



Bill Gronert

March 12, 1937 - March 12, 2013

Bill Gronert, 76, of Niagara passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Woodland Village Nursing Home in Suring, Wisconsin. He was born on February 19, 1937 in Niagara, son of the late William and Alice (Saler) Gronert.

He attended Niagara High School, leaving early to serve in the U.S. Navy. Following an honorable discharge he returned home and opened a Sinclair service station. Afterward he returned to school, graduating in 1961.

Bill married Diane Ponzio October 31, 1964, and together they shared 48 wonderful years. Bill owned and operated Culligan Water Conditioning of Iron Mountain for nearly 20 years, before retiring in 1999.

In his spare time he loved to fish in Lake Superior, tend to his garden, play with his grandkids and hang out at BB's. Bill will be remembered for his huge heart and incredible sense of humor and he never missed an opportunity to tell a story or a joke.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Diane Gronert of Niagara; sons, Michael Gronert (Partner Tom Paulikas) of Milwaukee, and Scott Gronert (Wife Emmy) of Iron Mountain; grandchildren Megan and Jack Gronert; brother Gordon Gronert (Wife Hazel) and several nieces and nephews.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on March 22, 2013 at 1p.m. at Maranatha Assembly of God church in Kingsford, MI.

In lieu of flowers a memorial will be established in his memory.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Bill Gronert online at www.ernashfuneralhomes.com

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain with the funeral arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR **22**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Maranatha Assembly Of God
920 S. Carpenter Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802

Tribute Wall

DF

“ I am so sorry to hear of your families loss! Mr. Bill was a joy to everyone that knew him....a good man, with a great heart and love for others!

He will be sadly missed by our whole community!

Know that my thoughts and prayer are with all of you~

*Blessings and hugs,
Deb*

Deb Jafolla - Niagara, WI - Friend - March 25, 2013 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Dear Aunt Diane and Cousins Mike and Scott.
Such sad news. I'm glad I got to visit with him a couple years ago while we were up there. He was my favorite Uncle. Oh how I looked up to him with respect and admiration. He always had time for me and oh how I loved his stories. A part of me is missing now and it sure does hurt. But knowing he's in God's hands is a comfort. I know this will be difficult for everyone and so my thoughts and prayers will be sent continually. God Bless you All. As I love you, and you All mean so much to me. I wish I lived closer to help in anyway I can. I'm a phone call away. Home Phone: 815.436.1386.
God Bless you Uncle Bill, Love you always.
Debi.

Debra (St.Vincent) Mair - Plainfield, IL - Niece - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Diane

Our sympathy to you and your family for your loss. Sorry we can not express this in person as we are in California for a while. Lots of great memories of "the old days" in Niagara. May God comfort and sustain you in the coming days

BILL & ELLEN

Bill and Ellen Roberts - Norway, MI - Friend - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ dianne--mike--scott

*sure enjoyed your father!!
he brightened up my day--no matter how difficult it was!!
God put him in my life and am eternally grateful for that
he was a beautiful man--
i will smile and laugh everytime i think of bill!!*

bob pultz - niagara, WI - friend - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ Bill was a bvery good person. He was my boss at b-n-w pontiac. Bill was very talented and he was always joking around.He will be greatly missed. My thoughts go out to the family.

jeff garvaglia - niagara, WI - friend - March 19, 2013 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Sorry for your loss

Chuck Connis & Sandy Raymond - Pinellas Park, FL - friend - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Dear Diane and Family,
I am sending you my prayers and most heartfelt sympathy for the loss of your husband and father, Bill. He was one of the kindest men I ever knew. Bill will be missed by anyone who ever had the pleasure of knowing him. Please take care. May God Bless you all.

Shelly Donovan-Giguere - Weston, WI - Friend - March 18, 2013 at 12:00 AM

OF

“ Our sincere sympathy and prayers are with Bill's wife and children. it was always a joy to have Bill take care of our water softner and just tell us stories as he took care of testing our water etc. his many years in business. God Bless you.
Harlan and Orice Walters

Orice and Harlan Walters - Iron Mountain, MI - bussiness friends - March 17, 2013 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ I am so sorry to here about the loss of Bill. I had the extreme pleasure of attending Dale Carnegie classes with him. What a story teller and what a hoot of a guy. Bill, you made us all laugh, and I wish we could all do more of that. May God bless you and your family, Sincerely, Rex.

Rex Angeli - Iron River, MI - Friend - March 16, 2013 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of the family.
Bill was the kindest and most generous man that we have ever known. When we moved across the street from Bill and Dianne, he immediately came over and welcomed us into the neighborhood. He always had a smile or a witty story to tell too:)
In the spring, he always made sure that we had flowers from his garden, and he even tried to give me pointers on how to grow my own.
He took a great shine to our son Dallas also, and Dallas always called him "Grandpa Bill"
There are so many WONDERFUL memories of our dear friend, and he will be so missed.
With much love and prayers
The Strand Family

Kathie Strand - Niagara, WI - neighbor and friend - March 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM