



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.

Tribute Wall



“ Just found this tribute page - sorry it took so long. Bill was a good friend. We worked together at MHDS in Columbus for a number of years in the '80s. I visited him after he moved to Illinois, and later in Florida, and always enjoyed seeing him on his trips back to Columbus. RIP, my friend.

Tom Rottmayer - February 23 at 12:28 PM

RL

“ My brother and I laid my father to rest in Sunset Cemetery just outside Columbus, Ohio on Saturday, April 2nd. If you would like to go pay your respects, you can visit him in the black granite tower. Lance at the main office can help you find it, but it isn't hard to find.

RIP, Dad. You are missed.



RW Lurz - April 03, 2022 at 03:00 PM

JC

“ So sorry to hear that Bill passed away in 2019 - he was a good friend in Toronto back in the early 1980's - my favorite memory was going with him to the Memorial golf tournament in Columbus Ohio in 1981 and then playing a round of golf at the Ohio State university golf course. We had a lot of fun together back in those days - my condolences to all the family - he will be missed - John Clipsham - Ottawa, Canada

John Clipsham - February 26, 2022 at 10:33 PM

RL

Thank you, John. We just laid him to rest right outside of Columbus, where his parents are buried. We took him on one last visit to Ohio Stadium the night before we laid him to rest.

-Rudy Lurz

RW Lurz - April 03, 2022 at 03:17 PM

RD

“ *This comes as a shock, especially since Bill just visited us in Chicago in June and we baby-sat his dig 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 new 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

RL

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

-Rudy Lurz

Rudolph Lurz - January 14, 2020 at 02:45 PM

PA

“ 1 file added to the album *Pictures of Bill*



Paul - December 04, 2019 at 04:54 PM

VM

“ *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