



William "Bill" R. Hansen

September 27, 1964 - January 8, 2025

William "Bill" R. Hansen, 60, of Fishers, passed away suddenly January 8, 2025. He was born September 27, 1964 in New Brunswick, New Jersey to the late William Frederick and Janice (Richardson) Hansen. Bill was a graduate of Brownsburg High School and attended Butler University. He was employed with Rolls Royce for almost 40 years.

Bill was a fitness enthusiast who enjoyed weightlifting, cycling and had competed in several Strong Man Competitions. He was an avid reader and pet lover, especially his cat, Carl.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, January 14, 2025 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel, 9900 Allisonville Road. Bill is survived by his daughter, Cate Fine (Andy); grandson, David Kitzmiller; sister, Wendy Willis (Clint); nephews, Josh Kirkbride, Cameron Kirkbride (Taylor) and Garrett Willis; and uncle, Bruce Hansen.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the family to help defray funeral costs via: Venmo@Andy-Fine-3. Final arrangements and care are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN **14**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Fishers-Castleton Chapel

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Tribute Wall

PN

“ Just heard of Bills passing.....so incredibly sad :(
From my early days with RR, Bill was a wealth of knowledge and support for any issues that supplier were challenged with. Bill seemed to help solve even the most difficult issues. Suppliers actually looked forward to having Bill come in to help. This of course created a Win-Win for the supplier and RR.
Bill, rest in peace, my friend, and praying that your family will find solace in knowing how valuable you were to them, and to our RR family as well!

Pat Ness (retired RR-2024)

Pat Ness - January 19, 2025 at 12:21 PM

FA

“ Friends from Budney Aerospace purchased the beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" R. Hansen.



Friends from Budney Aerospace - January 17, 2025 at 02:23 PM

AA

“ The first time I met Bill in a meeting at a struggling West Coast vendor. Hi presence and voice were intimidating and commanded the room. Once the meeting was over and we got to know each other a bit, I realized what a kind and genuine soul he was. We met many times after that and he was always kind, funny, supportive, and a true team player. I will miss you Bill.

Adil Abdelwahab - January 13, 2025 at 09:27 AM

LF

“ Back in the 90's I was offered Bill to come work for me in purchasing at Rolls-Royce to help solve tough supplier issues. He became the best road warrior we ever had. But I also remember his smile and laugh - over the years, seeing or talking to Bill always made my day brighter. You will be missed my friend in all sorts of ways by all the people you touched over the years.

Laura Fehr - January 12, 2025 at 05:58 PM

YN

“ Your Weaver Woods neighbors purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" R. Hansen.



Your Weaver Woods neighbors - January 11, 2025 at 09:42 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William "Bill" R. Hansen.

January 11, 2025 at 08:18 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Hansen.



January 11, 2025 at 08:18 AM

PB

“ *Bill always had a passion to make a positive impact. He solved so many tough issues for us at RR. He will truly be missed by so many!*

Phil Burkholder - January 10, 2025 at 06:46 PM

MT

“ *Michael T. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" R. Hansen.*

Michael T. - January 10, 2025 at 05:30 PM

CR

“ Bill was a highly valued RR employee and an important colleague to me. I originally worked with Bill 20 years ago when I was just a kid in the A-Building and he would give me rides on his buggy to look for parts, the “hot” ones on the list on his cruddy old clipboard. When Bill came to procurement, he was the “boots on the ground” guy to go into suppliers to fix big problems. He knew his way around any shop floor, he knew how to manufacture Defence parts, and he knew production control like the back of his hand. Countless times over the years people would call out for Bill to go to a supplier to solve the latest crisis, and I would have to remind people that he could only be in one place at a time. His name was known at every level of the Defence business, and everyone who knew him held him in high regard. One of the fastest ways to diffuse emotion on a critical item was to say “Bill’s onsite”. Once people heard it, they knew the problem had our best on it.

Suppliers also would call on Bill for help (“Christi, can Bill come out here next week? We’ve been having this issue and the last time he was here he helped fix it.”). Every new supplier I notified that we were sending Bill to would push back and tell me they didn’t need RR’s help and they didn’t need someone there slowing them down. Bill would turn up to a supplier, be put in a conference room all day and given the cold shoulder treatment. Two weeks later he would have free access to their shop floor, they would be coming to him for help, and the next thing I knew he would have a job offer from them (at least three times!!). Bill would tease me to tell me he had another job offer, but I knew he would never leave. Bill’s blood ran blue and his loyalty to RR was unmatched. He loved being a road warrior, he loved solving problems, he loved working with people, and he loved Rolls-Royce. I hope he knew how much RR loved him back.

Bill, I will miss you greatly. I don’t know what I’m going to do the next time I have a problem that I need you to help me fix (probably tomorrow). Rest in peace my friend.

Christi Randle - January 10, 2025 at 05:17 PM

MS

Bill was amazing he would come to our shop a lot. I was his favorite DSQR when we had a problem he called me directly on my personal call. Made me go to work at 2 AM to insure the parts are moving. I didn't have 24 access to my own work but he did so he meets me at my work and let's me in so I can inspect and move his parts. I was just taking about the other night. It was a part for fire helicopter in California. Now that I'm no longer working at same company I was wondering if he is in town. I was thinking to reach out and say hi but I was to late. I will miss him as a friend and great person he was. He had a job to do but he made sure he saw the people that ware trying to get it done. Miss you Bill you thought me a lot and I will be always grateful for that. Rest in peace

Marta Stephanoff - January 10, 2025 at 07:24 PM

SS

“ *Bill was my best friend. We worked out in his basement before work starting at 3 AM from the mid 1990's into the 2010's when I retired and moved away. We kept in touch and every time I came back in town we got together for a "death march" (Bill's term for a hike over 10 miles!) And some weightlifting.. I will really, really miss my great friend.*

Steve Stivers - January 10, 2025 at 03:48 PM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" R. Hansen.*



January 10, 2025 at 02:23 PM

YO

“ *Your friends in Rolls-Royce Mfg Ops purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William "Bill" R. Hansen.*



Your friends in Rolls-Royce Mfg Ops - January 10, 2025 at 10:11 AM