



## William Charles Pracht

March 28, 1945 - January 31, 2026

William Charles Pracht, 80 of Greenfield, IN passed away on January 31, 2026 at the Indiana Masonic Home in Franklin, IN, following an extended illness. He was born March 28, 1945 in Pasadena, CA to parents, Richard Campbell Pracht and Kathryn Elizabeth (Dunn) Pracht while his father was stationed there with the US Army. He joined sister, Edna Mae (Pracht) Zorn completing their family of four.

They moved to Indianapolis, IN when he was a toddler, where he attended IPS Number 68 and Arsenal Technical High School, graduating in 1964. While in high school he enjoyed and excelled in ROTC as well as Indianapolis Chapter DeMolay. After high school he attended Howard Sam's Technical Institute, studying Electronics. He enlisted in the US Army in 1966 and served through 1969. In October of 1969 he married Patricia (Houk) Pracht and they have one son, Bryan Thomas Pracht. Bill worked 42 years for Indiana Bell and AT&T retiring in 2007. Bill and Patty enjoyed many travel adventures during retirement. He also enjoyed anything WWII, hunting, camping, Star Trek and action movies.

Bill was a Senior DeMolay and adult-leader of Indianapolis Chapter DeMolay until his health and the pandemic prevented further service.

He cherished his time in DeMolay and was "Dad Pracht" to many young men for over six decades. He was raised a Mason at Brookside Masonic Lodge in 1970 and served as Worshipful Master in 2000. He was a 50+ year member holding membership at Frank S. Land Lodge in recent years. He was also a member of the Indianapolis Valley Scottish Rite (50 years+) and the Murat Shrine. He was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star and served as Worthy Patron with both his wife and sister at Brookside Chapter. He was a plural Star member at Oakland and New Castle Chapters in recent years.

Visitation will be Wednesday, February 11, 2026 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Bill is survived by his wife Patricia; son, Bryan as well as his nieces, daughters of Edna Mae. He is also survived by numerous cousins as well as brothers-in-law and their families. He loved his little doxie daughter, Betsy, who brought him much comfort and joy. Bill was preceded in death by his parents and sister.

Memorial donations may be given to the Indiana Grant Hamill DeMolay Foundation at Indiana DeMolay Headquarters PO Box 44107 Indianapolis, IN 46244 or The Indiana Masonic Home Foundation at 525 525 N. Illinois St., Indianapolis, IN 46204.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Funeral Service

FEB 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel  
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Indianapolis, IN 46229  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William Charles Pracht.*



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February 05 at 08:19 PM



“ *Mr & Mrs Michael Farmer, Mr John Farmer purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Charles Pracht.*



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**Mr & Mrs Michael Farmer, Mr John Farmer** - February 05 at 07:18 PM



“ *Mr & Mrs Michael Farmer, Mr John Farmer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Charles Pracht.*

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**Mr & Mrs Michael Farmer, Mr John Farmer** - February 05 at 07:18 PM



“ *God Bless Patty may God give you peace.*



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**Kae Campbell** - February 02 at 07:46 PM

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“ *Phillips & Wuestefeld Families purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Charles Pracht.*



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**Phillips & Wuestefeld Families** - February 02 at 07:14 PM

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“ *Nannie, Mary Frances And Olivia Phillips lit a candle in memory of William Charles Pracht*



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**Nannie, Mary Frances and Olivia Phillips** - February 02 at 09:29 AM