



## William Harry Loose

October 23, 1928 - March 23, 2019

William “Bill” Harry Loose, 90, of Rapid City, went to his Heavenly Home on Saturday, March 23, 2019. Bill passed peacefully at home with his daughter Jamy by his side, whom has lived with and cared for him for the past seven years.

Bill was born on October 23, 1928 in Anderson, Indiana to the late Bill and Marguerite Loose.

After graduating from Anderson High School in 1946, Bill served in the US Army Corp of Engineers during World War II before he married the love of his life, Dawn Sheasley on January 22, 1949. They were happily married for sixty-two years before she preceded him in death Nov. 5, 2011. Bill graduated with a degree in education from Ball State University, and received his masters degree at Michigan State University. He began his teaching and coaching career in Hanover-Horton, before transferring to East Intermediate Junior High and also taught at Jackson High and Parkside High School in Jackson. He ended his career at Kalkaska High School as Asst. High School Principal.

Bill loved hunting and fishing on Torch River for trout and had a very special place in his heart for baseball, basketball, and golf. Always an avid sports fan and athlete, Bill spent several years playing semi-pro baseball in Indiana for the Muncie Reds. His abilities crossed over to the basketball court as well, where he is often credited with the invention of the “jump-shot.” On the golf course, Bill excelled and went on to win seven first place trophies in the distinguished “BS Open.” He will always be remembered for his passion for sportsmanlike conduct on and off the field of play.

Those close to Bill know him well for his ability to spin a tall tale, tell a joke or hook you in with a punch-line that you never saw coming. His zest for life and love of people made him easy to befriend. He currently holds the record for most whitefish caught on Torch Lake in a single winter.

Bill is survived by his children, Jody Chambers of Elk Rapids, Rusty (Nan) Loose of Rapid City and Jamy K. Vandergriff, of Rapid City. Affectionately known as “Papa” to his grandchildren; Rebecca, Andria, Curtis, Lonny, Michelle, Jocelyn, Andrew and Sophia; and great-grandchildren, Aria, Lyra-Dawn, Ada, Janna, Scarlett, Luci and Millie. Bill is also survived by his beloved siblings, Robert (Linda) and Susan.

Proceeding Bill in death was his wife, Dawn in November 2011; his grandson, Daniel Joel;

and his brother, Edward (Judy).

The celebration of his life will be at Kalkaska Church of Christ on Friday, April 5th at 1:00 pm.

Memorials contributions can be made to the Dawn & William Loose Athletic Fund, Kalkaska High School, 109 N. Birch St., Kalkaska, MI 49646.

Online condolences can be left at [www.wolfeoneill.com](http://www.wolfeoneill.com)

Arrangements were made by Wolfe-O'Neill Funeral Home, our family serving yours.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of William Harry Loose please visit our Sympathy Store.

# Events

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**APR**   **Celebration of Life**                      01:00PM

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Kalkaska Church of Christ

1725 W. Kalkaska Rd, Kalkaska, MI, US, 49646

# Comments

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“ Jody, Rusty, and Jamy, I have just gotten back in town and wanted to leave all of you and your families a note. As I have told you how many laughs that I had with him especially on the golf course and the ball games. His legacy will go on forever with a caring and special children and grand children that he has. Hope to see you along the way.

Love your friend Al Dimon

**Allen Dimon** - April 08, 2019 at 01:34 PM

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“ Becky, Andria, and Michelle - I'm very sorry for the loss of your grandfather. Sending you hugs and prayers as you remember and celebrate his life in the coming days. Please pass along to your parents as well. Hope they are well. Love, Tony.

**Tony Daunt** - April 04, 2019 at 02:44 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Harry Loose.



April 03, 2019 at 02:25 PM

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“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Harry Loose.



April 03, 2019 at 08:00 AM

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“ It is hard to decide where to start : Well it started in Jackson , Bill was a close neighbor, but our relationship was even closer. He became our best friend and Bill and Dawn's family was very special and became a huge part of our life. It was so special that the memories just kept on coming for years and years. .Christmas time was a memory that shall never be forgotten . Our family was younger but you would think that we had been with them from their beginning. Laugh after laugh, until your body would ache with joy and the blessings living at a special time. We thought we had died and gone to heaven.

Bill and Wally Server had built homes at the south end of Torch Lake. Chris and I started heading up to there houses in the summer time, especially around the 4th of July, this became an annual trip. Bill would say, " Phil , ring the bell with your elbows,Why? because I know your arms will be filled with groceries.". Bill and Wally were two of the best baseball players I had ever been around. I could tell that they were really good , by watching them, they would never brag or act better than you, Why? They were your friends and would do anything for you.

Dawn , Bill , and their family's have let our family be a big part of all their lives. Jamie , was Jason's first baby sitter and I think he wanted to stay with her . Rusty , I think, had to put up with my coaching for three years in a row, at Jackson Northwest. Jody gave me my first guitar lessons..Dawn and Bill's kitchen and dining room table had a seat for us whenever we showed up, and we showed up a lot! Both Bill and Dawn were great cooks and wonderful hosts.

I will never forget the time Mike Horton and I were golf partners on Thursday night at the Twin Birch golf course. That night Bill and Wally were playing Ronnie Cross, then owner of the course and George Marks, They were on the 5th hole , the one that went down towards the river. Mike and I stopped playing ,to watch Wally hit a ball over a birch tree a little in our fairway, well the ball went in the hole for an eagle. Bill and Wally were league champions that night.

We had a group of guys that played at Ag A Ming every Tuesday and Thursday nights. Al Horton , Bill and I often road together. We played for several years in a group of guys that would show up and split up into groups of four on a team. One evening Bill's group and my group tied after 18 holes. It was decided we would have a play off with a putting contest. We had to put our ball on a leaf about 35 feet from the hole and winner take all. Well I putted first and the ball went into the cup! My team just roared. Bill got over his ball and putted and it went into the hole also! We all went crazy!, and that proved that Bill was one of the toughest competitors I have ever been around. On the other hand when he got beat he was also ready to shake hands with the winner and say" Great Game"

Our family was truly blessed to be a part of a "Great Gentleman", that loved his family. He was there for all of us . He will be truly missed.

## The Reed Family

**Phil Reed** - April 01, 2019 at 09:28 PM

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“ Bill had a magical twinkle in his eye that lite up the hearts of everyone around him! His passion for life and his family and friends was undeniable and I was so blessed to be one of them!

**Dave Dalton** - April 01, 2019 at 09:12 PM

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



April 01, 2019 at 12:30 PM

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“ Your mom and dad have always had a special place in my heart. Sorry for your loss of your dad. Many good memories of his wonderful personality. Thoughts and prayers going up for your family. Robin Humphrey Garner.

**Robin A Garner** - March 31, 2019 at 07:32 PM

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“ He was one of my favorite people of all time. It was a great privilege and joy to work with him at Kalkaska High School. Praying for comfort for the family.  
Ellen (Wood) Fogel

**Ellen Fogel** - March 31, 2019 at 11:28 AM

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



March 31, 2019 at 10:57 AM

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“ Bill Loose. A true Gentle Man.

**Neil Way** - March 31, 2019 at 08:58 AM

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“ Winfield Ivers lit a candle in memory of William Harry Loose



**Winfield Ivers** - March 28, 2019 at 12:25 PM

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“ Scott & Shelly Budrow lit a candle in memory of William Harry Loose



**Scott & Shelly Budrow** - March 28, 2019 at 05:44 AM

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“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Harry Loose.



March 26, 2019 at 04:26 PM

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“ With my deepest sympathy, rest in peace Mr. Loose !



**Kathy Steward** - March 26, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ Into God's loving arms...we will all miss you, Rest in Eternal Peace

**Mike Stankewitz** - March 26, 2019 at 04:28 PM



“ Prayers for you and your family Jamy.

**Gene Dexter** - March 27, 2019 at 09:37 AM



“ from God we come and to God we return...prayers for you and yours jamy

**jason** - March 27, 2019 at 09:47 AM



“ We will all miss him. Bill Loose poured his life into the students of Kalkaska High School—he is a legend whose example remains indelible etched into the lives of so many people. I was honored to be his friend and am deeply saddened by his passing.

**Paul Bricker** - March 27, 2019 at 12:36 PM



“ Mike and I convey our deepest condolences to the family. He certainly had a huge impact on so many lives. Praying for strength and comfort for you during this difficult time.

Mike and Cathy Mahaffey

**Cathy Mahaffey** - April 03, 2019 at 07:52 AM