



## William Butler Farrell

October 24, 1924 - November 26, 2018

Remembered with love.

Oct. 24, 1924-Nov. 26, 2018

Age 94 of Shoreview, MN. Preceded in death by wife, Orla Louise; 5 brothers and sisters. Survived by sisters, Denise Alberg and Sr. Jeremiah Farrell (Sinsinawa Dominican Order); brother-in-law, Konrad Diebold (Christian Brother FSC); children, Will, Mary (Ray), Barb (Randy), Terri, Dorothy (Tom) and Sue (Dave); 11 grandchildren; 7 & 1/3 great grandchildren; many loved nieces and nephews and cherished Godchildren. Please join us to celebrate this man's devotion to God, family and public life. He had worked for the State of Minnesota as Commissioner of Economic Development under Governor Karl Rolvaag and served three terms as the Mayor of Shoreview. He was highly sought after for his public speaking skills and also held various key positions in the private sector during his career. Bill also found time to serve with many organizations and charities and to always follow God with a willing and open heart. His love for his family will provide us with unlimited memories to sustain us. We now say goodbye to this amazing individual as he travels home to spend eternity with his one true love, Louise. Although we are saddened by your departure, we are delighted with your future. Until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand. Visitation 4-7 PM Thursday, Dec. 6th at HOLCOMB-HENRY-BOOM-PURCELL FUNERAL HOME 515 Hwy 96 W., at Mackubin, Shoreview. Mass of Christian Burial 11 AM Friday, Dec. 7th (visitation 10-11 AM) at ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST CATHOLIC

CHURCH 380 E. Little Canada Rd., Little Canada, MN. Memorials preferred to donor's choice.

# Tribute Wall

KE

“ You will always be my favorite person, besides Grandma- you're neck and neck. I hope someday my son will be the kind, smart, witty, adorable and loving man that you were. Thanks for never giving up on me eben when it was very hard to do so. Hope you and Grandma are in Peace in Heaven with each other. Love and miss you so much.

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**Kelli** - November 20, 2019 at 12:00 AM

LS

“ My aunts and uncles always seemed to be full of interesting data, and what I recall learning from Uncle Bill is this: The reason churches have such high ceilings is to the angels have a place to be as they surround us with loving compassion. I am sure some of those same angels surround Uncle Bill on his journey. Uncle Bill, blessings and thank you for being in my life.

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**Lily P. Shushan** - December 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Bill Farrell has been a mentor to me personally and professionally, and I gratefully appreciated his inspiration and excellent faith-filled example over the years. He was a pioneer in the economic development profession in Minnesota, serving as Commissioner of Business Development under both Republican and Democrat Governors, was a founding member of the Minnesota Industrial Development Association (now known as the Economic Development Association of MN ) and served as it's President. In 2005, I had the distinct pleasure of presenting the very first MN Economic Development Foundation's "Legacy Award" to Bill. The Legacy Award recognizes an individual who has demonstrated the highest standards of lifelong service, contribution and commitment to the economic development profession in MN. Bill often showed up at meetings with a newspaper in one hand and many dimes in the other to make phone calls back in the day. He enjoyed his Grain Belt Beer when we would have our annual MIDA-EDAM past presidents' luncheons at Jax Cafe in NE Minneapolis. We all appreciated his sense of humor, numerous stories and jokes. May God accept this wonderful man into heaven where Bill can continue to serve Him.

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**Jim Maciej** - November 30, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Mary, I'm so sorry to hear about your dads passing, it is a hard time to go threw it with the holidays coming up but I know you can survive,, you have a husband and family to help you with it. My thoughts are with you at this trying time.

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**Corky Polnaszek** - November 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ You were an outstanding man on so many levels and I am honored and blessed to have you as my Father, friend, confidante and lover of puns. To say I will miss you is inadequate. To know you are home at last and with Mom is long overdue and comforts me. I'll tip a beer in your direction and eagerly wait for my reunion with both of you.

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**Mary** - November 27, 2018 at 12:00 AM