



William Vanos (Bill)

In his 96th year, the "Man o' Steel" has succumbed to the complications and the ravages of time and old age. On January 06, 2022, William (Bill) Vanos Sr. passed away while at Westmount Gardens with his family at his side.

Bill is survived by a large family.

Dad to Siblings, John William (Jan) Vanos, Bill (Wendy) Vanos, Ron (Jean) Vanos, Mary-Anne (Dave) Thompson, Marty Vanos (Teri-Lyn Thomas-Vanos) and Mary Anne (Guus) Vanos. Opa to Grandchildren, Jennifer (Matthew) Thomas, Jon (Anne) Vanos, Meredith (Kellan) Vanos, Andrew (Sabrina) Vanos, Saralyn (Paul) Vanos, Robilyn (Chris) Vanos, Jacquilyn Vanos, Stephanie Vanos, Stacey (Nathan) Ohl, Greg (Lisa) Vanos, Dan (Molly) Vanos, Lauren Thompson, Neil (Nicole) Thompson. Great Opa to nine great grand children. Brother and Brother In-law to Harry (Wilma)Vanos, Ted (Mary) Vanos, Anne (Beernink) Vanos, Nancy (Vanos) Boere and Ann Willems-van Dyk. Uncle Bill to forty six nieces and nephews.

Bill was predeceased by an equally large number of family members.

Parents - John Vanos Sr (1997), mother Hendrika (1987). Spouse - Johanna (1996). Son - Jim (2005).

Grandson - James Geoffrey Vanos (1983). Siblings and In-laws - Peter (2016) and Nellie (2017) Vanos, Tony (2004) and Bep (2016) Vanos, John Vanos Jr. (2006), Diny (2005) and Harry (2014) Beernink , John (2003) and Anny (2021) Vandeshoot, Martin (1978) and Irma (2010) Vanos, Jim Boere (2012), Jac Willems van Dyk (2008).

Bill was born in 1926 in the Netherlands, the eldest of a family of ten. In his youth, he participated in soccer, gymnastics, acting and spent a mandatory term in Dutch military.

The family immigrated to Canada in 1948 originally settling in the west. After a brief stint in Picture Butte, Alberta, he moved his young family to Ontario in 1954. A small white house in Forest where Bluewater Ford is now located was home for another 4 years. Bill farmed on land which is now occupied by Forest Golf and Country and the Leonard Estates. Bill and family moved to a farm(s) on Egremont Road in Warwick Township and he was there until 2019. Bill was a farmer and delved into all types of farming. Gardening and a large vegetable garden were a passion in later years.

During his life-time, Bill was active and had a number of interests. He was avid card player - always up for a game of cards but the game had to be played right. Always a competitive player including bocce and "killer croquet". He did participate in the background activities related to the dances and social club that was held at Taxandria (St Joseph Club). He was a billiard player and spent off hours playing 3 ball snooker and cards with members of the Billiard Club. Bill loved to go fishing "at the pond"