



William Joseph Platzer

May 13, 1936 - January 13, 2020

William (Bill) Platzer, age 83 of New Brighton, was surrounded by his devoted and loving family as he joined the Lord on January 13, 2020. Preceded in death by his beloved wife of 60 years, Marilyn.

Bill was born May 13, 1936 in Duluth, Minnesota. He attended Proctor High School where he was active in athletics and the school newspaper. This where he met the love of his life Marilyn. They were engaged as seniors in high school. Bill enjoyed his summers in the Boundary Waters and along the GunFlint Trail.

He attended the University of Minnesota, initially following in his father's footsteps, dentistry. He obtained a double major in zoology and biology and began his sales career with Patterson Dental. He and Marilyn were married on August 17, 1957 and called Minneapolis their home. Their first born Sandra arrived in 1960. Career changes brought them to Cedar Rapids, Iowa from 1962-64, and children Joe and Susan where born in 1963 and 1964. An opportunity to return to the Twin Cities came in 1965, and they called New Brighton their home. Children Anthony and Andrea would follow in 1968 and 1972. Bill was a proud supporter of his children's activities. A member of Lake Region Hockey Association for many years, while all five children grew up on the ice. Music played an important role in his life. He attended as many of the musical concerts of his children and grandchildren as he could, as well as

enjoying his own concerts of Andrea Bocelli, James Taylor, Kenny Loggins, or David Foster hits on his deck while enjoying the sunsets.

Bill loved to be immersed in the outdoors. He was an avid hunter spending many hours in the fields of South Dakota chasing pheasants, boating across many of the Minnesota lakes fishing, and in the deep woods of Northern Minnesota pursuing upland game and searching for white tail deer. When he and Marilyn were not traveling to Arizona, or the Caribbean, he enjoyed nature and relaxation at their cabin on Maple Leaf Lake. It was his home away from home. He found such joy taking pontoon rides with Marilyn around the lake and creating amazing lifelong friendships.

Eventually commercial interiors won his heart as he won the hearts of his clients and colleagues. He started with Dayton Commercial Interiors which eventually transformed to Target Corp. Gaining many lifelong friendships from the industry and only retiring after Marilyn's Alzheimer's disease called him to be home. This is where his devotion to his wife really shined. He spent all his free time caring for her every need the best he could. Even when he was no longer able to care for her at the family home, he would spend the bulk of his time at the care center by her side, on a daily basis.

Bill was the middle of three children; preceded in death by his devoted wife of 60 years, Marilyn Platzer; brothers Harold (Sonny) and John, and parents Harold J. and Anneda Platzer. He is survived by his loving five children: Sandra Anderson (Chris), Joe Platzer (Nancee), Susan Johnson, Tony Platzer, Andrea Buckley (Brian), thirteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held at:

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

835 2nd Ave NW New Brighton, MN 55112

Monday January 27, 2020 at 5pm

Funeral mass will begin after visitation at 6pm with a dinner in the social hall to follow.

Memorials preferred, in honor of Bill Platzer, to: Northeast Youth Services at nyfs.org

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **27**. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church
835 2nd Avenue NW
New Brighton, MN 55112

Church Service

JAN **27**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

KC

“ Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family. Bill was such a great co-worker and friend at Dayton's Commercial Interiors. I enjoyed the years at deer camp with Bill and Joe they introduced me to a great hunting heritage that I have passed on to my family.

Keith Carlson - January 30, 2020 at 07:19 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Joseph Platzer.



January 27, 2020 at 08:17 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Joseph Platzer.



January 27, 2020 at 12:14 AM

RH

“ My deepest condolences. Bill was one of the good guys and always fair with a great sense of humor. God must have wanted a goalie.

Randy Hauserman - January 23, 2020 at 03:09 PM



“ *Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William Joseph Platzer.*



January 23, 2020 at 08:05 AM



“ *Your friends at MNA. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Joseph Platzer.*



Your friends at MNA. - January 22, 2020 at 05:16 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Joseph Platzer.*



January 20, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Tony,
Sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. Paul
Wiemann*

Paul Wiemann - January 20, 2020 at 01:27 AM

DS

“ Sorry to heart his news. Bill was a great manager for me. He believed in me and gave me an opportunity to better myself. Those years at Office Solutions were really enjoyable. I feel pretty safe saying that for the other teammates that passed through there as well. Dan Sampson

Dan Sampson - January 18, 2020 at 10:18 PM

JP

The family appreciates the kind words. I know he enjoyed his days at OS as well. He was proud of the people on this team and the friendships built with folks like you. Joe

Joe Platzer - January 21, 2020 at 12:05 AM