



William Hasse

March 2, 1930 - December 30, 2023

William Louis Hasse (Bill), 93, of Calumet City, IL, passed away Saturday, December 30, 2023. Bill is survived by his lovely wife of 67 years, Margaret (Nagy) Hasse, six children, twenty-six grandchildren, and twenty-three great grandchildren.

Bill, born in South Chicago on Sunday, March 2, 1930, was the son of William Louis Hasse, Sr. and Clara Emerson Hasse of Chicago Heights, IL.

The first-born child in a family of ten children, Bill had seven younger brothers: Tom, Jim, Bob, Ray, Chuck, Don and Larry and two younger sisters, Joan Offutt and Nancy (Mike) Sutherland. His brother, Larry (Roberta) and both his sisters survive him.

A 1948 graduate of Bloom Township High School, Bill joined the US Navy and spent four years seeing the world. He served as First Machinist's Mate on various troop transport ships during the Korean War. At least one thing that he learned in the Navy stayed with him and he put it to practical mischievous use. As a father with six kids to wake on Sunday mornings, he loved to rouse his kids from their sleep with a hearty, "Reveille! Reveille! Up all hands! Heave out and trice up!" He even knew the second verse: "Sweepers, sweepers, man your brooms. Clean sweep down fore and aft. All trash over the fan tail. Reveille! Now reveille call!"

Following his service in the Navy, Bill returned to Chicago Heights in 1952 and began a 40-year career in the construction trade where he specialized first as a truck driver and later as a Union Laborer Foreman while he served as job site superintendent on heavy road construction and bridge building projects. One career highlight was his work on the Deep Tunnel project in Chicago which created massive tunnels beneath the city to convey storm water from Chicago to giant reservoirs in the suburbs.

While still in his twenties, handsome and athletic, Bill worked the weekends as a roller-skating rink guard in Chicago Heights.

One weekend in 1955, a stunning brunette named Margie came from Hammond, IN, with her girlfriends to the roller-skating rink on the corner of Torrence Ave and Glenwood-Dyer Road in Chicago Heights. Like all the girls, she noticed Bill. Unlike all the other girls, she hatched a plan, managed to catch his eye and fell for him. Literally. She fell onto the rink floor. As rink guard, he skated to her rescue. Eyes locked. Time slowed. And quick-thinking Bill asked her for her telephone number. He said it was to check up on her to ensure she was alright after her fall.

Margie only agreed to date Bill if he agreed to attend church. She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Hammond, IN, and so he began to attend there as well. Bill heard the Gospel preached and was moved by the Spirit to respond in belief during an altar call following a sermon.

Bill and Marge were married on Saturday May 12, 1956 at First Baptist Church, Hammond, IN, with Rev. Owen Miller, FBC pastor, officiating their wedding.

The marriage of Bill and Marge produced six children. Sharon (David)

Holloway, William (Pamela) K. Hasse, Wayne (Diane) Hasse, Judith (David) Gibbs, Ronald (Valerie) Hasse and Brian (Jamie) Hasse.

By 1960 Bill and Marge settled into a pretty yellow house on Arthur Street in Calumet City, IL where they lived together for 63 years.

William Hasse was a delightful man. His bright blue eyes twinkled spontaneously. His handshake was always firm but friendly. He was loyal to his family, his friends, his church, his country and his Lord.

William Hasse spoke most eloquently by his actions. He taught all his children the value of hard work and the importance of speaking the truth. He exemplified service in the ways he cared for children and grandchildren, patiently and humbly helping, earning the love and loyalty of those kids in the process. He taught his sons how to treat a lady by daily example with the ways they saw him treat their mother and their sisters.

As a member of First Baptist Church, Hammond, IN, he served faithfully as a deacon for 57 years and taught a high school boys Sunday School class every week for 60 years.

When he learned his diagnosis of Chronic Lymphocytic Leukemia (CLL) in 2009, Bill accepted this with dignity and strength though he worked closely with his doctors to pursue a course of treatment. It was very important to him to gather his entire family together and explain to them that he was ill but that he would aggressively fight his cancer. He never complained as the disease slowly progressed. His mantra became "Accept, Adjust, Adapt" and he learned to live with the effects of CLL.

He died like he lived: peacefully, at home, with his wife by his side and children nearby.

William Louis Hasse, Jr. – son, brother, husband, father, uncle, grandfather, great-grandfather, friend, role model, hero and sinner saved by grace through faith in Jesus Christ – fought the good fight, finished the race and kept the faith. And is now wholly healed in Glory in the presence of his Savior.

There will be a visitation on Thursday, January 4, 2024 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Memory Lane Funeral Home 6305 W Lincoln Hwy Crown Point, IN 46307. Funeral service will be on Friday, January 5, 2024 at 10 a.m. at First Baptist Church Jack Hyles Memorial Auditorium 523 Sibley St. Hammond, IN 46320. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers you may donate to Hammond Baptist High School or First Baptist Church of Hammond, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 4. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memory Lane Funeral Home
6305 W. Lincoln Highway
Crown Point, IN 46307
(219) 322-2050
info.memorylanepark@gmail.com
<https://memorylanepark.com/>

Visitation

JAN 5. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church
523 Sibley Street
Hammond, IN 46320

Funeral Service

JAN 5. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

First Baptist Church
523 Sibley Street
Hammond, IN 46320

Tribute Wall



“ *Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of William Hasse*



Memory Lane Memorial Park & Funeral Home - March 04, 2025 at 07:13 PM



“ *So many fond memories of Mr. Hasse! I felt like the one brunette child he never had! Judy and I were best friends growing up, and I had the privilege of spending countless hours with this precious family. What an incredible legacy he's left. "Well done my good and faithful servant!" Fredella*

fp - January 04, 2024 at 10:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Hasse.*



January 04, 2024 at 07:45 AM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William Hasse.*



January 03, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *John & Linda Vaprezsan and their family. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hasse.*

John & Linda Vaprezsan and their family. - January 03, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of William Hasse.*



January 03, 2024 at 12:47 PM



“ *MNG Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hasse.*

MNG Family - January 03, 2024 at 12:47 PM

CC

“ *Bill truly was a wonderful man who left a wonderful legacy through his family. He will be missed but he is now resting in the arms of his Lord. My prayers are with his family.*
Cathy Collins.

Cathy Collins - January 02, 2024 at 07:34 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Hasse.*



January 02, 2024 at 03:32 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Hasse.*



January 02, 2024 at 03:02 PM

LF

“ *Love, Your Larson-Danielson Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Hasse.*



Love, Your Larson-Danielson Family - January 02, 2024 at 01:25 PM

LF

“ Love, Your Larson-Danielson Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Hasse.

Love, Your Larson-Danielson Family - January 02, 2024 at 01:25 PM

KP

“ I will never forget watching NBA finals at their home on a Sunday afternoon as one of his Sunday School kids. What a wonderful and loving family. Now grown with 2 of my own children I reflect at all the great wonderful principals I learned from him in our small little class. THANK YOU for being one of Gods great gifts to me and my future through life.

Kip Porter - January 02, 2024 at 09:16 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Hasse.



January 01, 2024 at 09:20 PM



“ Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of William Hasse.



January 01, 2024 at 06:02 PM

RA

“ You could search all of FBC over the decades and you’d be hard pressed to find a man finer than Bill Hasse, (or a couple finer than Bill and Marge Hasse) I grew up around him and Mrs Hasse and went to school with many of their children. All of their children reflect the character and integrity of Bill and Marge Hasse. That is great legacy! Through the “glory days”(?) to the darkest of nights that FBC faced, Bill and Marge Hasse were present, consistent and faithful to God and to the post God had them at.

I love you, precious Hasse family. I am praying for you. Bill Hasse, good and faithful servant, husband, father, grandpa, great grandpa and friend is doing what he did here for over 60-70yrs....only now face to face...loving and worshipping his Savior. See you soon, Bro Hasse

Rachel - January 01, 2024 at 05:41 PM

FD

“ FBC Board of Deacons purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Hasse.



FBC Board of Deacons - January 01, 2024 at 03:49 PM