



## William A. Seeback

August 20, 1935 - December 2, 2017

William “Bill” Allen Seeback aged 82 of Muskegon passed away on December 2, 2017. Bill was born on August 20, 1935 in Detroit, the son of William and Grace (Allen) Seeback. In 4th grade, he moved with his family to Scottville where he attended school and graduated from Scottville High School with the class of 1954. Bill attended Michigan State College, majoring in music and also played in the marching band and orchestra. When Michigan State played in the Rose Bowl in 1955, it was a highlight of his marching band experience to march in the parade and at the game. While in high school, Bill played the bagpipes during halftime at football games.

After graduating with his Bachelor of Arts degree and later his Masters degree, Bill taught for the Birmingham, MI school systems before working for the State of Illinois Council of the Arts. Bill later returned to Michigan, living in Muskegon where he opened a restaurant. He was a gourmet cook and enjoyed demonstrating his skills for family and friends. Bill also returned to the classroom, teaching at Muskegon Community College and Grand Valley State University. He enjoyed traveling, especially to Europe where he visited twice. Bill was preceded in death by sisters Jenny and Amanda as well as his parents Phyllis and Bill Seeback, grandparents William and Jennie Allen, as well as John and Florence Biegalle.

Bill will be greatly missed by his sister Connie Rasmussen and husband Bob of Scottville, his brother Mark Seeback and wife Phyllis Alvesteffer of Pentwater, his nieces and nephews Todd and Lori Rasmussen of Muskegon

and their children Ruth, Madison, Olive, and Nash; Nick and Lindsay Rasmussen of Dellwood, MN and their children Ava and Drew; Neil Rasmussen of Jackson, Cara and Tom Lauber of Gaylord; Mike Seeback of Big Rapids; Dan and Stacey Seeback of Greenbrier, TN and their daughter Sydney; Samantha and Chris Hoaglund of Alpharetta, GA and their daughter Emma. Bill also leaves behind the many good friends he has gained over the years.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place and there will be no funeral services at this time. A Celebration of Bill's life will be held at a later date.

# Cemetery Details

## **Brookside Cemetery**

950 W. State Street  
Scottville, MI 49454

# Tribute Wall

GK

“ Gloria Kinter lit a candle in memory of William A. Seeback



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**Gloria Kinter** - March 28, 2020 at 11:27 AM

EH

“ Bill and I both worked together in the Arts and Humanities Department at MCC and on the AH Fest committee. He was an excellent teacher, after 10+ years of teaching humanities, he was still excited about new ways to engage students in the arts. He was also a very lovely man and a good friend and we will miss him dearly.

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**Erin Hoffman** - December 11, 2017 at 12:52 PM

JS

“ Bill was everything one could ask for in a friend. He will be missed by many. An asset to the community for sure. RIP my friend.

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**Jim Swineheart** - December 09, 2017 at 11:41 AM

MB

“ I was lucky enough to meet Bill in 1968 at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp when he was on the faculty there. Later, after college, Ruth and I saw him often around town. He always remembered us and greeted us warmly. He was a tremendous asset to the West Michigan arts community and a delightful person.

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**Max Bloomquist** - December 09, 2017 at 10:14 AM

AO

“ Good bye, old friend! From the Scottville orchestra in the 50's, to all the years in Chicago and then Muskegon, we were friends for about a hundred years. Great memories of .being Bill's sous chef for a huge party in Evanston, watching the 4th of July parade after luscious bloody Mary's at Gail Dancz' and, best of all, having lunch with Julia Childs in Chicago (She signed his recipe book, even though it was caked with old food.). Bill was a genius, but a modest one. He was the only man I know who owned a tuxedo. I hope there's a big garden where he is now.

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**Adrienne Oswald** - December 08, 2017 at 06:31 PM

JK

“ Bill played organ and directed the choir at Immanuel Lutheran Church; that's where our friendship began. We shared a love of music, and I so enjoyed his active mind and humor. The obituary left out the fact that he played in the Scottville Clown Band! Somehow I could always just picture him doing that. It also omitted his love and talent for gardening. When he moved to his darling house on Forest, I didn't have any problem knowing which house it was: it was the one with the beautiful garden. I will miss my friend.

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**Judy Kurtz** - December 07, 2017 at 02:04 PM

RW

“ I enjoyed singing with Bill. He was always friendly, positive and fun to be around. I will miss him.

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**Ric Wiltse** - December 07, 2017 at 01:34 PM

RL

“ Bill used to take piano from Charles Rousseau back in the 50's. Bill was a very talented musician. May he rest in peace. Rogene (altrock) Lathouwers.

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**Rogene Lathouwers** - December 06, 2017 at 04:17 PM

BK

“ Bill was such a warm, friendly, and caring guy. I had the pleasure of working with him in some Muskegon Civic Theatre productions and some choral performances where he accompanied. Always smiling, his bright spirit will be missed.

*Betty Kurtz*

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**Betty Kurtz** - December 06, 2017 at 10:43 AM

SS

“ I met Bill many years ago when I was cast as the Barber in Civic Opera's production of "Man of La Mancha." Bill was the musical director. We have been friends ever since then and appeared on stage together many years later in MCC's production of "The Importance of Being Earnest." His talents will be missed by all of those who knew him. My condolences to his family.

*Stephen Schmidt*

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**Stephen Schmidt** - December 05, 2017 at 09:34 PM

KO

“ I met Bill when I was at Bluffton Elementary School and he was friends with my parents. We kids thought he was so cool - I think he was a school teacher then, plus he was fun, interesting, and totally energetic. Decades later, he was back in MKG. He planned, prepared and served a huge family dinner in honor of my Grandma's 80th birthday - his culinary & presentation skills made this wonderful event even more memorable. Over the years he became a close friend of my family, along with our dear Uncle Nick Pool. We all shared a love of music and the arts and our community. I'm grateful and honored to have been friends with Bill.

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**Kara Olson** - December 05, 2017 at 07:22 PM



“ *Bill will certainly be missed by all of us in Muskegon. My  
Condolences to Connie and all of the family.*

*Tom Harryman*

*1527 5th Street*

*Muskegon, Muskegon, MI 49441*

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**Tom Harryman** - December 05, 2017 at 02:51 PM