



## William A. Bruecken

January 17, 1933 - June 23, 2020

### WILLIAM A. BRUECKEN

William A. Bruecken, 87, died June 23, 2020 at his home in Laguna Woods, Ca. after a courageous battle with lymphoma. The son of Mary Magdalen and Dr. Albert Bruecken, he was born January 17, 1933 in Pittsburgh, Pa. Bill graduated from the University of Pittsburgh with an engineering degree, and later served in the US. Army as an engineer for 2 years. Bill was married to the love of his life, Donna for 49 years until her passing in 2003. The family moved from Pittsburgh to Toledo in 1971, Bill resided there until 2006. Bill was employed with Surface Combustion Div- Midland Ross Corp. for 30 years until retirement in 2001.

Bill has had a strong Catholic faith and was an active parishioner at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Toledo. In 2006 Bill moved to Laguna Woods, Ca. Bill was known for his passionate smile and contagious laughter as he was always surrounded by friends and family on his infamous porch. His love of nature including trees and his hummingbirds is just a part of what made him so special and caring.

Bill is survived by his daughter Sue Holden (Jim), sons William Jr. (Amy), Thomas (Jackie), Douglas (Teresa) and sister Claire McFadden. Grandchildren Sean (Nora), Nicholas (Audra), Shelby Calvin (Evan), Andrew (Samantha), Brandon (Tess), Heather, Hailey, Devin, and Faylyn. Great grandchildren Breckin, Greer, Landen and Summer. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Donna, son Eric, and siblings, Thomas, Albert, Robert, James, and Jean.

A Memorial visitation will held at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, August 15th from 9-11, with a Memorial service at 11. Interment will be in Resurrection Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, please make any contributions to your preferred cancer foundation. Please leave a condolence message for the family at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Resurrection Cemetery

5725 Hill Avenue

Toledo, OH, 43615

# Events

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**AUG** **Visitation** 09:00AM - 11:00AM

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Coyle Funeral Home

1770 S. Reynolds Road, Toledo, OH, US, 43614

**AUG** **Memorial** 11:00AM

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**AUG** **Graveside** 12:30PM

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# Comments

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“ Deepest condolences from the Mulberry family in Kentucky. Tom and Jackie are family to us and there’s no doubt Toms boisterous laugh, big hugs, and fun personality comes from his dad. Sounds like a great man that will be terribly missed. Casey, Megan, Donna, Ashley, and Josh.

**Casey Mulberry** - August 14, 2020 at 09:23 PM

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“ My condolences to the family. I had the privilege to work for and with Bill at Surface Combustion. He was one of my best supervisors at Surface and he was a patient and fair man with a a great laugh.

An example of his patience: In the mid seventies I am working in no-where Texas and can’t get this pressure switch to function. So I call Bill and ask him to send a new switch. He does and the new one does work either so I call Bill again and complain. So he finds the directions for the switch and tells me that I need to mount the unit upside down. Holy embarrassment it works.

Now his laugh: Bill tells me a story when he was younger and had no money and couldn’t afford an Pennsylvania automobile inspection sticker. So he gets pulled over by the police and they look for the inspection sticker and find that Bill has soaked the label off of a Heinz ketchup bottle and stuck that to the car’s windshield. The cop laughed and lets him go with a warning.

I worked at Surface for over forty years and owe a great deal in my early years to Bill.

Mark Stender

**Mark Stender** - August 11, 2020 at 11:56 AM

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“ Sheri & Jeff Schultz purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William A. Bruecken.



**Sheri & Jeff Schultz** - August 10, 2020 at 06:40 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Bruecken.



August 06, 2020 at 02:32 PM

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“ My Uncle Bill’s favorite line was, “You son-of-a-gun!” Anyone who knew him well has heard him utter this phrase. I knew Uncle Bill as my “uncle” because he was the dearest friend of my parents. I remember feeling very disappointed when I found out that we were not truly blood relatives. My immediate thought was “too bad. No matter what the bloodline, he, Aunt Donna, and their 5 kids were blood relatives to me..PERIOD! Our families were bonded through friendship, picnics, cookouts, dachshunds, and pure love. I will always smile and feel the joy that all of the Bruecken’s brought to my life. I will miss my Uncle Bill and his huge hugs, and will cherish my memories that made him such a precious owner of such a special place in my heart. I believe that you are reunited with my dear Aunt Donna and my sweetest ever! cousin, Eric. Enjoy the next chapter Uncle Bill...you will always be one helluva Son-of-a-gun!

**Patty Hahn Sims** - July 06, 2020 at 10:33 PM

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July 06, 2020 at 09:15 PM