



William (Bill) H. Lurz

August 6, 1944 - November 22, 2019

William (Bill) H. Lurz, passed away suddenly November 22, 2019, after a brief illness.

Born August 6, 1944 to Edna and Rudolph Lurz (both deceased), he lived his early years in Columbus, Ohio, where he became a lifelong OSU fan. A graduate of St. Cloud State, he began his career in print journalism as an associate editor for Canadian Building located in Toronto, Ontario. His moved his family back to the USA to become Senior Editor for Professional Builder magazine in Illinois. It was a position he excelled at from 1983 to the early 2000's, covering the booming housing market in the southeast, eventually moving to Sarasota, Florida. He was active in the Home Builder's Association of Sarasota and Manatee county.

In his retirement he loved to travel to Ohio State football games. He was a volunteer for SURE (Sarasota United for Responsibility and Equity) especially as it pertains to their efforts in combating homelessness in Sarasota. He was an active member of Concordia Lutheran Church. Bill was a movie lover, history buff and new grandfather.

He is survived by son, Rudolph W. Lurz Ed.D and his wife, Dr. Rebecca Kirschner, granddaughter Avery, son Erik S. Lurz and his wife Karen Chang, his sister Kathi Grover and her husband Jim Grover. Bill will be sadly missed by extended family and friends throughout the USA and Canada.

Services will be held on November 30, 2019 at Concordia Lutheran Church, Sarasota at 10am.

Comments



“ This comes as a shock, especially since Bill just visited us in Chicago in June and we baby-sat his dog when he went to see his new born grand child.

We worked together for 20 years. Bill was an industry icon and a great friend.

At Professional Builder magazine, he was always given the "major" articles and toughest assignments. His work was acclaimed by the industry and he became friends with many of his subjects -- noted consultants and the heads of major building companies.

Most editors work and rework their articles.. Bill researched his subject and knew it so well and in such depth that he could , as they say, put it through the typewriter just once.

In short, he was the best writer I ever knew.

He will be missed.

Roy Diez

Roy Diez - December 19, 2019 at 11:47 AM



“ Thank you for your kind words, Roy. He liked you a lot and really enjoyed writing at PB.

-Rudy Lurz

Rudolph Lurz - January 14 at 02:45 PM



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Paul - December 04, 2019 at 04:54 PM



“ We are very saddened to hear about the passing of Bill. He was a wonderful business associate and friend for many, many years. Our paths crossed in the early-1980s when he was the Senior Editor at Professional Builder magazine. Over the years we had the pleasure of working with him on many stories. He helped shape my career in the housing industry. Through our working relationship we got to know one

another on a personal level and I truly enjoyed his sharp wit and wonderful sense of humor.

Bill will be sorely missed. Please accept our warmest and heartfelt sympathy and know that you are in our thoughts.

Sincerely,
Victor A. Mirontschuk and the EDI Family

Victor A. Mirontschuk - December 02, 2019 at 11:08 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William (Bill) H. Lurz.



November 29, 2019 at 03:53 PM



“ We would see Bill every Sunday morning at Concordia Lutheran Church Where he would light candles at the alter. He would show us pictures of his grand daughter. We will miss him. He is with our Lord now We pray for his family & friends.for comfort

Sandra Zaloudek - November 28, 2019 at 04:59 PM



“ I knew Bill from his early days at Professional Builder. He was a good guy, somewhat quirky and an accomplished writer. He was a great advocate for the home building industry. I was sorry to hear of his passing.

Martin Freedland - November 27, 2019 at 05:44 PM