



## William "Bill" R. Aubry

May 11, 1925 - March 18, 2015

William R. "Bill" Aubry passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on March 18, 2015 in Celebration, Florida. He was born May 11, 1925 in Toledo to Rudolph and Ruth Marie (Hannan) Aubry. Bill graduated in 1943 from Central Catholic High School and joined the U. S. Navy. He was a Seabee on Bougainville in the South Pacific during World War II.

He began his career with Buckeye Cable as a salesman in 1966, and retired as an executive, with over 25 years of service. He was active in many cable television industry groups, and former president of the Michigan Cable TV Association. Both in his personal and professional life, Bill made a friend everywhere he went.

Bill was a devoted Catholic, strong in his faith, and attended mass daily, often praying for all his friends and family when asked. His biggest love was his children and grandchildren. He treasured his fishing trips up north with his boys. He enjoyed cooking and "breakfast in the park".

Wintering in Florida, being by the water, spending time with his wife Judie and his kids, was what he loved later in life. He will be missed by his ROMEO breakfast club buddies.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Judith Reid Aubry, whom he married March 21, 1975; children Bill (Kathy), Dan (Helen), Peggy Tressler, Janet (Jim) Lankey, John (Stephanie), Adrienne (Chico) Castellanos, Tim (Kim), Pat (Amy), and Beth (Mark) Lodzinski; sister Mary Ann (James) Jenkins; 27 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his

parents, his first wife Mary Agnes Gaffney Aubry in 1973, his granddaughter Heather Aubry Abrighach, and his grandson, Chad Lodzinski.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Friday, March 27 from 1-9 p.m., with a "Sharing of Memories" Service, and Rosary Service, by grandchildren, at 8:00PM. The funeral mass will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 28 at St. Pius X Church, with an hour of visitation beginning at 9:30. Burial will be at Calvary Cemetery with military honors. The family suggests memorial donations to Central Catholic High School and the Monastery of the Visitation, 1745 Parkside Blvd. Toledo, OH 43607.

PLEASE view Bill's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 27. 1:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral and Cremation Services  
1770 S. Reynolds Road  
Toledo, OH 43614  
(419) 865-1295  
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## Rosary Service

MAR 27. 6:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

“William Aubry: 1925-2015; CableSystem retiree started door-to-door for Buckeye

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Aubry Aubry

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*William R. Aubry, a retired executive of what is now Buckeye CableSystem whose first job in the business was selling cable television subscriptions door-to-door, died Tuesday in Florida Hospital Centennial Health, Centennial, Fla. He was 89.*

*He had congestive heart failure, his wife, Judie, said. The couple, former West Toledo residents, lived in Kissimmee, Fla.*

*Mr. Aubry retired in March, 1991, as a vice president of Buckeye and general manager of Monroe Cablevision in Michigan, then owned by Buckeye.*

*“He was a pleasure to be around and work with, and the customers responded to him in a positive way, because he gave such good customer service,” said W.H. “Chip” Carstensen, president of Block Communications Inc., which includes The Blade and Buckeye.*

*The bonds Mr. Aubry forged with former colleagues remained strong.*

*“He never walked out of a room or hung up the phone without telling you he loved you. He said it to men. He said it to women,” said*

*Bonnie Ash, Buckeye director of community affairs and a former vice president of operations. "He really was a good guy. Many of us from Buckeye still stayed in touch with him."*

*Mr. Aubry started with the cable system in 1966 at the dawn of cable service in Toledo homes. The system was founded in 1965 by Blade co-publishers Paul Block, Jr., and William Block, Sr., making Toledo one of the first cities with dedicated cable services. Customers could get 10 channels for \$5 a month, but that included clear transmission of Detroit stations without the need for a rooftop antenna or bulky tower.*

*Promotions to sales manager and then assistant general manager followed. He left to run Monroe Cablevision. When Block Communications bought the Monroe system in about 1980, he was "back in the fold," his wife said. Buckeye later sold the Monroe franchise to Comcast in exchange for Buckeye offering cable service in Bedford Township, Mr. Carstensen said.*

*Mr. Aubry was active in industry groups and was a former president and board member of the Michigan Cable Television Association.*

*He was born May 11, 1925, to Ruth and Rudy Aubry, and as a teenager, worked for his father's meat market and a local greenhouse. He was a 1943 graduate of Central Catholic High School and afterward joined the Navy. He was a Seabee on Bourgainville in the South Pacific during World War II.*

*Back home, he became a salesman. In retirement, Mr. Aubry and his wife received real estate licenses and sold houses.*

*His first wife, Mary Gaffney Aubry, died in August, 1973.*

*Surviving are his wife, Judith Aubry, whom he married March 21, 1975; sons, Bill, Jr., Dan, John, Tim, and Pat Aubry; daughters, Peggy Tressler, Janet Lankey, and Adrienne Castellanos; stepdaughter, Beth Lodzinski; sister, Mary Ann Jenkins; 25*

*grandchildren, and 21 great-grandchildren.*

*Visitation will be from 1-9 p.m. March 27 in the Coyle Funeral Home. Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Pius X Church, where the body will be after 9 a.m.*

*The family suggests tributes to Monastery of the Visitation or Central Catholic High School.*

*Contact Mark Zaborney at: [mzaborney@theblade.com](mailto:mzaborney@theblade.com) or 419-724-6182.*

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**Coyle** - April 15, 2015 at 10:56 AM

LB

“*Dear Judy & family, My heartfelt sympathy to you & yours on Bill's passing. What a great guy! Pat and I would have so many talks while cleaning your house. He will truly be missed. God bless and keep you in His care during this time and always. Love and Peace, Linda Burks*

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**Linda Burks** - April 02, 2015 at 10:22 AM

DJ

“ Mr. Aubry was always a friendly and loving man during the time that I knew him. This was the late 70's to the early 80's. His son Pat and I were great friends during high school and college. I'll never, ever forget when I met him for the first time and he said to me "Hi, how ya doin', want a beer?" I thought to myself "Hi, fine, yeah!", but I had to say "Hi, fine, not yet" because I was only 16!! Then he smiled and winked at me. A very great feeling, since he knew he was just 'messing' with me. It was always a pleasure to see him and Mrs. Aubry when they were around. I want to wish all the best to the Aubry family and extend condolences during this difficult time. Please remain faithful and strong, and you will get through this tough time. Rest in peace Mr. Aubry. Take care all - Dave Joy

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**Dave Joy** - March 31, 2015 at 01:18 PM

JS

“ Bill and Judie have lived across the street for nearly 30 years. We enjoyed wonderful visits full of laughter and talk. Bill always watched out for the rest of us. I'll miss seeing waving from the front window whenever he saw us outside. Rest In Peace, Bill.

*Jim Sherlock and Claudia Vitou*

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**James Sherlock** - March 27, 2015 at 05:44 PM

TM

“ Bill was always a bright light to all who knew him. I had the pleasure to work with Bill back in the very early days of Buckeye Cable. He is and always was the consummate gentleman, always caring about others and ALWAYS will to help anyone in anyway. I will miss his smile and gentleness. He was a gift to all who knew him. Peace & Prayers to you Judy and the Aubry clan.

*Toni & Dave Moore*

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**Toni Moore** - March 27, 2015 at 02:13 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Bill through work and through church. Always friendly, he greeted everyone with a warm smile. If you'd had a bad day, your spirits were always lifted after seeing Bill. God bless the Aubry family. Knowing Bill was a blessing to all of us.*

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**James Nowak** - March 27, 2015 at 01:20 PM

CV

“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - March 27, 2015 at 12:38 PM

VP

“ *Bill always had a minute to listen and a smile to share. God rest his soul in heaven...hope they have cable tv. ha. Veronica Pinciotti*

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**Veronica Pinciotti** - March 27, 2015 at 11:55 AM

MF

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you Judy and your family. Bill was a good friend to my dad Herb Frank.  
Marge & Don French*

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**Marjorie French** - March 27, 2015 at 09:07 AM

TA

“ Bill was the boss at my first "real" adult job. He taught me many things 1. you can work and still have fun! 2. Enjoy the people you work with everyday...you spend too much time together not to. 3. Biscuits and gravy at your desk WILL make you work better lol (so does cheeseburgers, turtle soup and milk shakes). 4. It's important to give back to your community 5. Always give a hug and say "I love you" when leaving because tomorrow is never promised and who doesn't feel better with a hug? 6. Work hard but play harder 7. Always love your spouse and tell them everyday. 8. Be fruitful and multiply 9. Your word and integrity mean everything. 10. Love God and be the kind of person people want to hang around. Judie, as Bill's wife, you showed me the kind of marriage I would like to have. This year marks my 29th anniversary and counting so I think you and Bill made your mark on me for sure. He was a blessing for sure ?? Much love...Tricia and Tracy St. Andre

Tricia St. Andre - March 27, 2015 at 07:43 AM

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“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - March 26, 2015 at 03:34 PM

NE

Judy, I am so sorry for your loss. You know that I thought Bill was just a super guy and know he had some very serious problems medically. Your video is absolutely amazing and you are a class act for the way you put it all together. I'll see you this weekend and know our friendship will last as long as we do. Love you always, Nancy Eade

Nancy Ead - March 26, 2015 at 06:57 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Aubry.*



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March 25, 2015 at 02:51 PM



“ *In life there are a few people that leave great moments in your life and I am proud to say you were one of those people, I will greatly miss you and feel that you are in the hands of our God and at peace. Rest well and bless you*

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**Thomas I Castellanos** - March 25, 2015 at 01:37 PM



“ *You will be missed by all.....years ago at the lake you told me how to make gravy with No lumps and to this day my gravy is smooth as silk..... Love and prayers to all. Sue*

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**Sue Stircher** - March 25, 2015 at 10:43 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Aubry.*



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March 24, 2015 at 11:41 AM

TA

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**Tim Aubry** - March 24, 2015 at 10:39 AM

TA

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**Tim Aubry** - March 24, 2015 at 10:38 AM

PA

“ 6 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Pat Aubry** - March 24, 2015 at 10:16 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Aubry.*



March 24, 2015 at 08:57 AM



“ *3 files added to the album New Album Name*



**Coyle** - March 23, 2015 at 11:21 AM



“ *Lois Hampton, Bob Petsche, Niki & Jim Hampton-Hill purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William "Bill" R. Aubry.*



**Lois Hampton, Bob Petsche, Niki & Jim Hampton-Hill** - March 22, 2015 at 12:29 PM



“ *I remember the first time I met Bill. He was so handsome and full of life. My heart was full of joy for my wonderful cousin Judie. God brought His two children together to blend a family and cherish each other. Bill and Judie were a caring and loving couple. Bill is at peace now cracking jokes with the angels.*

**Lois Hampton** - March 22, 2015 at 11:58 AM