Center in Highland, IL.

He was born on Monday, August 26, 1940, in East Saint Louis, IL, the son of John and Helen (nee Weidner) Aschbacher.

On Saturday, August 01, 1959, he married Rosalie A. Aschbacher nee Dillon at St. Joseph Catholic Church, E. St. Louis, IL, who survives.

He was a member of Saint Paul Catholic Church, Highland, IL; Highland Lion's Club; Highland Jaycees; Honorary Member Knights of Columbus-Council 1580, Highland; Board of Directors for Faith Countryside Homes; Kirchenfest Chairman in 1977.

Bill was born in East St. Louis, IL, graduate of Assumption High School in 1958. He moved to Highland in 1959. He attended Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, earned a degree in Business Administration. He worked at Alton Box Board Company; continued at Jefferson Smurfit & Smurfit Stone, retiring in 1998 as a salesman. He worked part-time at Trow Nutrition for several years. He enjoyed playing golf with friends. He enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bill sang bass in St. Paul Adult Choir for many, many year. He was a driver for Meals on Wheels for over 5 years and a member of

the Highland Country Club.

Survivors include:

Wife - Rosalie A. Aschbacher , Highland, IL

Son - Terrence M. (Denise) Aschbacher, Houston, TX

Daughter - Susan M. (Randy) Beckemeyer, Highland, IL

Daughter - Shari L. (Steve) Martz, Medina, OH

Grandchild - Eric M. VonBokel, Breese, IL

Grandchild - Nick E. Gregory III, Pocahontas, IL

Grandchild - Stephanie E. Aschbacher, Fort Worth, TX

Grandchild - Lauren C. Aschbacher, Houston, TX

Grandchild - Colby R. (Mary Jo) Beckemeyer, Pocahontas, IL

Grandchild - Chelsea N. Beckemeyer, Nashville, IL

Great Grandchild - Taya

Great Grandchild - Emerie

Great Grandchild - Reese

Great Grandchild - Adeline

Great Grandchild - Dalton.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - John R. Aschbacher, died 6/30/1981

Mother - Helen M. Aschbacher, nee Weidner, died 10/5/1994.

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Visitation will be held from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Monday, April 03, 2017, and from 8:00 AM to 8:45 AM on Tuesday, April 04, 2017, at Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Funeral Mass will be at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, April 04, 2017, at Saint Paul

Catholic Church in Highland, IL., with Rev. Father Pat G. Jakel, Pastor, officiating.

Interment will be at Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Highland, IL.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul School Educational Foundation; Highland Area Community Foundation or Louis Latzer Memorial Public Library.

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 3. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - Highland
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P.O. Box 187
Highland, IL 62249
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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.



April 03, 2017 at 12:34 PM



“ The last of the two footed first base man! Circa 1990, I was watching a church choir friend of mine playing 1st base softball at the VFW in the over 40 league. I was very impressed that he was so fluid and smooth with his movements at first base. I complimented Bill on his abilities and said, " I didn't think there were any two footed first basemen around anymore." Most people don't know what that means, but he did! In the older days of baseball it was very important to keep you body in front of the ball in case one's muffin of a mitt would not catch the ball. Bill would putt both heels against first base waiting to see what side of his body would receive the ball. If it was thrown to his right, he would put his left foot on first and receive the ball to his right but fully in front of the ball. IF the fielder threw the ball to his left side, he would put his right foot on the bag, catching the ball - keeping it fully in front of him. Just a little known fact in the life of a wonderful man! Musically, Bill was rather humble. He had perfect pitch as a base. I always enjoyed singing tenor next to him, because he was so easy to harmonize with. Toward the end of the movie "Titanic", the musicians' played their last string session -- stood up and I say "Bill it has been an honor and a privilege".

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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



April 03, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



April 03, 2017 at 10:20 AM



“ *The Endless Sky Spray was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



April 03, 2017 at 09:05 AM



“ *Greg and Cindy Reinhardt purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



Greg and Cindy Reinhardt - April 03, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



April 02, 2017 at 07:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



April 02, 2017 at 03:08 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Aschbacher.*



April 02, 2017 at 09:09 AM