



William "Bill" Galarno

May 3, 1930 - February 21, 2022

William "Bill" Galarno, a longtime resident of Gurney, Wisconsin, passed away on Monday Feb. 21, 2022, where he resided at the home of his daughter Denise and son-in-law Jeff Sprangers in Woodruff.

Bill was born in Ashland, on May 3, 1930, the son of David and Helen Galarno.

On Dec. 9, 1950, he married his soulmate Charlotte Youngs. Together they raised a family of eight children.

Bill had many interesting jobs during his life including a diamond driller, a wheel's man on the Great Lakes and a crane operator that helped build the Mackinac Bridge. He also set rocks for the break wall at Saxon Harbor.

After retiring, he spent many hours woodworking. Dad made many beautiful clocks, shelves, trunks and tables. It was always fun to visit and see his latest project, but it was even better when he would say, "I made this one for you."

Dad always planted a big garden to share with his family. He enjoyed deer hunting with his boys, turkey hunting with mom, camping and loved his many pets.

Dad will be greatly missed forever and always. His many stories will be passed along and never forgotten.

Bill is survived by his daughters, Vicky (Larry) Harris, Babe Soffiette, Debbie Galarno, Cindy (Rick) LaFortune and Denise (Jeff) Sprangers; sons, Randy (Diane) Galarno, Richard (Carri) Galarno and Bill (Barbi) Galarno; 24 grandchildren, 33 great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren;

sister, Pearl Cornetto; and extended family.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte (Youngs) Galarno; his parents, David and Helen Galarno; infant brothers, Jack and Roy Galarno; daughter, Billi Tauer; sons-in-law, Dave Tauer and Mark Pietila; and grandsons, Jody Soffiette, Nathan LaFortune and Jonathan Tauer.

No services will be held at this time, a celebration of life is being planned for this spring.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill and I were classmates back in 1999 in London. He was great to work with! He is Missed. Blessings to his Family.*
Veronica James

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