



## William Conan Coyle

February 17, 1933 - February 11, 2020

William C. "Bill" Coyle, 86 years, of Holland, OH passed away Tuesday Feb. 11, 2020 at Toledo Hospice of NW Ohio. Bill was born Feb. 17, 1933 and was the oldest of 8 children born to William and Lillian (Held) Coyle.

He graduated from Central Catholic High School and obtained a degree in music from Bowling Green State University. He served two years in the U.S. Army, playing in the U.S. Army Band.

(When asked by the US Army if he played an instrument, he replied: "Which one do you need?")

Bill graduated from the Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science, and following in the footsteps of his father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Bill became a funeral director in the family owned business, James Coyle and Son Funeral Home. He worked alongside his father, his Uncle Jim Coyle and brother, Joe Coyle, eventually rising to the position of owner and president, retiring in January, 1999. He was a member of the Toledo Lions Club for over thirty years.

Bill's passion in life was music. He was a renowned bassist, playing at local and regional venues, including Rusty's Jazz Club. Bill played violin for the Bowling Green Symphony Orchestra for decades. He enjoyed attending the yearly International Jazz Festival in England. His love of Jazz, specifically Stan Kenton was legendary. Bill is mentioned repeatedly in Art Tatum's biography as the Stan Kenton "aficionado."

Surviving are his beloved wife, Leta, children: Christopher (Catherine) Coyle,

Kevin Coyle, Jennifer (Seth) Coyle-Goldstein and Laura (Mike) Heenan and eleven grandchildren. Bill's siblings are James (Maureen), Mike (Bridget), John B. (Irene), Joe (Bonnie), Ned (Therese) Coyle and Kitty Doherty. His stepchildren, Melinda (Spencer) Housch, Brad Dority, Jill Little and Chris Klueter also survive, along with numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Mary Ann Egli.

Bill's family would like to thank the US Renal Dialysis, Wolf Creek Rehab and the Toledo Hospice of NW Ohio for the extraordinary comfort and the care he received.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Saturday, February 15, beginning at 11:00 a.m. until the time of the funeral service at 3:00 p.m. Interment will be private. Memorial donations may take the form of contributions to the Toledo Jazz Orchestra [www.toledojazz.org](http://www.toledojazz.org) or the North Carolina Yorkie Rescue Organization [www.ncyorkkierescue.net](http://www.ncyorkkierescue.net) where Bill adopted his much-loved Yorkshire Terrier, "Bentley". Please view Bill's memorial video tribute and leave a condolence message at [CoyleFuneralHome.com](http://CoyleFuneralHome.com).

"The flame flutters, the sparks dim, but the spirit rises to the heavens and bursts into eternal memories that lives in our hearts forever"

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **15**. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service

FEB **15**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

FH

“ I was sorry to hear of Bill's death. I enjoyed the two summers ('73 and '74) I spent working with him at the funeral home. He was a kind man with a great sense of humor. Sympathy and prayers to his family.

*Fr. Chris Hudgin, OSFS*

Fr. Chris Hudgin, OSFS - February 18, 2020 at 03:10 PM

JS

“ Bill was the best man at my wedding to Bud Smith. He was a faithful friend to Bud and myself through our marriage and after our divorce. We loved him in life and love will continue through eternity. Bill, Phil Wood and Bud have the gang together again and the heavens are rocking 🎵🎷🎻🎹

Jeanette Jan Smith - February 17, 2020 at 12:10 PM



“ My deepest sympathies to Bill's family. He was an integral part of a family who treated my family with the greatest of respect when it came to preparing for a loved ones funeral.

Marie Irons - February 15, 2020 at 04:49 PM

LW

“ Please accept our sincere condolences

*Lynda Coffey & David Westmark*



Lynda Coffey & David Westmark - February 15, 2020 at 07:56 AM

ST

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Mr. Bill at Walmart as was a greeter, he was a classy, funny thoughtful man..will miss him*

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**Susan Taylor** - February 14, 2020 at 11:37 PM

CV

“ *2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE*



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**COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS** - February 14, 2020 at 01:09 PM

TC

“ *To Leta, Joe, Bonnie, Megan and the Family of Bill Coyle:*

*Please accept my heartfelt condolences on Bill's passing.*

*May God be with you all during this time of great sorrow.*

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**Tom Crothers** - February 14, 2020 at 11:15 AM

DF

“ *To the Coyle Family,  
Please know of my prayers and sympathy on Bill's passing. The Ursuline Sisters remember him fondly for the many years he cared for our deceased sisters. Bill was also one of our beloved Ursuline Associates. He will be remembered with great appreciation, friendship and love.*

*Sister Donna Frey*

*Member of the Leadership Team*

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**Donna Jeanne Frey** - February 14, 2020 at 10:24 AM

JP

“ Dear Joe and Bonnie,  
We are saddened to read of Bill's passing. He was, not only a source of comfort to both the Pierce and McCarty families, but was respected and well by his Central Catholic family and the entire Toledo community. May God rest his soul and comfort all who loved him.  
Joe and Mary

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**Joe and Mary Pierce** - February 14, 2020 at 09:44 AM

JS

“ Bill was my dad's ( Bud Smith) best friend. They spent their days playing jazz together, and sharing their love for the music of Stan Kenton. My family grew up with his family. We spent many weekends together, as my mom and dad enjoyed the company of laughter with Bill and his wife, my brothers and I would be off playing with Christopher, Kevin, Jenny and little Laura. As life went on, Bill was always there for us, and there for my mom (Jan Smith) and my brothers and I when my dad passed. He was always quick with the jokes and pranks, and I know he and my dad are now back to their old college pranks and jokes with the angels, and bringing sweet jazz music up in heaven. My dad gained his best friend, as we are all so very lost and heartbroken hear on earth. May the Coyle family find comfort in knowing Bill will always live in our hearts. May God bless you all. May the angels wrap you in comfort.

Julie Smith-Centeno

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**Julie Smith-Centeno** - February 14, 2020 at 08:23 AM

MS

“ *In Memory of a man of service, who's family continues the tradition, who's family has graciously served our families, the Langenderfer and the Sexton Families, for many years. Sorry for your loss.*

*Mike Sexton*

*Rebold, Rosenacker & Sexton Funeral Home*

*Cincinnati, Ohio*

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**Mike Sexton** - February 14, 2020 at 07:10 AM

SC

“ *I'm sorry to hear of Mr. Coyle's passing. The Coyles have taken care of the Crippen, Johnson and Shinaver families for years. God bless the Coyle family.*

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**Stephen Crippen** - February 13, 2020 at 11:43 AM

SM

“ *Bill was a great man, worked with him in many bands in Toledo. God bless you Bill and family. RIP.*

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**Scott McLean** - February 13, 2020 at 09:00 AM