



William J. Goetluck

February 7, 1927 - November 12, 2022

William J. Goetluck, 95, of Venice, Florida, and formerly of Kenosha, Wisconsin, passed away Saturday, November 12, 2022, at his home while surrounded by his loving family. William, known as Bill or “Sonny”, was born on February 7, 1927, in Kenosha to William and Lena (Mancuso) Goetluck. He was the oldest of 8 siblings.

At the age of 17, with the blessing of his parents, he chose to serve his country and entered the United States Navy to serve in WWII. He was a landing craft operator assigned to the the USS Midas (ARB-5) and took part in several invasions in the Philippines and New Guinea dropping off soldiers. After the war he came home to help the family. Eventually he went into law enforcement and was a member of the Kenosha Police Department for 32 years. In 1981 he relocated to Venice, Florida along with his wife and two sons. After a few years, he had the calling to serve his community again and became a corrections officer for Sarasota County where he served for 12 years.

When retiring from the Sheriff’s Office, now in his 70’s, he decided he needed to do more for his fellow man. His choice was to go to his second profession of construction, and volunteer for Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County. He soon became a crew leader and volunteered 4-5 days a week 6-8 hours a day for almost 21 years. His contribution can be seen in over 100

Habitat Homes throughout south Sarasota County.

He is preceded in death by his parents William and Lena, brothers Richard, Robert, Ray, and Joe, as well as his loving wife Harriet of 59 years. He is survived by his sister Marian Booker, brother Tom Goetluck (wife Ann), sister Rita Berra (husband Bill), sons James (wife Tami), and Jon (fiancée Lisa), as well as 5 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, Bill's family requests memorial donations be made to the American Cancer Society and/or Habitat for Humanity of South Sarasota County.

Tribute Wall

DW

“ I was very sad to read about the passing of Bill, but know he is with his love, Harriet. I met Bill when volunteering for Habitat for Humanity. He was the first to take me under his wing. He was funny, caring and beyond enthusiastic. He was always smiling and had a great laugh -especially at himself. We bonded over our "Badger" roots. He was one of the kindest men. He absolutely adored Harriet and was so proud of his family. Sending my deepest sympathy.

Donna Wolfson - January 08, 2023 at 10:22 AM

MJ

“ Words cannot express how wonderful a man Bill was! He was like a father to me- I still remember our afternoon drives with the top down on his convertible Mercedes. He loved that car!! Bill was a great friend of my late parents and my daughter Chelsea and I came to know him through them! He spent countless hours helping those in need, myself included. When my daughter was born - she needed life saving surgery and Bill took up a collection at the bank I was employed at and presented me with a large donation that he and other members of the bank collected on my behalf! It was things such as this that I will never- ever forget! He was one in a million! I will miss you Bill! Love to you and your family always! Mandy

Mandy Joseph - December 05, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JW

“ *Bill Goetluck...was one of God's kindest and most honest men. He worked harder than anyone man. He is so thrilled to be joining his Harriet. Rest in peace, Bill, and thank you from over 100+ Habitat Families who were supported by you to build and buy their own home. Thank you too, Bill, for being a leader among your peers and caring for us all. Love to you,*
Judy Wilcox

Judith Wilcox - November 21, 2022 at 05:51 PM

DK

“ *I had the privilege of getting to know Bill for a short time. He was a sweet caring man and full of life. He loved his family and friends deeply. Rest with God and you will be missed. Dawn Kaufman*

Dawn Kaufman - November 19, 2022 at 09:20 AM

CB

I am so sad to hear about Bills passing. He was a wonderful man with a wonderful family. He and his sister Marian were my neighbors for many years. He will be missed. God Bless his family.

Cindy Bellis - December 04, 2022 at 12:24 AM