



## William "Bill" Crittenden

February 9, 1930 - January 11, 2020

William "Bill" Crittenden, 89, of Benton Township died at his home on Saturday, January 11, 2020.

Services celebrating his life will be held at 1 PM on Wednesday, Jan 15, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Township. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens. The visitation will be held from Noon to 1 PM on Wednesday at the Fairplain Chapel. Please share messages, memories or photos at [www.florin.net](http://www.florin.net).

Bill was born on Feb 9, 1930 in Memphis, TN to Malcolm and Irene Crittenden. He was a veteran of WWII and served in the US Army. Bill was a foreman at Paramount Die Casting for over 25 years before they closed and he was then employed at Auto Specialties for another 7 years before retiring. He was a member of the First Free Will Baptist Church and a member of the VFW. His 42 year companion, Polly Shindledecker, preceded him in death in 2006. He was a well known pool player in the Berrien County area. He also enjoyed wood working and was a "Mr. Fix It Guy". He loved spending time with his family and watching his grandchildren play baseball.

His family includes his children, Jim (Molesia) Crittenden of Millersville, MO, Tina (Thomas) Froehlich of St. Joseph, Susan Phillips of Decatur and Billie Wells of Ypsilanti; his brother, Buford; his sister, Virginia; his 6 grandchildren;

his 3 great grandchildren; his friend and care giver, Rebecca Dopieralski and his dog, Skippy. He was preceded in death by his parents, his son, Terry Crittenden and his two brothers, Charles and Albert.

Memorial donations may be made to the Berrien County Humane Society or Animal Aid

# Cemetery Details

## North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N  
Coloma, MI 49038

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 15. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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

## Service Celebrating His Life

JAN 15. 1:00 PM (ET)

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1053 East Napier Avenue  
Benton Harbor, MI 49022  
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## **Military Rites**

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JAN **15**. 2:15 PM (ET)

North Shore Memory Gardens  
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Coloma, MI 49038

## **Burial**

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JAN **15**. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ *My Dear Uncle Bill.  
I am so sad for all of us you left here on earth.  
So happy that you are in that final resting place where the streets  
are paved with gold. No more pain, sadness, or problems of any  
kind.  
I loved you so much. Save me a good seat up there please. I am  
not far behind you.  
Praying for all of us you left here. Our pain, and sadness, will cease  
when we meet you on the other side.  
Teresa Fisher-Matthews.*

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**Teresa Fisher-Matthews** - January 15, 2020 at 04:44 AM

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“ *Bill, you were a great example of a Christian man who loved his  
family. God is surely blessing you now in heaven, so until we all  
meet again --- RIP.*

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**Larry & Shar Allen** - January 14, 2020 at 09:27 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the  
family of William "Bill" Crittenden.*



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January 13, 2020 at 04:07 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Crittenden.*



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January 13, 2020 at 02:44 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Crittenden.*



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January 12, 2020 at 02:29 PM



“ *Doug And Barb Kelly lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Crittenden*



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**Doug and Barb Kelly** - January 12, 2020 at 07:59 AM



“ *We went to church with Bro. Bill for many years. We will always remember his smile and his dedication to the Lord and the church. He was a kind hearted and friendly man. He will be missed. Love and prayers to all his family. May God give you peace, and strength and may you find comfort in him during the days ahead. The Kelly's.*

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**Doug and Barb Kelly** - January 12, 2020 at 07:57 AM

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*Rest in Peace Bro. Bill your work on Earth is done. May the Lord bless your family and friends and give them peace during this time of sorrow. God Bless the Kiser Family*

**Kathy Kiser** - January 12, 2020 at 09:33 PM

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*Bro. Bill always like to tease me he used to go to different church meeting I'd preach at throughout the Benton harbor area . he loved my parents and they thought the world of him . Now there in Heaven together praising the lord . Go rest high on that mountain Bro. We love your whole family and are praying for you all. Rev. Daron and Margie Glisson and family .*

**Rev. Daron & Margie Glisson** - January 13, 2020 at 12:30 PM