



William Elmer Tradewell

July 3, 1950 - July 8, 2020

William E. "Bill" Tradewell, of Powder Springs, GA, formerly of Warwick, NY, entered into eternal rest July 8, 2020 in Smyrna, GA, after a courageous and inspiring battle with cancer. He was 70.

Son of the late Elmer W. Tradewell and Virginia E. (Cooper) Tradewell, he was born July 3, 1950 in Philadelphia, PA.

A 1972 graduate of Spring Garden College in Philadelphia, PA, he worked in the automotive industry for over 40 years, retiring as Northeast Area Training Manager for Chrysler, LLC in 2008. He then worked for Fiat Chrysler of America as Coordinator of the MOPAR Career Automotive Program (CAP) until 2017. Bill was an ASE-Certified Master Automobile Technician, and held an Amateur Extra Class HAM Radio License (call-sign AA4BT). Bill served in numerous faith-based volunteer and leadership roles, including Elder, sound engineer, musician, and mentor at Sanctuary, Kennesaw, GA, and previously at Warwick Valley Church of the Nazarene, Warwick, NY. Bill's wisdom and kind demeanor were a reflection of his faith and love for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, Sandra L. (Hill) Tradewell, of Powder Springs, GA; daughter, Sara Tradewell, Powder Springs, GA; son, Christopher Tradewell and his wife Emiko (Kudo) Tradewell, Jersey City, NJ; sister, Barbara (Tradewell) Lance, Norristown, PA; and beloved nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, colleagues, and friends.

A live-stream memorial service will be held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 26, 2020, at www.sanctuaryinhim.org . In-person memorial services and interment will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to Sanctuary, 700 Mars Hill Rd., Kennesaw, GA, 30152, www.sanctuaryinhim.org , or to Wellstar Kennestone Hospital Cancer Center, via www.wellstar.org .

Arrangements were made by Mayes Ward-Dobbins Funeral Home & Crematory, 3940
Macland Rd., Powder Springs, GA, 30127, www.mayeswarddobbins.com .

Events

JUL 26 **Live Streamed** 02:00PM
www.sanctuaryinhim.org
GA, US

Comments



“ I met Bill in the early eighties. I was a mechanic and Bill was the first instructor in Chrysler’s first stand alone training center. Bill started the first Tech club in the Phila. area. Bill had a huge impact on myself and other mechanics of that error. Fast forward to the ninety, my master tech ring got lost in the mail. Bill caught wind of it, got another ring for me. He drove from New York to give it to me! I will miss him greatly. Rest In Peace, my friend.

Paul Frosch - July 28 at 06:39 PM



“ I met Bill first when our crossed paths as we were both involved in technician training, he for Chrysler and me for GM. I kept in contact occasionally with him over the years and I quickly recognized him a great leader and person in both his work and personal life. Little did I know that after I retired I would find myself working for him and with him as a contract employee for several years as he headed up the Mopar CAP program also after his Chrysler retirement. That is when I really got to know Bill even more and he continued to impress me in his dedication to his work, his family and his faith. I worked longer that I thought I would mostly because it was so great to work with Bill as he is one of the most inspirational leaders and persons I have met in my career and personal life. I am thankful for his friendship and feel so fortunate to have known him. I know he will be greatly missed by his family, friends and former co-workers! God bless Bill and his family at this difficult time. Bill Szelag

Bill Szelag - July 26 at 01:58 PM



“ Bill Tradewell:
Bill was a mentor and a friend for many years. A God-fearing man respected by all that knew him or of him.
Bill and I first met when he has a district manager for Chrysler, and I was a technician working through issues on a customer’s car. Bill inspired me to be my best and together we could figure the issues out. Later Bill become an instructor and I attended some of his classes and he inspired me to become more. Over the years or paths continued to cross and I became an instructor for the same organization. Time passed and I continued to learn the art and science of instruction with the help of Bill. Fast forward a bit our common manager retired, and Bill became my manager. I watched Bill flourish as a leader by building his team, building confidence in his players, and focusing on the big picture. Bill always had a kind word, commended in public and corrected in private. Much of the successes and many of the learnings in my life can be contributed to the investments Bill made in me and the team. I will be eternally grateful for the influence Bill had in my life.
Bill, please rest in peace, with out pain, till we meet again!
God Bless!
Ken Benson and family

Ken Benson - July 26 at 01:45 PM



“ Bill was a loved and trusted friend. For 16 years, Bill and I met each Tuesday for Breakfast. We shared our lives, our dreams and our hobby's (CARS). It's safe to say Bill was someone who was not afraid to gently call me out or offer correction when needed. Something very few friends will do.

Mostly, however, Bill was always an encourager. He saw the middle road of issues that swing left and right, his priorities were people centered, relationship based. Bill was more than an Automotive instructor administrator. He was a spiritual mentor to many, including myself.

I will cherish the many car shows and swap meets we attended together. Hovering over the progress in building a Hot Rod and it's engine from the ground up. Sitting together in a dinner very early every Tuesday morning for 16 years!

But more than all this, Bill was a churchman. He was a Christ follower and a spiritual leader to many. In about 30 min, I'll have to view his celebration of life on-line, (COVID) but my memories of Bill and our relationship will last for eternity.

My prayers go out to Sandy, Sara and Chris. May the comforter bring you comfort in these extremely difficult days ahead.

With all my love,
Steve Shomo



Stephen Shomo - July 26 at 01:38 PM



“ Bill was truly a "Man of God" who was the finest example of the "Fruits of the Spirit" of anyone I ever met. He dealt with some very challenging times in his career and always commented on divisive world events with love and without anger. He was never rude or prideful and always responded to help others in the name of the Lord - no matter how much he was already committed. My deepest hope is that one day I (God Willing) will get to see him in heaven because I know he is already there. My deepest sympathy to Sandy, family, and friends. Bill's departure is a great loss to all that knew him.

GENE A DEWULF - July 26 at 08:52 AM



“ Bill was an amazing person. He was an excellent leader and welcomed me to Chrysler when he transitioned from the Northeast-Mid-Atlantic to the Great Lakes-Southeast regions as Area Training Manager for technical training. He was a great teacher and shared his vast knowledge enabling me to perform my job well. Through all challenges, he remained positive and calm with that famous smile on his face. He adored his family and spoke of them often. He was a good man and will be missed by many. I feel privileged to have known him. My deepest condolences to his family and friends.

Glenna Ardizone



Glenna Ardizone - July 26 at 08:40 AM



“ Bill was an amazing man of God. Also an amazing husband and father. He was soft spoken, never judged anyone, loved and accepted all. The two memories I remember are first when Gene and I found out our then 2 year old grandson had gone to the Childrens Healthcare Hospital to check out why he had not been feeling well. I found out thru Bill's and Sandy's call that Brooks had been diagnosed with Stage 4 Neuroblastoma. I had asked them to visit them since I was babysitting the rest of the grandkids and they quickly went there and supported them with their presence and their prayers. Into Bill's first year of cancer we were all sitting in family group and I asked him how he was doing and he said he was doing good and that he was only concerned that his Sandy would be feeling better from her health issues. He used the word his bride would be feeling better.

I pray that Sandy, Sarah and family will be comforted and have Peace through this season by God loving arms and that they may be strengthened by Him. In Jesus name I pray. love, Berma and family



Berma DeWulf - July 23 at 01:18 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Elmer Tradewell.



July 23 at 12:59 PM



“ Bill was the best brother ever and I loved him deeply since the day Mom and Dad brought him home from the hospital He was kind ,gentle and always ready to help anyone he could. Something we were learned as children. He loved his family, his friends and his church, I can't imagine life without him but I guess God will guide us through this, To Sandy, Sara, Chris and Emi you have my heartfelt condolences. To his church family, I also send my sympathy to you all. As i have gotten to know you all I can see how much he loved you and how much you loved him too, He will be sorely missed by all of us but will be so happy with his Lord and no more struggles, brave as he was, he fought a tough battle while honoring God's plan for him. I will love him forever.

His sister



Barbara Tradewell Lance - July 22 at 09:47 PM



“ Bill was a wonderful person and an inspired leader and mentor. It was Bill who gave me the chance to start my career at Chrysler.
He will be sorely missed and I offer my deepest condolences to his family.

Andy Berkemeijer

Andras Berkemeijer - July 13 at 01:16 PM



“ Bill was a great person and a wonderful colleague.
My condolences to the family.
Alan Stasiak

Alan Stasiak - July 13 at 10:01 AM