

William "Bill" Phillips



William "Bill" Phillips, 68, of Bad Axe, passed away Monday, Dec. 19, 2011.

He was born July 21, 1943 in Detroit, son of the late Richard and Mary (Murell) Phillips. He married Rose (Marie) Suchan on Feb. 3, 1967 in St. Francis DeSales Catholic Church in Detroit.

Bill began his career in banking at Manufacturers National Bank in Detroit, and worked at various other banks throughout his life. He was an avid gardener and fan of the Detroit Tigers, Red Wings and Lions. He was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe and served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era. He was a devoted grandfather to his grandsons and enjoyed the time spent with them.

Bill is survived by his wife, Rose (Marie) Phillips of Bad Axe; one son, William Phillips Jr. of Saginaw; one daughter, Lynn Phillips of Midland; two grandsons, Garrett and Nicholas Scheerhoorn of Midland; one brother, Jim Phillips of Delaware; three sisters, Mary (William) Rowland of Plymouth, Emma (Jack) Woodliff of Texas and Nancy (Tony) Pfeiffer of Florida; sisters-in-law, Mary Lee Kuteron and Judy Camp; brother-in-law, Edward (Mary) Suchan; and many nieces, nephews, and beloved pet, "Bella."

He was predeceased by three brothers, Richard, Ellery and Donald Phillips and four sisters, Betty Miller, Louise Breen, Barbara Kucharski and Joyce Holt.

A memorial service will be conducted at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, 2011 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Bad Axe. Officiating will be The Rev. Kenneth Lueke, pastor. Interment was in Tower Hill Cemetery in Houghton Lake.

Visitation with the family will be from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the church.

Memorials may be offered to Our Savior Lutheran Building fund or the Thumb Animal Shelter.

Arrangements by the Kaufman Funeral Home in Bad Axe.