



William "Bill" Harold Bettinger

December 16, 1942 - May 16, 2021

Bill Bettinger died suddenly on May 16, 2021 at the age of 78. Bill was born in 1942 to Harold and Mary (Miller) Bettinger in Swanton, Ohio. He graduated from Swanton High School in 1960 where he also met his future wife, Suzanne (Bratton), marrying in 1964. Bill attended The Ohio State University as a proud Buckeye, majoring in horticulture. He operated Bettinger's Greenhouse on Violet Road in Toledo for 35 years. Bill then joined the University of Toledo Plant Sciences Department as a Consultant until retirement in 2002.

As a leading figure in his field, Bill consulted internationally for geranium growers in Mexico and bedding plant growers in the Czech Republic, Hungary, and Taiwan. He served on the board of directors for the Ohio Florists Association, the Toledo Area Vegetable Growers Association, Bedding Plants International, the Lucas County Fair Board, and the Lucas County Soil and Water Conservation District. He authored a chapter on horticulture marketing for The Bedding Plant Manual published by the Pennsylvania Flower Growers and Penn State Extension.

Bill enjoyed extensive travel internationally and across the United States, both for professional conferences and family vacations. He especially enjoyed trips to Walt Disney World and the family condo in Sevierville, Tennessee. Bill was a strong supporter of the arts and civic organizations, once spearheading

beautification plantings along I-475 and supported numerous other charity events with plants and his creative talents. Bill was an exceptional people person, who easily made connections to nearly everyone he met.

He is fondly remembered by his wife, Suzanne; his sons, Joe (Meg) and Matt; daughter, Kristin (Justin Daler) and grandchildren, Alison and Haley Bettinger in Happy Valley, Oregon; and Cassandra, Gunnar and Tatum Daler of Perrysburg. He is survived by his brother, Tony (Teresa) Bettinger; sisters, Linda Sagert, Vicki (Terry) Snyder, and Debbie (R. D.) Hilton.

Visitation will be held at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Road in Toledo, on Sunday, May 23, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the Historic Church of St. Patrick, 130 Avondale Avenue, in Toledo. Face masks and social distancing will be required by the funeral home and the church. Interment will follow at Ft. Meigs Cemetery in Perrysburg.

Memorials may take the form of contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital. Please view and sign our online "guest registry" at CoyleFuneralHome.com

Cemetery Details

Ft. Meigs Cemetery

620 W Indiana
Perrysburg, OH 43551

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Rd.
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral Ceremony

MAY 24. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Historic Church Of St Patrick
130 Avondale Ave
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

NM

“ Carl Manteau and I are sending so much love, strength and support during these difficult times. So sorry my friend to hear of your loss. Hugs. ❤️🙏😭❤️

Nikita and Catl Manteau - May 29, 2021 at 02:56 AM

SB

“ I am so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He was always such a delight to talk with.

Sue Byerly

Sue Byerly - May 25, 2021 at 03:44 PM

LS

“ Dear Suzanne,
Please know that you and your family are in my prayers. I fondly remember Bill and you beginning in our Monac School years with Joe and Tim being in class together. Then continuing on being a grateful greenhouse customer. Bill was well known in his field and accomplished a lot. Thinking of you as you now move ahead on a different path.
Sincerely,
Linda Schlachter

Linda Schlachter - May 24, 2021 at 11:03 AM

JB

“ Tom and I have fond memories of Bill giving our son Douglas an education on growing plants and landscaping ideas. Bill also provided an apartment for Doug to live in on the Violet Road property. Bill was a mentor and friend to so many. Our sincere sympathy to Suzanne and the family. Tom and Joyce Bettinger

Joyce A Bettinger - May 23, 2021 at 09:03 PM

NM

“ Dear Sue and family,

We send you our condolences and prayers. We both have warm memories of our years together at Swanton High School. May you be blessed with memories of your years together. Love to you, John and Nancy Mossing.

nancy mossing - May 23, 2021 at 06:00 PM

RS

“ Remembering when Bill was 17, Cousin Larry Hafner 16 & Roy Scherzer, 15, neighbor in Raabs Corner drove Bill's 1956 Chevy cross country to California to visit Uncle Norbert & Aunt Vangee Bettinger. Such an adventure for three youngsters in the summer of 1960. Away from home for the first time, no adult supervision! Visited Disneyland, tried to get into Mexico at the border in Tijuana, Roy was too young, so we went to Katie Miller's home in El Paso (still there) and walked across the bridge into Mexico for 2 cents, return crossing to Texas cost 1 cent. Those were the days, we had a blast and memories to last a lifetime. Bill, you were a neighborhood playmate along with Tony and the girls and a lifetime friend. You will be missed. Rest in Peace Good Man of God, Amen

Roy & Rosemarie Scherzer - May 23, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.*



May 23, 2021 at 10:10 AM



“ *1 file added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 22, 2021 at 01:11 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.*



May 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM



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COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - May 22, 2021 at 06:33 AM

TM

“ Tom & Marlene purchased the Tender Tribute for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.



Tom & Marlene - May 21, 2021 at 12:27 PM



“ Tender Tribute was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.



May 21, 2021 at 12:12 PM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.



May 21, 2021 at 08:54 AM

OD

“ Oswald & Pat Diaz purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.



Oswald & Pat Diaz - May 21, 2021 at 12:45 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Harold Bettinger.*



May 20, 2021 at 07:25 PM



“ *Not sure where to start he took me to Pittsburgh to the heinz catchup plant when I was young I remember getting to plant but also remember waking up on floorboard of truck from falling asleep I guess it must have impressed me since I have been driving a truck for the last almost 50 years whether at the greenhouse or at family occasions he was always full of information to share with anyone I will miss to walks through the greenhouse and you pointing out plants that I still don't remember LOL. You will be missed love you uncle bill*

JerryJackie Landrum - May 20, 2021 at 05:22 PM



“ *I have sooo many great memories but my very first one, was when i was a little girl he took us out to the farm and let us pick tomatoes and eat them fresh off the vine. i think that was my first tomatoe!!!*

Joan Berlincourt - May 20, 2021 at 03:08 PM