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Billy was born to Joseph Edward and Hellen Crawly in Lexington, Kentucky. At the age of 5 years, with his brother, Joseph and sister, Nancy, the family moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, where they all went to St. Paul's Catholic grade and high school for 12 years.

Billy married Helen Mansmann and have been together for 58 years. They have five children: Elaine Deja (Dennis), Elise Gilbert (Marc), Erik, Erin and proceeded in death by son, Evan.

They have seven Grandchildren; Erica Yee (Austin), Lacie, Alyee, and Rhea Gilbert, Racheal Deja (Jeremy), and Owen and Peyton Huffman, followed by two great grandchildren, Ava Yee and Tucker Halenkamp; His sister Nancy (Driver, Gleason, John) and late brother Joseph (Jane Keresting) and many Nieces and Nephews.

After graduation, he began working for G.T.E, where he worked during the day and attended college at night, earning his BA. Starting as a cable splicer, he worked his way through to upper management. After 32 years, he retired and continued working as a sub-contractor for Reltic and Marconi companies. During his time at G.T.E, he was chosen to work in Sao Paulo, Brazil, taking the family along. Needless to say, no one wanted to go at that time, and then no one wanted to return home. It was a very rewarding and educating experience. The children went to an American school and learned Portuguese, while Billy learned the business part, and Helen the domestic. They met and made many friends from many Countries and the USA states. Through the years, Billy and Helen met with the Beuchlers (Germany) and the Barthels (California). We wish everyone could experience living outside the Country, thus appreciating their own Country.

Billy belonged on several committee's and clubs; United Fund, Sertoma, Rotary, and the Romeo's Club (Retired, Old, Men, Eating, Out) and twelve years as co-chairman for St. Paul's HS class reunions. Billy and Helen belong to Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and School, where they have been attending for 52 years.

Some of his hobbies included dealing in the Stock Market, reading, traveling, poker, and watching College Football. He loved racquet ball, bowling, tennis, and golf, or as I would say, chasing the ball. He had a great sense of humor, thus, liking to hear and tell a good joke. His fellow employees said he was a tough boss, but was fun to be around.

Billy enjoyed life, his family and friends, and was there to brighten their lives. He will be missed dearly, but will be in our hearts forever. Funeral services will be on October 24th at 11:30, Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, Seminole FL., followed by a celebration of life at 5 Towns Condominiums.

In Lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Alzheimer's Foundation or Hospice.

Cemetery

Calvary Catholic Cemetery

5233 118th Avenue N.

Clearwater, FL,

Events

OCT

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Memorial Mass

11:30AM - 12:30PM

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

11565 66th Avenue N., Seminole, FL, US, 33772

Comments



“ Sorry to see that my good friend is gone. He was a wonderful friend and a great boss.

George Maddox

George Maddox - January 14, 2020 at 06:00 PM



“ Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. God bless you all. So sorry for your loss. “Carlos and Wanda Licona”



Carlos Licona - October 24, 2019 at 08:19 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of James William Huffman.



October 23, 2019 at 01:04 PM



“ Fall Fantasia was purchased for the family of James William Huffman.



October 23, 2019 at 10:06 AM



“ I remember Billy in class at St. Paul's School. We graduated in 1952. I remember Billy as a very kind and good person. He suffered from asthma with all the coughs and sneezes it brought with it. Billy worked hard and was a friend to everyone. So sorry Nancy and family. Blessings and prayers, Helen Ateek Hudson

Helen Hudson - October 21, 2019 at 03:49 PM



“ I remember the first time I played racquetball with Billy. I would hit the ball to his backhand or right side, he would switch the racquet to his right hand and make it a forehand shot. Little did I know he was ambidextrous and could use the racquet to hit with either hand. He was a better player than I was and would have won any way. We had a great time and had lots of laughs.
Billy was the Area Manager for GTE, of the Coastal Area of Central Florida. I worked in his organization for several years and always enjoyed Billy's management style. It was a pleasure for me to be a part of his group.
May God bless Billy and give comfort to his family.
Respectfully,
Lee Surrett

Lee Surrett - October 20, 2019 at 11:18 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of James William Huffman.



October 20, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Billy was just one great guy! We bowled together in the GTE League for many years. Was always good to see him at the Old Timers Annual luncheon. Will miss the grin and jokes.
Frank Putrow

Frank Putrow - October 20, 2019 at 01:10 PM