



## Wasył "Bill" Hopkalo

March 20, 1946 - October 24, 2010

"Bill" Hopkalo, 64, of Benton Harbor, passed away on Sunday, October 24, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 9:30 A.M., Friday, October 29, 2010, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier Ave., in Benton Harbor. Burial will follow at the Watervliet City Cemetery in Watervliet. Visitation will be held Thursday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society. Messages of condolence may be sent to [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Bill was born March 20, 1946, in West Germany to Nicholas and Nadia Hopkalo. He and his family immigrated to the United States in 1950. Bill earned two M.B.A.'s, from Michigan State University and Western Michigan University. He worked for Michigan National Bank and later for Standard Federal Bank for over 30 years prior to his retirement. He was happily married to Gilda (Attila) Hopkalo for several years prior to her death in 1988. Bill later married Oksana Meuch on November 10, 1991 with whom he enjoyed another 19 happy years and his love of travel. Bill was an avid MSU football fan and enjoyed golfing. Bill will be remembered for being "warm and outgoing to his many friends." Most of all he cherished time spent with this family and with his grandsons.

Bill is survived by his wife, Oksana Hopkalo of Benton Harbor; daughters, Andrea (Daniel) Irvin of Livonia, MI, Tanya (Anthony) Coraci of Macomb Township, MI, and Christina Dikareva of Zurich, Switzerland; and by his grandsons, Dominic and Joseph Coraci and Brayden Irvin.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by Gilda (Attila) Hopkalo.

# Cemetery Details

## Watervliet City Cemetery

Red Arrow Highway, N. side, 1/4 mi. E. of M-140  
Watervliet, MI 49098

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT **28**. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service  
1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
(269) 926-7222  
staff@florin.net

## Service

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## Burial

OCT **29** (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

BF

“ Bryce says, "He was never in a bad mood. Had a unique sence of humor. And was fun to work for. Bryce is going to miss him."

Lori says, " What a very nice man. He was very encouraging for Bryce and always positive. I'm glad I got to meet him. I'm sorry for your loss."



**Bates Family** - November 01, 2010 at 06:59 PM

NW

“ Nadia Wolfe lit a candle in memory of Wasyl "Bill" Hopkalo



**Nadia Wolfe** - October 28, 2010 at 09:05 AM

NW

Bill was very dear to me and Warren. It was an honor and a previlage to know and befriend him for the last years of his life. Our prayers go to Oksana and girls.

**Nadia Wolfe** - October 28, 2010 at 09:15 AM

VR

“ So sorry to hear of his passing. My prayers are with you girls.

**Victory Roe** - October 28, 2010 at 08:45 AM

SW

“ Sandra Wotring lit a candle in memory of Wasyl "Bill" Hopkalo



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**Sandra Wotring** - October 27, 2010 at 02:34 PM

SW

“ I can't remember what grade it was, but Mr. Hopkalo was my teacher nearly 40 years ago at Coloma Schools. I have very fond memories of this kind gentleman. He was a wonderful teacher...may God bless you all at this most difficult time.

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**Sandra Wotring** - October 27, 2010 at 02:33 PM

ML

“ Oksana-so sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers

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**Michelle Lucker** - October 27, 2010 at 12:39 PM

KA

“ May God bless your family in your time of healing.

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**Kathy Archey** - October 27, 2010 at 08:47 AM