



Leon William "Bill" Motzel

February 25, 1931 - August 1, 2021

Bill Motzel passed away peacefully on August 1, 2021

Throughout his 50 years in Ormond Beach, Bill was actively involved in numerous community and church service organizations. From earning the Community Citizenship Award At ERAU to serving on the Pastoral Council for the Diocese of Orlando and the Ormond Beach Planning Board, his concern for helping others was genuine and seemingly limitless. Some of his favorite "projects" were Family Renew, a homeless shelter in Holly Hill, where he volunteered extensively in various capacities. He also served as President of Habitat for Humanity.

Being involved in Habitat led to a prison ministry at the Tomoka Correctional Facility. Bill was committed to helping those in prison. He brought the word of God into the prison, helping the incarcerated to learn job skills that would help them to live productive lives once released.

He was a United States Air Force veteran, worked for General Electric on the Apollo Space program, and served as Vice President of Embry Riddle Aeronautical University

His example of living a life of service had a profound effect on many people. He will be missed.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, August 16 at 11:00 am at St. Brendan's Catholic Church, 1000 Ocean Shore Blvd, Ormond Beach. There will be a gathering of family and friends before the Mass starting at 10am. Survivors include his wife, Judy, his seven children: Laura, Kathy, Steve, Larry, Kristen, Rick, and Rob.

The family kindly requests that masks be worn at the gathering and Mass.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to: Horizon

Communities in Prisons,

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Tribute Wall

KZ

“ I will always cherish our memories of the camping trips to the Keys with the Motzel’s, Zimmerman’s Hilton’s! Bill Motzel mastered camping at Thanksgiving and even found a way to do Turkey Dinner on the grill! So many many fond memories. From all of us in the Zimmerman family, Love to all your family.

From Kathy Zimmerman

Kathy Zimmerman - August 06, 2021 at 01:20 PM

MM

Rest In Peace, Uncle Bill❤️ I will always remember your wonderful laugh and the way you could make my dad laugh uncontrollably. I am sure the two of you are having a great time now😊. You both demonstrated such faithful lives of service and love and dedication to your families. We are all so blessed, and will sorely miss you. All my love, Margie

Margie Motzel - August 06, 2021 at 02:54 PM

LC

It was such a wonderful experience working with Dr. Motzel at GE. I had never heard of Behavioral Science before, and he enlightened me. He was so kind, patient, and understanding. He was respected by everyone, and one of my favorite bosses. I loved his stories about the camping trips with the 21 kids. I asked how they kept track of them, and he replied: "Each set of parents just counted every night to make sure we had seven". My heart goes out to you Judy. I lost my husband in 2019. When you have had the love of your life by your side for 65 years, the many memories help you go on. God bless you and your family.

Luana Chandler - August 08, 2021 at 02:30 PM

RB

Dr. Motzel, though I only met you one time (remember that, Rick?) my sincerest condolences to the family

Randy Beckwith - August 08, 2021 at 06:18 PM

JK

I first met Bill at GE when I transferred to Daytona Beach from the Cape. After he joined ERAU I did not work with him again until I retired and started volunteering at Habitat. Bill had added his knowledge and experience and enthusiasm to improve the local Habitat for Humanity affiliate. He also worked with the State of Florida to start a construction training program at the Tomoka Correctional Institute that has helped prepare many inmates for a successful return to society. Bill was always ready to help anyone and always pushed for excellence. He was a wonderful person who will be missed.

Jim and Kathy Kotas

Jim Kotas - August 09, 2021 at 08:33 AM

TE

The Welcher family sends our condolences and prayers for eternal peace.

Terry - August 10, 2021 at 11:02 AM

GI

I knew him as Dad Motzel....and of course Mom Motzel. Dad and Mom were leaders in our church and were instrumental in bringing me closer to God... as well as many other youths in the community. We went on many retreats.... Dad Motzel was such a role model for me. I can't express enough how much I love them both and am thankful that they were mentors in my formative years. I know the family understands where Dad Motzel is.... watching over us. May God bless his immediate family and the many, many people that his life touched I love you Dad Motzel and Mom Motzel too!

Gene Iozzino

Gene Iozzino - August 17, 2021 at 10:31 AM

ST

I knew the Motzel family through Father Lopez. May the Lord grant you eternal peace, Dr. Motzel, and May He make His light shine down upon you!

Sharon Tramont - September 09, 2021 at 09:17 AM