



## William "Bill" W. Mortimer

July 18, 1936 - October 23, 2024

ADRIAN- William W. "Bill" Mortimer, 88 of Adrian, passed away peacefully at home October 23, 2024, with his wife by his side.

He was born July 18, 1936, in Elyria, Ohio to Paul H. and Ruth E. Mortimer, the oldest of three boys. On August 17, 1997, he married Michele Aleshire, and she survives. Bill was a proud 1959 University of Michigan graduate where he earned his BSME and later earned his MBA from Michigan State University in 1960. Bill had been employed for 14 years as sales manager for Brazeway Manufacturing until 1992. He then became President of Metro Trailer Mfg. in Romulus, retiring in 1997. He was a longtime supporter of the Lenawee County American Red Cross, serving on the board of directors for fifteen years and as chairman of the board for two years. He was a member of the Congregational Church of Birmingham UCC and attended the First United Methodist Church in Adrian.

Bill was a man of many interests. In his younger years, he was a pilot and owned 2 airplanes and a hot air balloon. He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycles, photography, scuba diving, skiing, boating, and his 1972 Corvette. He was an avid skier and served on the National Ski Patrol at Pine Knob in Clarkston, MI, and for a brief period was a volunteer fireman. His fondest memories are of family ski vacations in Vail, Colorado.

In addition to his wife, Michele, he is survived by a son, Michael (Cindy) Mortimer of Saline, MI; a daughter, Lee Ann (John) Maloney of Troy, MI; a brother, Thomas (Beth) Mortimer of Bolton, CT; stepdaughters, Lesley (Steve) Sanders of Louisville, KY; Kristin Aleshire of Chicago, IL; five grandchildren, Jessica and Samantha Maloney, Maxwell (Marissa) Mortimer, Mason Mortimer and Abigail Sanders. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David.

A memorial gathering will be held on Saturday, November 2, 2024, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. at Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian with a memorial service beginning at 3:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a memorial contribution to the Adrian First United Methodist Church or to the Lenawee County Humane Society.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Wagley Funeral Home, Adrian, and online condolences and memories may be shared at [www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com](http://www.WagleyFuneralHomes.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wagley Funeral Home (Adrian)  
1501 W. Maumee St.  
Adrian, MI 49221  
(517) 263-1400  
info@wagleyfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.WagleyFuneralHome.com>

## Memorial Service

NOV 2. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My condolences, Though we didn't always agree, I had great respect for Bill.*

*Tom Driscoll*

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**Tom Driscoll** - December 22, 2025 at 03:39 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William "Bill" W. Mortimer.*



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November 02, 2024 at 08:45 AM

JH

“ *Michele,  
Sending you and your family my love and prayers. Bill was always so kind to me in our years working together at Goodwill.*



*~Julie Howard (Young)*

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**Julie Howard** - October 30, 2024 at 01:57 PM

PP

“ *Spent many enjoyable hours hauling Bill around the country on “Air Brazeway”, flying with him in his Bellanca, and riding with or chasing him in his balloon. He was always intelligent, entertaining, & thoughtful. It was an honor to have him as a friend.*

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**Pete Pepple** - October 30, 2024 at 12:35 PM

TM

“ Bill was a really good older brother and friend. I will share some of my experiences of him at his service.

Tom Mortimer - October 30, 2024 at 09:45 AM

KA

“ Lee and family, my sincere condolences to you and your family. After reading the obituary, what a remarkable man your Dad was. Sending prayers and hugs to you all at this difficult time.



Kathy - October 29, 2024 at 06:15 AM

TG

“ What a kind and personable man, Who was all about his family. Was a wonderful person to work with at Brazeway



Terry Griewahn - October 25, 2024 at 11:09 AM