



William "Bill" John Rathz

April 23, 1940 - May 3, 2026

William "Bill" John Rathz, 86, of Indianapolis, passed away May 3, 2026. He was born April 23, 1940 in Indianapolis to the late Paul and Marie (Ritter) Rathz. Bill was a graduate of Sacred Heart High School and attended Marian College (now known as Marian University). He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, and married Judith Ann Harmon in 1964. Bill was a sales representative for Donley Safety Supplies & Equipment for 31 years, retiring in 2010.

Bill was a longtime member of Little Flower Catholic Church where he was an usher, a former CYO Basketball Coach and past President of the PTO of Little Flower Catholic School. He was a member of Knights of Columbus Council #437. Bill was on the board of directors for Community Little League, where he enjoyed coaching and he and Judy organized the opening ceremonies each year.

Visitation will be Monday, May 11, 2026 from 4:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 East Washington Street. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 East 13th Street, with visitation there one hour prior.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 61 years, Judy Rathz; daughter, Angela Mackell (Frank); sons, David Rathz (Tisha) and Tim Rathz (Megan); grandchildren, Tyler Brewer, Kira Burnett (Josh), Samantha Mackell, Mary Rathz, and Patrick Rathz; and great-grandchildren, Cori Burnett, August

Burnett, and Finn Burnett. He was preceded in death by four sisters, Pauline Pinnick, Barbara Click, Carolyn Smith and Peggy Welch.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to Little Flower Catholic Church, 4720 E. 13th Street, Indianapolis, IN 46201.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 11. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Visitation

MAY 12. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Little Flower Catholic Church
4720 East 13th St.
Indianapolis, IN 46201
(317) 357-8352

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 12. 1:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Tim & Megan, Please know of our deepest sympathy are with you as you mourn the loss of your father.*

Carolyn & Rick Wooton - May 11 at 04:37 PM

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“ *Angie and Family...Please accept our heartfelt condolences on your loss. Wishing you strength and peace during this difficult time. Steve and Michele Rosenbaum*

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“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" John Rathz.*



May 04 at 09:01 PM

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“ *Mr. and Mrs. Rathz always welcomed my buddies and I whenever we visited Indianapolis whether it was for long college weekends or for the 500. Over the years I was happy to bring my wife and daughter along and it was a joy to see them welcome more people including spouses and grandchildren and great grandchildren. There was always great food cold beer and a lot of story telling and laughter. Rest in Paradise Bill. And Judy Dave Angie Tim and all your family you have my deepest condolences and all the love from myself and our family.*

Matt Lintz - May 04 at 06:10 PM