



William Francis Boyle

June 5, 1930 - April 2, 2019

William F. “Bill” Boyle peacefully passed away surrounded by family at the age of 88 after battling Parkinson’s. He grew up in the Delaware and Kress neighborhood of Toledo. He attended St. Ann Grade School, was a proud 1948 graduate of Central Catholic, and graduated from the University of Toledo in 1990 at the age of 60.

Bill was a veteran of the United States Air Force with the rank of staff sergeant and served as a Russian interpreter. He returned to Toledo in 1952 and became a journeyman sheet metal worker until 1959 when he joined the Toledo Police Department and proudly served with his three brothers. Tragedy struck in December 1961 when his brother Walter was killed in the line of duty. Six months later Bill was also shot in the line of duty and lost his right eye. He retired from TPD on a disability in 1964.

An unsuccessful run for City Council in 1965 launched his political career. Bill was Executive Director of the Democratic party from 1967-1970 and was Chairman of the Democratic party from 1970-1984. At the same time, he owned TolTest (1976-1995). He was very active in the community and served on numerous boards, including the Ohio Board of Regents.

He loved Central Catholic football and would make the two-hour round trip twice a week to watch his grandsons play on the freshman, jv, and varsity teams. Bill was an avid golfer—had 5 holes-in-one including one in Ireland. He spent his retirement in the Irish Hills where he enjoyed fishing and rescuing dogs before it became popular.

Bill was predeceased by his parents, Daniel and Theresa Boyle (who immigrated from Ireland), brothers Michael, Vincent, Walter and Daniel “Dinny”, brother-in-law Tom Taylor, sisters-in-law Joanne Boyle and Sandy Boyle, grandson Tim Boyle, great-grandson Luken Boyle, nephew Walter Boyle, and first wife Marjorie. Bill is survived by his five children: Mike (Teresa) Boyle, Kathy (John) Schwartz, Beth (Larry) Hancock, Pat (Julie) Boyle, and Kris (Paul) Dick; brother Regis, sisters Sheila Jennewine, Theresa (Bob) Eigensee, and Ann Taylor; 14 grandchildren, 7 great-grandchildren, and many nephews and nieces.

Friends may visit at the Coyle Funeral Home, 1770 S. Reynolds Rd. on Sunday, April 7 from 2:00-8:00 p.m. A Funeral Mass will begin at Most Blessed Sacrament Church, 2240 Castlewood Dr. on Monday, April 8 at 1:00 p.m. Interment will be private at Calvary Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Hospice of Northwest Ohio in Perrysburg. And a special thanks to Dr. Chris Bates for the many years serving as Bill’s primary care doctor.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations be made to the Luken T. Boyle Campaign for Kindness (luken4kindness.org) or the Timothy P. Boyle Performing Arts Scholarship at Central Catholic High School.

Please view and sign the online guest registry at www.coylefuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2224 Dorr St.
Toledo, OH 43607

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Coyle Funeral Home
1770 S. Reynolds Road
Toledo, OH 43614

Funeral

APR 8. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Most Blessed Sacrament
2240 Castlewood Dr.
Toledo, OH 43613

Tribute Wall

KC

“ To the Boyle Family. Our deepest sympathy, thoughts and prayers go out to your whole family during this sad time. Bill was a wonderful man and surely left you all with many cherished memories that will sustain you. You should all be so proud of him and his many accomplishments. Still have many fun and great memories of him at the Vineyard Lake parties. He was the best host, organizing everything, especially all the games. He will be missed but you have an infinite number of good lasting memories. Our best wishes to all of you. God bless all of you and bring you comfort. God bless Bill, he is now at peace with the Lord.

Kathy and Chuck Counts

Vineyard Lake

Kathy And Chuck Counts - April 07, 2019 at 08:26 PM

“On behalf of our entire community, please let me extend deepest sympathy, comfort, and gratitude to Bill’s beloved family and friends. Always a family man proud of his Irish-American heritage, he was a compassionate but stern taskmaster, relishing his role as father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle, and loyal friend.

He was gifted. He was patriotic. He was a strong, fearless, and unrelenting leader on many levels. He was a dogged fighter for his beliefs. His toughness could mask a sense of humor that he royally shared. Rising from the working class of people, he began his career in service to America as an Air Force Intelligence Officer, returned home to enlist in the Toledo Police Division where he was seriously wounded in a gun battle, and then faced recasting his life. He pursued wide ranging interests, choosing to lead a community-focused life with innumerable generous works. He chose to take the helm as Chair of the then beleaguered Lucas County County Democratic Party and built it into the most successful county party in the state of Ohio at the time, drawing forth new leadership down to the precinct level.

Bill recruited a new generation of idealistic candidates to serve the region. He then built again— by acquiring the TolTest Company and transforming it into a highly successful Toledo company, anchoring its headquarters in then job- short Downtown Toledo, just blocks away from where he had been wounded in the line of duty.

Our community has benefitted intergenerationally from Bill’s wisdom and community-minded life. His business acumen and philanthropy in education and other fields kept building Toledo forward even during the toughest economic times.

May his loved ones gain strength to endure from the example he set — to triumph again and again over adversity. His relentless spirit and good works form part of the precious character of our community.

Thank you always, Bill Boyle, for sharing your extraordinary life with us.

*Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur
Ohio's 9th District*

Marcy Kaptur - April 07, 2019 at 11:24 AM

JS

“ *I first met Mr. Boyle when he visited the home of my father who was an East side precinct chairman. I eventually went to work for Mr. Boyle at Toledo Testing Labs as a field technician until I emigrated to Texas. Thanks for the opportunities, Mr. Boyle.*
Joe Shinaver

Joe Shinaver - April 06, 2019 at 05:04 PM

PR

“ *Phyllis, Wade, Jodi and Rico purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William Francis Boyle.*



Phyllis, Wade, Jodi and Rico - April 05, 2019 at 05:27 PM

MK

“ *Boyle family, our fondest memory of Bill is back in the day when we had our Vineyard Lake picnics and played games like sack races in front of your cottage. We had so much fun. We are so sorry for your loss! Thinking of you all during this sad time. God Bless! Mark & Carol Kausch*

Mark & Carol Kausch - April 04, 2019 at 09:46 PM