



William Edward Wanemaker

July 14, 1936 - March 17, 2023

William "Bill" Edward Wanemaker, 86, of Mooresville NC passed away on March 17, 2023.

He is survived by his wife, Shirley Wanemaker (nee Dietl), daughter, Maryann Rizzo (nee Wanemaker), grandson, Dan Rizzo (Anamaria) and brother-in-law, Joseph Dietl (Linda). He is preceded in death by his daughter, Diane Wanemaker, brothers, Frank (Joyce) and Joseph (Christine) Wanemaker, and parents, Frank and Matilda Wanemaker.

Bill was born on July 14, 1936, in Buffalo NY. Bill was a devoted husband and father. He was married to his sweetheart and best friend Shirley for 65 years and adored his daughters Maryann and Diane and grandson Dan. During his 32 year career as a welder for American Axle, he also enjoyed working on cars doing collision work, custom paint, and restorations. He was "Mr. Fix It" to anyone who knew him. Bill loved to go fishing, watch auto racing, and drive his John Deere tractor. Once he retired from American Axle in 1997, he and Shirley moved from Buffalo to North Carolina to build and create their dream home, yard, and gardens which became his pride and joy. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who knew him.

Please note that no services will be held as Bill specifically requested.

Cavin-Cook Funeral Home and Crematory, Mooresville, is serving the Wanemaker family.

Condolences may be made to the family at www.cavin-cook.com.

Cemetery Details

Cavin-Cook FH & Crematory

494 E. Plaza Drive
Mooresville, NC 28115

Tribute Wall

SS

“ I’m deeply sorry for the loss of your husband, father, grandfather, brother-in-law and friend. The photos portray a beautiful life and I pray you find peace and comfort in these cherished memories and so many more. Love, Sandi

Sandi Spector - April 15, 2023 at 04:26 PM

LS

“ Shirley, Maryann, Dan, I am so sorry for your huge loss. Bill was a wonderful man. I loved hearing his stories of vacations in Canada, of life in Buffalo on Lake Erie, of work and family and friends! He could really tell a story!! He was a good friend and neighbor. I'll never forget how he and Shirley took care of me and my children when I broke my wrist. One phone call and he was there - taking me to the ER. Best neighbors ever! He is missed.
Lynda Santoni

Lynda Santoni - March 25, 2023 at 08:29 AM

JO

“ I share many many memories with my cousin Shirley from little kids to maid of honor at your wedding. shirley you had a good man. My many prayers to your family. Sincerely Joan

Joan orock - March 23, 2023 at 09:45 PM

JD

“ Jared and Mitchell Dietl purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of William Edward
Wanemaker.



Jared and Mitchell Dietl - March 23, 2023 at 02:43 PM

BK

“ Keeping you all in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Many wonderful memories remain ! Our deepest sympathy to the family.

Barb Karnyski - March 22, 2023 at 07:52 PM

MA

“ My dad is my rock. He taught me so many things throughout his life. Two major themes were work hard and be nice. He had a special gift to help me through fixing anything from lawnmowers to cars and life's disappointments to broken hearts. Once I talked to him about it, he convinced me everything would be okay. If you knew him, you know exactly what I am saying.

Maryann - March 21, 2023 at 09:18 AM

JM

Maryann, Dan , Anamaria , Mrs Wanamaker , So sorry for your loss. I know your Dad ment so much to you we are praying that the lord will comfort your family .

Joshua Mancini - March 21, 2023 at 02:40 PM

DM

My heart goes out to you and your family. Such a loss. Know that you are in my prayers as you navigate through this difficult time.

Donna Meyer - March 22, 2023 at 11:18 AM

CR

When I looked at all the beautiful pictures of your dad, husband and granddad, I thought what wonderful memories you all have of him. He had a full life with his family and you will all carry those memories in your hearts forever. Love to all of you. Chris Ryan

Chris Ryan - March 22, 2023 at 02:24 PM

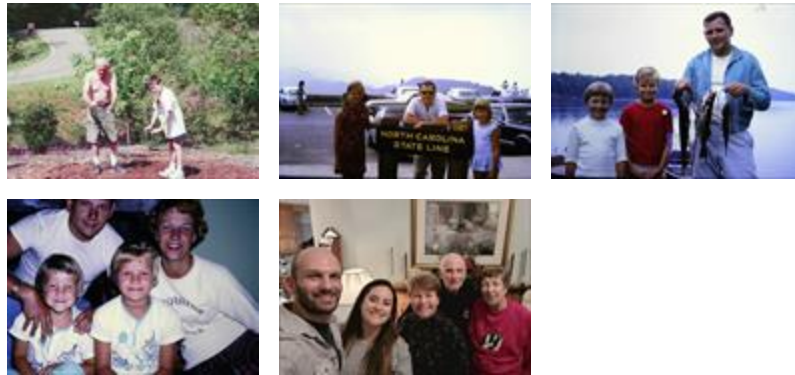
BS

Maryann & Shirley, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill was a great man & taught me so much. Some of my fondest memories were of spending time with him. He was more than a friend and I'm a better person for knowing him. He will be truly missed. RIP Bill.

Brian Schuhmann - March 22, 2023 at 07:23 PM

MA

“ 21 files added to the album *Grandpa Bill*



Maryann - March 21, 2023 at 08:49 AM

KF

Sorry to here about Uncle Bill. Never got to fish with him, but he can fish the day away. He was a good friend to us at JAR Trophies. prayers are with you all

Kurt Friedrich - March 23, 2023 at 09:17 AM