



Arthur William Hortenbach

January 13, 1947 - April 7, 2024

Arthur William (Bill) Hortenbach, age 77, of Alexandria, Minnesota, passed on April 7, 2024. Proud grandfather and great friend who enjoyed fishing, golf, concerts at outdoor parks, and baseball. He is survived by many who will miss him dearly. An intimate graveside service at Lakewood Cemetery for close family and friends will be held on Friday, April 12 at 11am. To honor Bill's memory, we are holding a celebration of his life on Friday, April 12th from 12:30p-4:00p at Parkers Lake Building in Plymouth (15205 County Road 6). We invite all who knew him to attend and remember his wonderful life.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to either Pelican Bay at Bethany on the Lake or Alcoholics Anonymous in his honor.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **12**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Lakewood Cemetery (Minneapolis)
3600 Hennepin Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55408

Tribute Wall

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“ Dear family and friends of Bill,

Please accept my deepest condolences on the passing of Arthur William (Bill) Hortenbach. I recently learned of his passing and wanted to reach out to pay my respects.

I am writing to you from the Netherlands. For some time now, I have been deeply involved in genealogical research regarding the Fyten-Meertens family, who emigrated from the Netherlands to the United States in the 19th century. Through my research into historical archives and census records, I discovered the remarkable and touching life story of Bill's father, Francis William Hoben/Hortenbach, and his grandparents.

According to my research, Bill's great-grandmother was Katherina (Katie) Fyten, who married Andrew Hoben. This means that your family and I share a common ancestor here in the Netherlands. I have gathered many beautiful historical documents and details about your family's early history in Minnesota (including the Hoben, Hortenbach, and Fyten lines) that I would be honored to share with you, completely without obligation.

I understand this is a time of remembrance and grief, but should Bill's children, grandchildren, or other family members ever be interested in learning more about their Dutch roots and the fascinating history of their ancestors in Minneapolis, I would be absolutely delighted to connect.

You can reach me via email at: [webmaster\(at\)evers-everts.eu](mailto:webmaster(at)evers-everts.eu)

Wishing you all much strength, comfort, and warm memories of Bill.

Warm regards,

*Jos Everts
The Netherlands*

Jos - March 18 at 04:26 AM

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“ 3 files added to the album *Bill's West High School photos*.



John Hartmann - April 13, 2024 at 10:52 PM

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“ *My condolences to Bill's family. I remember seeing him go out to fish on Mill Lake, every day he could. I loved next door. Miriam Thornquist.*

Miriam Thornquist - April 13, 2024 at 07:53 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *Bill's West High School photos*.



John Hartmann - April 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

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“ Bill and I met at West High School in South Minneapolis just over 60 years ago, and we have remained Pals ever since then. Bill was very involved in athletics at West, lettering in Football, Basketball, and Tennis. He was a natural athlete, and was also an excellent golfer, bowler, fisherman, and skier. We spent many hours together skiing (here and in Colorado), golfing, fishing and playing tennis, singles and doubles. We both started at the University of Minnesota within a year of one another, and went to countless Minnesota Gopher Hockey games together over the years. When local bands and dance venues were so popular in the early to mid-60's in the Twin Cities, Bill and I together with several other of our friends could always be found at all of the popular venues: Big Reggie's Danceland in Excelsior, Mr. Lucky's and Magoo's at Lake St. and Nicollet Ave. in Minneapolis, The Medina Ballroom, Schlieff's Little City, The Alps in Bloomington, The Mankato Ballroom, The Prom in St. Paul, and several others. Bill had a great and irrepressible sense of humor, and that together with his easy going, engaging personality and gift for conversation made him a friend to so many that met him. Bill loved music, particularly a group known as "Patchouli" that he followed and saw any time they were within 200 miles. Bill was Best Man at our wedding. My wife Carolyn (who was a friend and knew Bill well) and I extend our sincere condolences and best wishes to Bill's family and friends who will miss him. We surely will miss Bill----in the next life Pal. John and Carolyn Hartmann

John Hartmann - April 10, 2024 at 11:05 PM