



## William C. Vance, Jr.

July 27, 1938 - November 6, 2021

William C. Vance, Jr.,

passed away peacefully on November 6, 2021. Bill was born in Indianapolis on July 27, 1938 to the late Dr. William C. and Mildred Huron Vance.

Bill was a graduate of Richmond High School and Indiana State University. He retired from Indianapolis Public Schools in 2001 after 30 years of service as an ICT Vocational Coordinator and Industrial Arts teacher. Before his education service he worked as a mechanic for Mercedes Benz, a passion he continued to utilize throughout his life for family and friends. He married Mary E. Smith on August 15, 1987.

Bill was an intellect in WWII history, aviation and automobile evolution. He had quite a collection of plane models that he assembled over the years and could tell the exact model and country of each one.

He loved traveling with his family and friends throughout the United States and all over the world. Bill was an avid golfer and never missed an opportunity to swing the club, whether it be in the backyard or on the course with his weekly golf group. Bill never met a stranger, and made friends everywhere he went. He had a zest for life and conversation that was unparalleled. He will be missed tremendously by his family and friends.

Visitation will be Saturday, November 13, 2021, from 11:00 a.m. until the Celebration of Life service at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel, 3333 E. Thompson Road.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Mary; his son, William C. Vance

III; his daughter, Kathryn E. Vance (fiancé, Reagan Kha); sister, Elizabeth Frydell; grandchildren, Samantha Vance and Allen Vance; great-granddaughter, Hillary Zimmerman, as well as many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the American Cancer Society.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **13**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Thompson Road Chapel  
3333 E. Thompson Road  
Indianapolis, IN 46227  
(317) 783-3315  
info@shirleybrothers.com  
<https://www.shirleybrothers.com>

## Celebration of Life

NOV **13**. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JD

“ I worked with Bill in The Indianapolis Public Schools system. He was a great "shop" teacher and a good friend. He will be missed by all.

*John DiVincenzo*  
*IPS Industrial Arts Teacher 1974 - 2013*

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**John DiVincenzo** - November 13, 2021 at 10:24 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..



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November 12, 2021 at 05:00 PM

JB

“ Jon and Grace Bailiff purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..



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**Jon and Grace Bailiff** - November 12, 2021 at 10:30 AM

KH

“ Mary, my thoughts are with you during this difficult time. Facing the future without Bill is not going to be easy. You hav my deepest sympathy.

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**Karen Hartigan** - November 11, 2021 at 05:29 PM

KF

“ *Kha Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..*



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**Kha Family** - November 11, 2021 at 05:06 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..*



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November 11, 2021 at 10:10 AM

SM

“ *I will so miss seeing Bill walking around our court and miss him stopping to talk to me about yardwork and whatever else came to mind. My sincere condolences to Mary and his family. He will be greatly missed in our little neighborhood.*  
*Suzie Miller-McMurtrey and family*

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**Suzie Miller-McMurtrey** - November 10, 2021 at 05:55 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..*



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November 10, 2021 at 05:55 PM

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“ (Ron) and Betty Hutkin purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..



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**(Ron) and Betty Hutkin** - November 10, 2021 at 05:46 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..



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November 10, 2021 at 11:00 AM

MP

“ I met Bill when we taught together at George Buck Middle School. Over the years our friendship developed and I was fortunate to spend some time with him on the golf course and in other settings. His sharp wit and knowledge made for many interesting conversations. Deepest condolences to Mary, Katherine, and all of his many friends. There will always be an empty spot in our foursome for Bill.

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**Mel Pfeiffer** - November 09, 2021 at 07:39 AM

BM

“ Since first meeting Bill when Mary made him the happiest man on earth, we learned that he liberally shared the happiness and joy that filled his heart. His ever present smile, funny and dry wit, and friendly personality was always abundantly shared. May he now rest, secure in his strongly held belief in the love and mercy of his Creator.

Bill & Susie McCreary - November 09, 2021 at 07:14 AM

EC

“ I remember Bill jumping in the hot seat during a couple of our ladies euchre nights just so we had an even number of players. He was always so fun to play with! Mary, we love you and our hearts are breaking for you Kathryn and the rest of the family!

Elly and Ladies Thursday Night Euchre CI - November 08, 2021 at 05:03 PM

BB

“ We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Please know that our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family!❤️

Bill and Mary Beaman - November 08, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William C. Vance, Jr..



November 08, 2021 at 10:30 AM