



## William Hyde

July 6, 1940 - May 16, 2024

William “Bill” Hyde passed away peacefully on May 16, 2024, surrounded by his loving family.

He was born on July 6, 1940, to Albert and Anna Hyde in Dearborn, Michigan. He graduated from Fordson High School in 1958 where he met the love of his life, Bonnie Pancheri. Together they shared 63 years of a beautiful marriage and raised 3 daughters in Escanaba, Michigan. He attended Eastern Michigan University, graduating with a bachelor’s degree in education. Bill served Escanaba Area Public Schools as a Junior High English teacher and P.E. teacher at several elementary schools.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman and sportsman. As a youth, he excelled in hockey, football, and baseball, leading his teams to victory as the quarterback and southpaw pitcher. Later in life Bill enjoyed fishing the Great Lakes and Canadian waters, hunting with his loyal companion, Sam, and golfing. An excellent cook, Bill enjoyed preparing his catch for family and friends - Friday night fish fries, partridge dinners, and the once-in-a-lifetime squirrel stew. In retirement, Bill and Bonnie enjoyed traveling the United States in their RV and spending time with their grandchildren. Bill’s sense of humor and mischievous nature touched all of those who knew him.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Bonnie; his daughters, Jennifer (Tom)

Wender, Jill (Ron) Waligora, and Judith (Chad) Vitito; his siblings, Robert (Bob) Hyde and MaryAnn Hyde; 5 grandchildren, Jordan (Dan) Sjoquist, Jessica (Zac) Slabaugh, John Vitito, Jim Vitito, and Jenna Beers; 4 great-grandchildren, Cameron, Ben, and Abby Sjoquist and Samantha Slabaugh; a sister-in-law, Bernadette Lockenour; and a brother-in-law, Jerry Pancheri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Albert and Anna Hyde; his sisters-in-law, Mary Lou Hyde, Aileen (VanGothem) Pancheri, and Patsy (Pancheri) Romagna; and a brother-in-law, Freddy Romagna.

The family will receive friends on Friday, May 24th, 2024, from 9:00 am to 11:00 am at the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home in Iron Mountain. A Memorial Service will follow at 11:00 am at the funeral home with Pastor Bob Malsack officiating. The service will stream on our YouTube channel at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxW7\\_RDX3NA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxW7_RDX3NA)

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be directed to the Dickinson County Cancer Loan Closet or the First Presbyterian Church.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of William "Bill" Hyde online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon & Nash Funeral Home of Kingsford with the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **24.** 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home  
901 Carpenter Avenue  
Iron Mountain, MI 49801  
(906) 774-7676  
nashfuneralhome@gmail.com  
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## Memorial Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of William Hyde



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - May 24, 2024 at 01:31 PM



“ Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Hyde



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Erickson-Rochon-Nash Funeral Home - May 24, 2024 at 01:27 PM

RS

“ I will miss our walks in the woods and time on the water Uncle Bill. I remember when Lynn and I were dating and we came up to visit you early in our relationship, I woke up to venison and eggs! I am guessing Lynn paid you to do that so she would land me. Well, it worked as you know. I always looked forward to those annual trips. The best part of the day was after the outdoor activity, while the girls were shopping, I was always encouraged to take a little snooze. This of course was followed by cocktail hour. I will miss our time together. I am very grateful for the time we spent together and the hospitality. I look forward to our next trip to the UP. You will be missed.  
Randy

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**Randy & Lynn (Romagna) Sprenger** - May 28, 2024 at 10:11 PM

DM

“ Bonnie, sorry for your loss.  
Bill, Frank Pollard and I were friends and teammates at Fordson High, Bill the quarterback, Frank the running back and me the guard. Our team well in the Border Cities League. Bill and I plated hockey for Dearborn and won the Junior State Hockey Championship played in Iron Mountain in 1960. will miss you friend.  
Don Dimcheff MD

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**Don Dimcheff MD** - May 24, 2024 at 12:21 PM

DH

“ Bonnie and family. I was saddened to learn of Bills passing. Mary Jean and I enjoyed spending time with you for many winters in Lake Havasu. Bill was a special guy and I'm sure the Good Lord will have a place for him in heaven.  
Dick Heselton

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**Dick Heselton** - May 24, 2024 at 06:51 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Hyde.*



May 23, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ *Kerry, Steve, Lori, Robin, and Amber planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hyde.*

**Kerry, Steve, Lori, Robin, and Amber** - May 23, 2024 at 08:28 AM



“ *Love, Dawn and Pat Richards purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Hyde.*



**Love, Dawn and Pat Richards** - May 23, 2024 at 08:06 AM



“ *Mr Hyde was one of my gym coaches, in elementary school in Escanaba. He was a very nice man, from my memory of him. I pray for comfort to his wife and family. God bless.*



**Mary Robinson** - May 22, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Hyde.*



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May 22, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *Love, Laura Burroughs Archer and Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hyde.*

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**Love, Laura Burroughs Archer and Family** - May 22, 2024 at 10:46 AM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William Hyde.*



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May 22, 2024 at 09:07 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Hyde.*



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May 22, 2024 at 09:02 AM

LH

“ Sorry to hear about Bill’s passing. We always looked forward to seeing you both when we wintered in Lake Havasu.  
Linda and Jim Hayter

Linda and Jim Hayter - May 21, 2024 at 09:04 AM

FL

“ Friends at the Silver Bullet Lodge purchased the Enduring Grace for the family of William Hyde.



Friends at the Silver Bullet Lodge - May 21, 2024 at 07:43 AM

KP

“ Kelly P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hyde.

Kelly P. - May 20, 2024 at 11:10 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Hyde.



May 20, 2024 at 05:54 PM

LW

“ Love, Bruce and Leslie Waligora planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hyde.

Love, Bruce and Leslie Waligora - May 20, 2024 at 05:54 PM

LW

“ Jill and family, Bruce and I are so sorry for your loss. We didn't know your Dad but he sounded like a wonderful person. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.



Leslie Waligora - May 20, 2024 at 05:47 PM

DM

So sorry to hear this. Mr. Hyde will always be a great teacher in my memory. May he rest in peace and may peace be granted to his loved ones left behind.

Debbie Miller - May 21, 2024 at 08:28 PM

LK

“ Bonnie & family, we are so sorry for your loss of a great man. Our friendship began in Lake Havasu, AZ, a “few” happy hours, a lot of games of golf, harassing Larry with snakes and especially enjoying Bill's famous corned beef & cabbage for St Patty's Day. You will be missed. Dorothy & Larry Kuan

Larry & Dorothy Kuan - May 20, 2024 at 02:56 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Hyde.



May 20, 2024 at 12:51 PM

SM

“ A wonderful life so well lived. We feel lucky to have known him.....Pete and Shelby Merckx

Shelby Merckx - May 20, 2024 at 12:28 PM

TD

Bill was one of the most dependable, humble and upright person I've ever known. He was an outstanding athlete, yet never brought up how good he was etc. He also was instrumental in negotiating the best teacher contract in the UP while union president in Escanaba. Always smiling and interesting to talk too. He will be missed.

Terry Duval - May 20, 2024 at 12:44 PM

LB

You know how there are some people you are lucky enough to meet in life, and their kindness, humility and humor stick with you long after? That was Bill Hyde. Easily one of the best humans on the planet. He lived an amazing life and shared it with everyone. He will be truly missed. His legacy lives on through his daughters and his grandchildren. Sending hugs to all....Lee Biron

Lee Biron - May 20, 2024 at 01:14 PM

JJ

My deepest sympathies. I have fond memories of Bill while growing up with Jen and Jill.

Jean Magnusen Jenderko - May 20, 2024 at 08:24 PM



Sorry for your loss. Mr. Hyde was my grade school gym teacher at Wells elementary. I ran into him several times after graduation ice fishing or around Escanaba. He always remembered who I was and was fun to catch up with.

Nick Jungles - May 21, 2024 at 11:31 AM

FD

So many memories, so far apart by mileage, but not in our hearts, so glad we traveled together for the last thirty years!! Miss you two!

Frank and DiAnne - May 24, 2024 at 10:44 AM

DG

*My condolences to the Hyde Family. Bill was a great guy. Many fond memories fishing and hunting (Zeni Silver Bullet Lodge) with Bill. He always was fun to be around. Sorry I missed the services due to illness. RIP Bill.*

*Dan Van Goethem*

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**Daniel P Van Goethem** - May 26, 2024 at 10:18 AM

TC

*I have wonderful memories of Mr. Hyde from Junior High School. When I was a 6th grader, I had difficulty opening my locker. We were not allowed to take any books into the lunch room and I had trouble opening my locker at first. Mr. Hyde came by every day before lunch to help me get it open so I wouldn't get in trouble. I don't know how many times he helped me before I got the hang of it. He was so patient and kind! He was a great teacher too! Sending my condolences to all of his family and friends. I also had Mrs. Hyde for 3rd grade... so "hello" to you too. ❤️*

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**Tina Morrison Ciner** - July 29, 2024 at 05:04 PM