



## William L. Shepard

September 9, 1950 - October 8, 2024

William L. "Bill" Shepard, 74, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, October 8, 2024 after a brief but sudden illness.

Born September 9, 1950 to Milo and Lydia (née Patterson) Shepard he spent his entire life in the northeast Ohio area.

He graduated from Lorain High in 1968 and went on to obtain his associate's degree from Lorain County Community College. Bill then continued on to obtain both his bachelor's and master's degrees from Cleveland State University. Bill was a lifelong proponent of education and thrived in teaching computer science and sharing his knowledge with others. He began his career in Information Technology as a student and continued his IT career at CSU through his retirement in 2018. Even after retirement, he continued his contributions to higher education as an adjunct faculty member at Cuyahoga Community College.

Bill was an avid athlete in his youth playing baseball, football, throwing shot put, and wrestling. He also enjoyed fishing, bird watching, golfing, and watching movies. He was a former president of the Lorain International Festival and had a keen interest in genealogy and his family history. One of his finest achievements was documenting his family tree to become a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. Bill was also very fond of the

Christmas season, and for nearly 30 years dedicated time each winter to playing Santa Claus at the Lorain Palace Theatre and Lorain City Schools call in for the children of Lorain. Being a lifelong pet owner, he raised, trained, and showed Shetland Sheepdogs in his youth, and adopted rescue dogs later in his life.

He was the devoted husband of 45 years of Beth (née Lee) and extremely proud father to sons Corey, Kyle, and Ryan. Though he was an only child, he leaves behind several brothers in the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity of which he was a proud member since 1971. Bill will be remembered for his dry wit, his willingness to help others, and his devotion to family and friends.

The family will receive friends Saturday October 19, 2024 from 10:00 am until Noon at the Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel, 3224 Broadway, Lorain. Food and refreshments will be served afterward.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Cleveland Animal Protective League or Friendship Animal Protective League.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **19**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (Est)

Gluvna-Shimo-Hromada Funeral Chapel  
3224 Broadway  
Lorain, OH 44055  
(440) 246-2118  
gluvnashimohromada@gmail.com  
<http://www.gluvnashimohromada.com>

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill, thank you for your guidance and leadership. Rest Peacefully*

*Inez Braswell*



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**Inez Braswell** - October 18, 2024 at 08:20 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William L. Shepard.*



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October 17, 2024 at 08:09 AM

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“ *Butch Balogh and Jill Trupo planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William L. Shepard.*

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**Butch Balogh and Jill Trupo** - October 17, 2024 at 08:09 AM

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“ *Bill was always gentle, kind and warm with a dry wit and endless patience. I will remember him as a favorite and miss him. He gifted us with Beth and so many fun stories of the boys and his fraternity memories.*

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**Lynn Wyville** - October 16, 2024 at 03:59 PM