



William J. Franzmann

November 29, 1933 - September 4, 2023

William J. Franzmann was born in Bloomington, Indiana on November 29, 1933, and passed away on September 4, 2023 at Cedarhurst of Bloomington. He was the son of William and Grace (née Clendening) of Bloomington, Indiana. Bill graduated from University High School in 1952 and attended Indiana University.

Bill had a long and fulfilling career as a member of the radio broadcast community. Early in his career, he was a broadcaster at WTTS in Bloomington, Indiana. He later transitioned to WXTZ in Indianapolis, Indiana serving as the station's Operations Manager, during which time the station was nationally recognized by Billboard Magazine. In the '70s and '80s, WXTZ was a leader in the "beautiful" music genre and if you went to any business establishment in Indianapolis during that period, you likely heard his voice on the radio. He concluded his career at WTUX and finally, at a rebranded WXTZ. Bill was well known throughout and very active in the central Indiana broadcast community. Bill also lent his talents to many businesses throughout central Indiana doing voiceover work for radio and television commercials. His smooth "radio" voice was known by many.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, and his brothers Robert and Joseph. He will be greatly missed by his wife, Carolyn (née Donelson); son, Chris Franzmann (Cynthia) and daughter, Joanna Jarrett (Steve); grandchildren, Austin (Nysha), Katie and Jonny; great grandchild, Raiden; sister-in-law, Jane Franzmann; and numerous nieces, nephews, friends, and neighbors.

Bill was a devoted husband, father, and son and his family was his utmost priority and joy in life. He was an avid fan of the Cincinnati Reds and Indiana Hoosier sports.

No services are scheduled at this time. Cremation Rites have been accorded. The family requests donations be made in Bill's memory to the Alzheimer's Foundation 22512 Gateway Center Drive P.O. Box 1950 Clarksburg, MD 20871-1950.

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Tribute Wall

BC

“ Carolyn,
Sorry to hear of Bill's death. You and Bill made such a handsome couple together and Bob and I enjoyed going out to eat and socialize with you.

May God Bless You and Give You Peace.

*Love,
Bonnie Clendening*

Bonnie Clendening - September 12, 2023 at 06:26 PM

LC

“ Carolyn,
*Thinking of you and your family at Bill's passing. We send our condolences and sympathy to you and your family.
May your memories be a comfort to each of you.*

*Blessing,
Gary and Linda Clendening*

Linda Clendening - September 12, 2023 at 06:26 PM

BC

“ Carolyn,
I am very sorry to hear of Bill's death. You and Bill made such a handsome couple together and Bob and I enjoyed going out to eat and socializing with you.

May God Bless You and Give You Peace.

*Love,
Bonnie Clendening*

Bonnie Clendening - September 12, 2023 at 06:11 PM

SD

“ So saddened to learn of Bill's passing. Bill became a friend but he was more. As a young college kid eager to work in broadcasting, Bill hired me, literally sight unseen, from a friend's recommendation. He then became a mentor. I watched him closely and learned so much about how to do things well. He was patient, thoughtful and always a professional.

Perhaps what I'll remember and cherish most was his sense of humor. It was infectious. Sometimes corny, even a little wacky and always with great timing.

Thinking of you Carolyn, Chris and Joanna and offering my deepest sympathy.

Sam Davis
WXTZ/WIRE

Sam Davis - September 07, 2023 at 08:05 AM

TH

I checked in with Bill fairly regularly over the years. He was a kindly presence with an ear for music and a voice of authority. My sympathy to his family.

Tom Hensley - September 09, 2023 at 12:15 PM

JC

All my sympathy to Bill's family. I was at WIRE/WXTZ from 1974-81. He was the most even-tempered gentleman I have ever met. Always a smile and fun to be around. I shall miss your voice and your presence. Farewell, my friend.

Jim Culbertson - September 15, 2023 at 04:14 PM