



## William A. Dehn

October 17, 1942 - September 24, 2020

William Arthur Dehn (also known as “Honeybaby”), age 77, of Rhinelander, WI, died on September 24, 2020 at Marshfield Clinic Hospital in Minocqua, after a brief illness. Willie was born on October 17, 1942 in Oshkosh to Clarence and Evelyn (nee Pamenter) Dehn.

Willie’s greatest accomplishment, as well as the one he was most honored and proud of, was serving his country for 32 years in the United States Army; where he earned the rank of Command Sergeant Major.

During his retirement, Willie enjoyed volunteering with the Newbold Fire Department until he was unable because of his Parkinson’s Disease. He enjoyed spending time with his family, traveling with his wife and telling jokes while enjoying a beer sitting in his yard socializing with neighbors and friends. He will be remembered for his laugh, quick wit, patience, bluntness, compassion and willingness to always help family, friends, neighbors and even strangers.

Willie is survived by his wife of 54 years, Rita (nee Tordeur); daughter, Traci England (Brad Bottorff); 3 grandchildren, Kristina England (Neil Broske), Kaitlin (Jon) Edwardson and William England and 3 great grandchildren who were the light of his life, Aubree, Madelynn and Logann. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and brother.

In lieu of flowers, Willie would want you to make a donation to the Parkinson’s Foundation or Newbold Volunteer Fire Department in his honor. Per his wishes, there will be a private family service and a celebration of life at a later

date when everyone can be together to laugh, tell jokes and of course toast him with a beer.

# Tribute Wall

TS

“ Our deepest & sincere sympathy. We are just finding out our Uncle Bill has passed before we were able to locate the family. Aunt Rita - Cousin Tracie , we are sorry for your loss. Love you & cherish you from a distance for what you both have done for Tammy Smith & I - Teri Smith when we were growing up. Thank you he will be missed .

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**Teri Lynn Smith** - January 30 at 09:51 AM

HZ

“ Rita and family, I just found out about Willie's passing. We worked together in Colorado. He was a great mentor and could always put the mood into laughter. SGM (Ret) Helen "Scotti" Zahn

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**Helen "Scotti" Zahn** - February 20, 2023 at 02:45 PM

BA

“ Rita, this is LTC (Ret) Bill Anderson, Bill's boss In Ansbach, Germany. I am so sorry for your Loss of sweet Bill. I ran across the obit while Searching fir you two. I have friends in Colorado and thought you all may still be there. Once I left Ansbach sure missed you guys Cinny and Traci. Bill was my best right hand man. Remember to shake to see who goes first. You may contact me at 317-374-8784. I would love to hear from you.

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**Bill Anderson** - August 28, 2022 at 09:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to learn of Willie's passing, Rita.  
You all hold a special place in my heart.

*Sending love and hugs.*

*Cindy (Fredrick) Guthrie  
Oceanbreeze60@yahoo.com*



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**Cindy Guthrie** - May 02, 2021 at 08:27 PM

CW

“ I am so sorry for your loss. Willie was one of my favorite people. I'm sad we never got to come to Wisconsin and see you all after you left Colorado. I was so looking forward to seeing your beautiful state and the ginormous mosquitos Willie spoke of. God Bless and comfort you all. Love, Cathy Wagner

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**Cathy Wagner** - November 12, 2020 at 12:03 AM

BM

“ Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. We'll keep you in our prayers and thoughts. **BILL AND KATHY MAULE**

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**Bill& Kathy Maule** - October 03, 2020 at 12:04 PM

KO

“ Rita,

*I am so sorry to hear of Willie's passing. You are in my thoughts.*

*Kris Overbey*

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**Kris Overbey** - October 02, 2020 at 03:23 PM

KH

“ A very sad day for me as I learned of Willies passing. A great man the world has lost for sure. I have known this man for upwards of 43 years....not once did he let me down, look the other way or dismiss my thoughts.

*I have always appreciated his vast words of wisdom....he was in fact the father I never really had.*

*How do I get my thoughts and feelings out my head and on paper...I cant, but he knows..*

*Praying for you Rita, Traci & family.*

*I have replaced the word - " Willie" for "Dad"..... in my mind.*

*Kurt J. Hein*

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**Kurt J Hein** - September 30, 2020 at 07:41 AM

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“ You are all on our thoughts and prayers during this most difficult time; at the loss of Honeybaby, he will be greatly missed.

*Especially his laugh. He never hesitated to hold and love on his grandbabies, even the little ones. He loved his family dearly and showed it every chance he got. His love remains always. . .*



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**The Edwardsons** - September 29, 2020 at 08:50 AM

HP

“ Willie, you will be so missed, your jokes, your laughter made every get together so much better!!! Love Harry and Louie

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**Harry Pamenter** - September 26, 2020 at 07:23 PM