



William John Coppola

August 12, 1942 - October 18, 2020

William Coppola of Clinton Township died on October 18, 2020, at the age of 78, at Henry Ford hospital in Detroit. He was the beloved son of his late parents, Anthony and Catherine Coppola. He is survived by his brother, Nick (Barbara) Coppola along with nephews Benjamin and Andrew and great nieces Emilia, Eloise and Julia. Bill was a life long mariner who worked on Great Lakes freighters for Ford Motor Company. He worked his way up from ordinary seaman to First Mate officer. He was a Pilot with the Lakes Pilots Association for about 20 years when he piloted domestic and international freighters.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of the donor's choice are welcome. Internment will be at the Fernwood Perpetual Care Cemetery in Gladstone, Michigan, next to his beloved Joan Van.

Visitation Saturday from 2-9pm with a 7pm Funeral Service at Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc., 36900 Schoenherr Rd at Metro Parkway (16 Mile). Please share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 2:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Wujek - Calcaterra & Sons Inc - Sterling
36900 SCHOENHERR RD
Sterling Heights, MI 48312

Funeral Service

OCT **24**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AC

“ I just learned of Bill's passing and so sorry to hear he is no longer with us.

Mi husband, Fred, worked with Bill on the Henry Ford freighters and knew him for over 20+ years. Bill was very sad when he heard Fred passed away in 2018.

Bill was so kind and called me every holiday to see I I was alright. Bill was a very kind person and greatly missed.

Annette Castillo - April 15, 2021 at 10:42 AM

FF

“ from carol thayer and family purchased the Cryst al Cross Bouquet for the family of William John Coppola.



from carol thayer and family - October 23, 2020 at 11:33 AM

GL

“ Mr.Bill was a great friend to all of us so many wonderful memories.A very kind and caring man. He will be sadly missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Glenn and Linda LaVance - October 23, 2020 at 07:21 AM

MJ

“ *Marsha, Tom, Lauren & Jessica Jevas purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William John Coppola.*



Marsha, Tom, Lauren & Jessica Jevas - October 22, 2020 at 10:06 PM

MC

“ *Bill was a life long high school friend of mine and I will miss talking to him about old times which made us laugh a lot . Yes I will miss him to be sure ! I hope God needs a good mariner to guide whatever ships he has up there because Bill would be the guy .*
Mike Cornillie

Mike Cornillie. - October 22, 2020 at 07:45 AM

MJ

“ *We are deeply saddened to hear of Bill's death. Our entire family has such fond memories of him. He was such a kind, generous and caring person. The world was a better place because of Bill.*



Marsha Jevas - October 21, 2020 at 11:45 AM

CT

Bill aka the Godfaher will be with me in mind and Heart Forever he always called me the Seawitch because I was a mariner to

carol thayer - October 23, 2020 at 11:42 AM