



William Cruden Freitag

November 21, 1938 - February 9, 2024

William Cruden Freitag of Maumee, age 85, passed away peacefully on February 9, 2024, at Ohio Living Swan Creek.

He was born in Chicago, IL to Ralph & Ruth Freitag. He shared many childhood memories with his sister, Beth, and later, his stepbrother, Chuck.

He was a graduate of Fenger High School in 1958. He continued his education by earning a BS at Valparaiso University, where he also met the love of his life, Gayle, and got married in 1963. They moved to Maumee, OH, and Bill got a job as a Speech Pathologist for Sylvania City Schools. He furthered his education by earning his MA at BGSU and, later, postgraduate work at UT. His commitment to education led him to active involvement with the NW Ohio Speech and Hearing Association where he took on many distinguished roles, particularly as the Director of the Department of Special Education for Sylvania Schools, before retiring in 1998.

Bill enjoyed volunteering. He was a park ranger at the Metroparks. He also volunteered at St. Luke's Hospital, and the public libraries (specifically his involvement with the Maumee Library's Children's Garden), and he was an active member in his church at Trinity Lutheran. In addition to his professional accomplishments and service to others, Bill found the most joy in spending time with family & friends. Whether it was vacationing, golfing, playing poker

(solving the world's problems), or simply going out to eat, he treasured every single moment spent with his loved ones.

He will be dearly missed as a devoted husband of 60 years to Gayle; as a loving father to his children, Karen (Jerry) Francis; Kristy (Phil) Snyder; and Chad Freitag; and as a doting grandfather to his granddaughters, Riley and Hope Snyder.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his stepmother, Leona Freitag, and his grandson, Tyler William Snyder.

Bill leaves behind a foundation of love, faith, and humor that will be remembered by all who knew and cherished him.

The visitation will be held at Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 Reynolds Rd, on Friday, February 16 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. The funeral will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 4560 Glendale Ave, on Saturday, February 17 at 11:00 a.m. All family and friends are welcome to attend.

Memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church or Swan Creek Metropark. Please view Bill's video tribute and leave a condolence message for the family at CoyleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **16**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Memorial Service

FEB **17**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran
4560 Glendale Avenue
Toledo, OH 43614

Tribute Wall

DK

“ Bill let me shadow him at Whiteford Elementary when I was at Arbor Hills. I knew back then I wanted to be speech pathologist and he totally embraced and encouraged me! I have my B.A. and M.A. from OSU and have been practicing since 1989. His memory is a huge blessing!

Debbie Katz-Liebenthal - February 18, 2024 at 10:47 AM

TL

“ Bill hired me in Sylvania, which lead to me earning my teaching degree and my career in Rossford. He was a wonderful man.

Tracy Lowe - February 16, 2024 at 05:19 PM



“ We are keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. ~Dean and Molly Tucker~

Molly Rae Warr - February 16, 2024 at 02:53 PM

MB

“ Martina, Bruce, Audrey and Miles Benton purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



Martina, Bruce, Audrey and Miles Benton - February 16, 2024 at 12:23 PM

LM

“ We are so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He was such a delightful, admirable person who always had a smile on his face. Wish we could be there to celebrate his life and hear all the wonderful memories that will be shared. Love, Lisa and Dave McKay and Nancy Hardin

Lisa McKay - February 16, 2024 at 12:12 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



February 16, 2024 at 11:01 AM

BC

“ Brad, Dorianne, Tim, and Emily Cox planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Brad, Dorianne, Tim, and Emily Cox - February 16, 2024 at 11:01 AM

MM

“ Matthew M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Matthew M. - February 16, 2024 at 09:43 AM

BB

“ Bill hired me to teach In the Preschool for Sylvania Schools. He was a great supervisor of Special Education, because he was such a great advocate for all kids. Under his watch, we added peers to our program and eventually moved out into the elementary schools. He also started a program at Northview High School for preschoolers that could incorporate teens who wanted to learn about child care and development. He had such a tender heart and was always delighted by the little children. I am sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful educator and supervisor. Rest in peace, Bill. You made a difference in many lives.
Beth Bohnengel

Beth Bohnengel - February 15, 2024 at 10:26 PM

HM

“ I am sorry for this huge loss for your family. My mom - Carol Morten worked with Bill at The Burhnam building in the special education department. She so loved, respected and enjoyed working with him. He would always come over to say hello to me anytime I would go to her office. What a legacy he leaves behind.

Heidi Malak - February 15, 2024 at 04:23 PM

BM

Heidi summed up Bill's presence at the Sylvania School System very well. I worked with him at Hillview in the late 60s. He was always friendly and approachable. The students really liked him. He was a consummate professional. How lucky that I could work with him.

Barbara McConnell - February 15, 2024 at 08:43 PM

JW

“ Phil & Family, so very sorry to hear your dad passed. What an amazing life of giving back to a community he dearly loved! Hold tight to all the precious memories your family has made over his rewarding lifetime! May God Bless and keep you all close during this difficult time. Janet Wolff

Janet Wolff - February 15, 2024 at 09:47 AM

LB

“ Love Kevin & Heather Boissoneault purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



Love Kevin & Heather Boissoneault - February 14, 2024 at 06:22 PM

LL

“ Luke Larocca purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



Luke Larocca - February 14, 2024 at 01:21 PM

LL

“ Luke Larocca planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Luke Larocca - February 14, 2024 at 01:21 PM

RS

“ God's love and HIS PEACE to you all! We have such wonderful memories of years with you all! lots of laughter, fun and extra love! Ruth and the kids, Tim, Dan and Jennifer Mueller Alderdice

Ruth Mueller Sarna - February 14, 2024 at 12:08 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



February 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

BJ

“ Bob and Ruth, Tim, Dan and Jennifer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Bob and Ruth, Tim, Dan and Jennifer - February 14, 2024 at 12:02 PM

LK

“ Love Ken and Donna Kwiatkowski purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



Love Ken and Donna Kwiatkowski - February 14, 2024 at 11:50 AM

LK

“ Love Ken and Donna Kwiatkowski planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Love Ken and Donna Kwiatkowski - February 14, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



February 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM

RM

“ Robert M. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Robert M. - February 14, 2024 at 11:41 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



February 14, 2024 at 11:26 AM

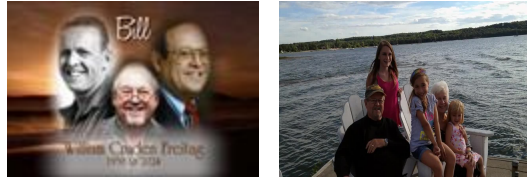
PF

“ I have great memories of Coosin Bill.

Paul Freitag - February 14, 2024 at 12:18 AM

CV

“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE



COYLE FUNERAL HOME VIDEOS - February 13, 2024 at 10:13 PM

MF

“ Michael & Annie Smith Family. purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



Michael & Annie Smith Family. - February 13, 2024 at 07:30 PM

DT

“ Gayle... Karen, Kristy, and Chad..So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have good memories of him as a dad at many TLS events growing up and more at TLC in my adult years. Mike & I send sympathies to all of you at this time.

Diane Thorpe - February 13, 2024 at 07:26 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



February 13, 2024 at 04:23 PM



“ One of my favorite people ever - my cousin Bill.... Some great memories. He’s the reason I hate snakes! ❤️

kirsten Freitag Meacham - February 13, 2024 at 02:57 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Cruden Freitag.



February 13, 2024 at 02:03 PM



“ Love, Dee (Rice), Lenny and Dax Gokhman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Cruden Freitag.

Love, Dee (Rice), Lenny and Dax Gokhman - February 13, 2024 at 02:03 PM