



## William Graef

November 10, 1939 - April 5, 2013

William "Bill" Graef age 73, died on Friday, April 5, 2013 at his home surrounded by his family. Bill was born in Sheboygan, WI to the late Victor and Ida Graef.

Bill was a terrific husband and father and relished activities involving his family and friends. Whether on a golf course, playing chess, or sitting around a card table, Bill always brought his unique combination of enthusiasm, humor, and friendly competition.

Bill was an active member of the Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church parish, where he served as a Eucharistic Minister. Bill was a Faithful Navigator and Corp Commander of Grand Strand Assembly 2107, Trustee and Corp Commander of Fr. Phil Grant Assembly 3272, and member of Council 11028 of the Knights of Columbus.

Bill will be sorely missed by his family and the hundreds of friends and acquaintances whose lives he impacted.

Survivors include his wife Mary Graef of Pawleys Island; children Michael Graef and his wife Elaine of Scarborough, ME, David Graef and his wife Kimberlee of Southington, CT, Susan Graef of Surfside Beach, SC, Laurie Graef Kennedy and her husband Kyle of Greensboro, NC; grandchildren Matthew, Christopher, Kaylee, Lauren, Jack, Karter and Samantha; his sister Nancy Woyak and her husband Alfred; brothers-in-law William Dierking and his wife Diane, Tony Berken and his wife Nancy and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his brother Victor Lee Graef and

sister-in-law Judith Dierking.

A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 PM, Saturday, April 13, 2013 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. A Remembrance Gathering will take place prior to the Memorial Service at 10:30 AM in Classrooms 1&2 of the Parish Life Center.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Angel Flight: Dekalb Peachtree Airport, 2000 Airport Road, Suite 227, Atlanta, Georgia 30341 or online at [www.angelflightsoars.org](http://www.angelflightsoars.org). Alternatively, the Melanoma Research Foundation: P.O. Box 759329, Baltimore, MD 21275-9329 or online at [www.melanoma.org](http://www.melanoma.org)

Sign a guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Service

JAN 13. 12:00 PM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ Roman Catholic Church  
1633 Waverly Rd  
Pawleys Island, SC 29585  
(843) 237-3428

# Tribute Wall

DA

“ *Miss you Dad, still wish you were here with us everyday. Hope you're hitting it straight, and remember don't break your wrists when you putt! Love you*



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**Dave** - April 05, 2020 at 08:37 AM

 Kim  
Hudson  
Graef

“ *The man sitting in this picture surrounded by all of us was the glue to our family and extended family. It was the smile on his face when we walked into his house for a visit with him that made us realize how much he cared about his family, and how much he loved and truly cared about each one of us.*

*He gave us many gifts, but we believe the best gift he ever gave is the reputation he made for the Graef name that his children and grandchildren can now carry on. May you rest peacefully in the arms of an angel.*

*We love and miss you Bill Graef.*



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**Kim Hudson Graef** - April 07, 2017 at 10:35 AM

DG

“ Thinking about you Dad, I can't believe its been 4 years. I miss you every day.  
Love you  
Dave



Dave Graef - April 05, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ These words will forever echo in my mind: "You can't have a burger without a brat!!!". Thanks for being a part of my childhood Mr. Graef !

Greg Rafala - April 27, 2013 at 02:22 PM

DG

“ Thinking about you today Dad. Love you

Dave Graef - April 24, 2013 at 07:47 AM

TJ

“ My Uncle Bill we will surely miss. But you will live on in all of us who loved you. a smile, a hug, a touch, a kiss. we will speak of you often and share all the fond memories. Thank God you were part of our lives. Thank you dear Uncle Bill for all your love. God's Blessings and Peace, Love You, Teri and Jesse. and Oh, could you put in a good word for us and save us a spot.

Teri James - April 12, 2013 at 02:09 PM

MH

“ To one of the best, easy going, and enjoyable people we have ever been around, Bill, you will be missed. All the Graef family is in out thoughts and prayers.

*Our condolences,*

*Mike & Christa Hudson*



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**Mike Hudson** - April 12, 2013 at 12:28 PM

ML

“ Bill was a very special man who lived life and loved so well, he fought a good fight and he will be missed.

*Love and Peace*

*Marge Lazarz*



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**Marge Lazarz** - April 10, 2013 at 08:00 PM

 Shirley  
Brown

“ To the Graef Family:

*Grief can be so hard, but our cherished memories help us cope. Hold tight to those memories....Lean on each other for support....And look to God's Word, the Bible, for comfort and strength. James 4:8 encourages; "Draw close to God, and He will draw close to you."*

*My condolences,  
SBA.*

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**Shirley Brown** - April 10, 2013 at 11:39 AM

JC

“ *Uncle Bill.....gone from sight, but forever alive in wonderful memories!!! Miss you!!! Love, Jim & Cassie*

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**Jim & Cassie** - April 10, 2013 at 10:19 AM

SD

*I will never forget you Uncle Bill. I know you will be smiling down on us this weekend when all of the family is together to celebrate your life.*

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**Suzy Dennis** - April 10, 2013 at 07:52 PM