



William J. Steffenhagen, Jr.

December 27, 1934 - February 27, 2024

William J. Steffenhagen, Jr., 89, passed away on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 in Lake Forest, IL. He was born December 27, 1934 in Chicago and had been a resident of Fremont Center, IL for most of his life where he was a devoted member of St. Mary of the Annunciation Parish. Bill was a former mechanic for Hanlon Ford in Libertyville and after it closed, he & his beloved wife, Ann had a dream and together they built Northern Illinois Mack Company and were later inducted into the University of Illinois Entrepreneur Hall of Fame from the Chicago Campus. He was an avid pilot and enjoyed the precious moments flying his grandchildren around, especially his grandson, Rob, who later became a pilot because of his grandfather. Bill enjoyed riding his motorcycle and looked forward to taking motorcycle trips with friends and also driving and collecting antique cars. He was a man with many interests and talents but spending time with his family was always the most important.

Surviving are his 5 children, Betsy (Bob) Tekampe, Bill Steffenhagen III (Tammy), Mark (Sue) Steffenhagen, Todd Steffenhagen Sr. and Kathy (Mark) Meade; 13 grandchildren, Patricia (Todd), William IV (Tanya), Christy (Kevin) Vider, Rob (Lauren) Tekampe, Todd Jr. (Michelle), Jonathon (Lisa) Meade, Ashley (Elliott) Olson, Katie (Chris) Aspegren, Mark, Matthew (Ashley) Meade, Niki (Chris), Kelsi (Mitch) Riley, Morgan (Nick) Birenbaum; 18 great-grandchildren, Marlana (Ryan), Jakob, Andrew, Abby, Levi, Aden, Millie, Everett, Benjamin, Jolee, Emma, Ellie, Liam, Charley, Madilyn, Logan, Sloane,

Anna; great great grandson, Stetson and by his sister, Margaret (John) Janiszewski.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ann Steffenhagen on January 8, 2023, parents, William & Rita Steffenhagen and by 2 sisters, Mary Geary & Barbara (Fred) Behm.

A visitation will be held from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. Sunday, March 3, 2024 at St. Mary of the Annunciation Church, 22333 W Erhart Rd. in Mundelein. Visitation will resume at 10:00 a.m. followed by Mass at 11:00 a.m. Monday at church. Interment will be at St. Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations would be appreciated to St. Mary or St. Jude Childrens Hospital, www.stjude.org. For info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 3. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary of the Annunciation
22333 W. Erhart Raod
Mundelein, IL 60060
<http://stmaryfc.org>

Visitation

MAR 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary of the Annunciation
22333 W. Erhart Raod
Mundelein, IL 60060
<http://stmaryfc.org>

Funeral Mass

MAR 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

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22333 W. Erhart Raod
Mundelein, IL 60060
<http://stmaryfc.org>

Tribute Wall

DA

“ I just heard of Bills passing. My father worked for him for years and want to express my condolences. Ana amazing family just so kind and treasure my childhood memories of flying...

Dana - March 06, 2024 at 08:13 PM

KT

“ Kyle Helfrich & Helfrich Trucking purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Kyle Helfrich & Helfrich Trucking - March 03, 2024 at 05:00 PM

KT

“ Kyle Helfrich & Helfrich Trucking planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..

Kyle Helfrich & Helfrich Trucking - March 03, 2024 at 05:00 PM

TE

“ Tyler Endres purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Tyler Endres - March 03, 2024 at 09:22 AM

TE

“ Tyler Endres planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..

Tyler Endres - March 03, 2024 at 09:22 AM

NV

“ Nancy Verde purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Nancy Verde - March 03, 2024 at 09:11 AM

TB

“ Bill will be missed by our families it was a pleasure to know him and do business with him he can not be replaced. the Bateman's and Koch's

Thomas L Bateman - March 02, 2024 at 08:16 PM

LJ

“ Love, Margie and John purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Love, Margie and John - March 02, 2024 at 11:30 AM

LJ

“ Love, Margie and John planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..

Love, Margie and John - March 02, 2024 at 11:30 AM

TF

“ The John Olson Family purchased the Gracious Lavender Basket for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



The John Olson Family - March 02, 2024 at 10:52 AM

LF

“ Love, Jeannine Graff-Stetkus & Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Love, Jeannine Graff-Stetkus & Family - March 02, 2024 at 08:44 AM

LF

“ Love, Jeannine Graff-Stetkus & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..

Love, Jeannine Graff-Stetkus & Family - March 02, 2024 at 08:44 AM

FF

“ From the Bob, Greg and Brad Nuss family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



From the Bob, Greg and Brad Nuss family - March 01, 2024 at 07:58 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



March 01, 2024 at 08:24 AM

CS

“ Cobb Shipping Service planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..

Cobb Shipping Service - March 01, 2024 at 08:24 AM

JF

“ Jean Maguire West and Family purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Jean Maguire West and Family - February 29, 2024 at 09:52 PM

TA

“ The Windy City Chapter of ATHS purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



The Windy City Chapter of ATHS - February 29, 2024 at 08:29 PM

TA

“ The Windy City Chapter of ATHS planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..

The Windy City Chapter of ATHS - February 29, 2024 at 08:29 PM

JO

“ So sorry for your family’s loss of Bill. I will forever be thankful for all the support Bill and Ann showed our family for years at the Lake Co Fair meat animal auction. Bill always was so eager for us to share our projects with him each year, always such a great listener and supporter of the youth.
Jacquie (Sancken) Ochs

Jacquie Ochs - February 29, 2024 at 08:01 PM

ST

“ So sorry to the family of Bill for your loss, Such a great man, teacher, boss for many years. you will be missed, I will see you again in heaven .Love to the Family. Sally Terry

Sally Terry - February 29, 2024 at 07:17 PM

CC

“ Ann hired me, and Bill, said, she will never make it. I was 22, basically a baby, but I learned so much from Ann and Bill for the 35+ years I worked for them. (I guess, I made it) Not just the business side, (thank you Ann) but about life in general. And when I lost my mom, Ann hugged me. And when I lost my dad, Ann hugged me and Bill said, you will be ok. And I was, Bill helped me, every step of the way and every, dumb question I had, he was there. I think of them every day and every day, I know how blessed I am to have had them both in my life.

Cyndi Collins - February 29, 2024 at 07:05 PM

CC

“ Cyndi & Trey Collins purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Cyndi & Trey Collins - February 29, 2024 at 06:41 PM

SI

“ Sancken Trucking Inc purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



Sancken Trucking Inc - February 29, 2024 at 05:44 PM

TF

“ *The Harry Meade Sr. Family purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



The Harry Meade Sr. Family - February 29, 2024 at 05:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



February 29, 2024 at 05:16 PM

SS

“ *Susasn Sancken planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*

Susasn Sancken - February 29, 2024 at 05:16 PM

TF

“ *The CIT Trucks Family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



The CIT Trucks Family - February 29, 2024 at 04:03 PM

LK

“ This world should have more Bill " Willie Johns" in it. I found him to be honest, hard working. He would let me paint his fingernails, and joined in with whatever was going on when he came over. I got rides on his motorcycle and his old cars. He was good friends with my dad and Dennis Snavelly. He bought our land without hesitation or haggling. We were always welcome. He was known for helping families with money once one partner died. I have/had a tremendous amount of respect for him and Anne. Willie, reunite with Anne and your friends, which should keep you busy for a long time as you knew lots and lots of people. I will miss you. Peace.
Linda Hecketsweiler Kane

Linda Hecketsweiler Kane - February 29, 2024 at 03:52 PM

FM

“ From E. Sulisz and the Millers purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



From E. Sulisz and the Millers - February 29, 2024 at 01:58 PM

TF

“ The Beelow Family purchased the Treasured Lilies Spray for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..



The Beelow Family - February 29, 2024 at 01:24 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



February 29, 2024 at 01:22 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



February 29, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Jeffrey Rittmer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*

Jeffrey Rittmer - February 29, 2024 at 01:18 PM



“ *Grinnell purchased the Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



Grinnell - February 29, 2024 at 11:03 AM

TE

“ *The Carlsons and The Ericksons purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William J. Steffenhagen, Jr..*



The Carlsons and The Ericksons - February 28, 2024 at 08:12 PM