

William L. Draper

(September 23, 1939 - January 9, 2015)

William "Billy" L. Draper, age 75, of Ferrysburg, died January 9, 2015 at Sanctuary at the Shore. Bill was born September 23, 1939 to William and Eloise (Lue) Draper in Muskegon, moved with his family to the Spring Lake area in 1947, and graduated from Grand Haven High School in 1958. He married Judy Wiles on June 27, 1964 in Cadillac, MI. Bill owned and operated Draper Construction, Inc. where he worked as a mason contractor for over 30 years. He and his wife also operated Red Boat Charters, a fishing charter service, for many



years. Bill was a member of the Michigan Steelheaders and the Grand Haven Charter Boat Association. In addition to his passion for fishing, Billy also enjoyed boating, cruising the waters of northern Michigan and Canada, and motorcycle riding both on and off road. Those who knew Bill would agree "he worked hard and he played hard." Bill is survived by his wife and best friend of 50 years, Judy; sisters-in-law, Alice (Gary) Starkweather of Spring Lake and Susan Meston of Spring Lake; mother-in-law, Charlotte Wiles of Grand Haven; "adopted family", Nelson and Chris Nienhuis. He is also survived by nephews, Fred Meston, Dwight Meston, Adam Starkweather, Tracy Starkweather, Donald (Janice) Bosch; niece Nancy (Mike) Brown; and 12 delightful grand nieces and nephews, Nicholas, Clark, Mallory, Joe, Max, Rachel, Lexie, Catie, Jared, Bailey, Cambell and Hudson. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Eloise Draper; sister, Linda Bosch; brother-in-law, Jerry Bosch; father-in-law, Tracy Wiles; and brother-in-law, Milt Meston. The funeral service for Bill will be 1:00 pm Friday, January 16, 2015 at Klaassen Family Funeral Home with Pastor Lydia Meyer officiating. Interment will be in Grand Haven Township Lakeshore Cemetery. Friends and relatives may meet with the family from 6:00-8:00 pm Thursday, January 15, 2015 at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the National Parkinson's Foundation or the Grand Haven Area Community Foundation. A special thank you to all of the staff and CNAs at Sanctuary at the Shore who cared for Bill and helped him through his journey. Please visit www.klaassenfuneralhome.com to sign Bill's online guest book or share a memory with his family. Arrangements by Klaassen Family Funeral Home.