



## William "Bill" George Vocelka

November 30, 1937 - April 1, 2023

William "Bill" George Vocelka

Age 85, of Shadow Lakes, passed away peacefully on Saturday, April 1, 2023 at his home. Born November 30, 1937 in Oak Park, IL to the late William and Rosalie (nee Mares) Vocelka. William married Edith L. Satava on September 24, 1960 in Cicero, IL. He had a very long career with Illinois Bell, starting as a frame man and working his way up to engineering. He was a member of the Shadow Lakes Fishing Club and AA. He was known for his friendly demeanor and enjoyed helping others. He never met a dog he didn't like, or a dog that didn't like him.

Surviving are his wife, Edith Vocelka; three daughters, Cheryl Vocelka of Shadow Lakes, Catherine Vocelka of Phoenix, AZ, and Virginia (Robert) Sturlini of Plainfield, IL; six grandchildren, Kristin Baylor, Tracy (John) Elliott, Daniel (Cortney) Baylor, Robert (Ashley) Sturlini, Stacy (Joseph) Butkovich, and Ronald J. (Vanessa) Anderson; and five great grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his parents; sister, Judith (nee Vocelka) Mikutis; and brother-in-law, Edward Mikutis. Cremation rites have been accorded.

Memorial service will be Saturday, April 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. with visitation to follow until 4:00 p.m. at R.W. Patterson Funeral Home & Crematory. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity or organization of your choice.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR 15. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

R.W. Patterson Funeral Home  
401 East Main St.  
Braidwood, IL 60408  
(815) 458-2336  
info@rwpattersonfuneralhome.com  
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# Tribute Wall



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of William "Bill" George Vocelka.



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April 14, 2023 at 10:17 PM



“ My husband and I have been property owners of Shadow Lakes since 1993, but were only year-round week-enders. The first year we moved here in 2009, we participated in the annual community clean-up event. We didn't really know many people, as we had only been "week-enders" for so many years, and we sat by ourselves. Bill and Edie joined us at our table and made us feel so very comfortable, so very welcomed, and so very much at home. We have considered them both friends ever since.

My husband and I were also blessed to be part of an annual team welcoming and informing people interested in becoming a part of the wonderful community we are a part of for the Shadow Lakes Open House events each year, and listening to Bill discuss what a wonderful community we live in was truly inspiring. Spending the day with them both was a joy. Words cannot express how very much Bill will be missed.

Our heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

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Pat Hintzel - April 14, 2023 at 10:08 PM

RA

“ As the grandson of William "Bill" George Vocelka, I would like to take a moment to reflect on my grandpa's life and the impact he had on me. I will always remember him as a hardworking, caring, and loving man who left a lasting impression on everyone he met.

*One of my fondest memories of my grandpa was spending time with him in the summer. We would work on projects together, and he would always teach me something new. I loved how patient and kind he was, and I cherish the memories we shared.*

*My grandpa was a skilled engineer who spent most of his career with Illinois Bell. He started as a frame man and worked his way up the ladder through his dedication and hard work. He was an inspiration to me, and his work ethic continues to influence me to this day.*

*My grandpa's caring nature extended to all those around him. He was always quick to offer a helping hand and had a friendly demeanor that made everyone feel at ease.*

*My grandpa's influence on my life was profound, and he played a big part in shaping the person I am today. I pursued a career in engineering because of his guidance and mentorship, and I will always be grateful for his influence on my life.*

*Rest in peace, Grandpa. Your memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew and loved you.*

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**R.J. Anderson** - April 09, 2023 at 11:39 PM

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“ *Dad loved a boat ride.*



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**Cathy Vocolka** - April 04, 2023 at 01:59 PM

CV

“ *Animals were always drawn to Dad.*



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**Cheri Vocolka** - April 04, 2023 at 01:58 PM

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“ *We had the pleasure of living across the street from Bill and Edie for the last 7 years. Bill always lifted our spirits with a sincere greeting and his positive outlook on any given day. He always expressed interest and concern for us. On many occasions he helped us out with a tool or just to keep an eye out on our house while away. Bill was a joy. He will certainly be missed.*

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**Hudetz Family** - April 04, 2023 at 11:28 AM