



## William H. Gravett (Bill)

January 5, 1946 - February 24, 2024

William H. Gravett (Bill), 78, passed away on February 24, 2024, in Venice, Florida. Bill was born on January 5, 1946, in Fort Payne, Alabama to Kirby and Jessie Gravett.

Bill received his bachelor's degree in finance from Michigan State University where he was a member of Delta Sigma Pi. He served in the U.S. Army from 1968-1970. Bill was introduced to Shay (Sharon), shortly after his honorable discharge and they married in 1975. He received his Master of Business Administration from the University of Detroit Mercy. Bill spent the majority of his career in healthcare administration at Henry Ford Hospital. After several cold and snowy years in Michigan, Bill and Shay retired and relocated to sunny Venice, Florida.

Bill was very active with the Vietnam Veterans both in Michigan and Florida. He was an avid Spartan, rarely missing a football or basketball game, and looked forward to the Big Dance every March. Bill was a Parrothead and enjoyed several Jimmy Buffet concerts with great friends. He loved to be with friends, travel and to make people laugh. He always had a joke to tell and in recent years began teaching his grandchildren both jokes and magic tricks.

Bill will be deeply missed by Shay, his wife of 49 years, daughters Stacey and Jill and their husbands, and his four grandchildren: Grace, Colin, Anthony, and

Cecilia. He will also be missed by several nieces, nephews, and lifelong friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Mary Ann.

A celebration of Bill's life will be scheduled at a future date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Canines for Heros (<https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E358976&id=3>), the Plymouth-Canton Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter 528 (Attn: Treasurer VVA 528, P.O. Box 6319, Plymouth, MI 48170-0473), or to the Senior Friendship Centers (2350 Scenic Way, Venice, FL 34293, [www.friendshipcenters.org/donate-today/](http://www.friendshipcenters.org/donate-today/)).

# Tribute Wall

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“ WOW!.....Just happened to think about Bill today and looked him up. Very surprised he passed. Bill and I were fun pals throughout high school, knew his mom and dad (Jess and Kirby) well. Many fun/happy memories.

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**Barry Thebolt** - March 25 at 01:46 PM

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“ Bill was a good friend in high school and a generally good person, so sorry to hear of his passing

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**Judie Gartside DeGolyer** - September 29, 2024 at 04:18 PM

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**Michael Smith** - March 08, 2024 at 01:47 PM