



## William "Bill" F. Randles

December 12, 1933 - March 6, 2016

William F. "Bill" Randles

William F. Randles, 82, passed away peacefully on Sunday morning, March 6, 2016

Bill was born in Coshocton, Ohio on December 12, 1933 to Chester G. and Mildred Barcus Randles. He graduated from Fresno High School and attended the DeVry Institute of Technology before being called to serve in the U.S. Army as a member of the Signal Corps. Following his military service, Bill recognized that the fledgling cable television industry presented opportunities, and embarked on a cable career that spanned 45 years.

Bill worked to secure cable franchise rights in Zanesville in the 1960s, then supervised construction and management of what was known as Better TV of Zanesville. Through various posts and assignments, he advanced a career that came to include an ownership interest in cable systems in 6 states, but the Zanesville system remained part of his professional life until he retired from Time Warner Cable in 2002. Bill was a charter member and honorary life member of the Ohio Cable Television Association (OCTA); he was a member of the National Cable Television Association; he was inducted into the Great Lakes Cable Hall of Fame; and in 1985 he was selected as a member of the 20th Class of Cable Television Pioneers.

Bill was similarly involved in the Zanesville community, believing that each of us has a responsibility to make meaningful contributions where we live and work. He was a past member of The Fraternal Order of Elks and the

Zanesville Rotary Club. He was a founding member of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Port Authority and the Muskingum County Community Foundation. Bill served as campaign chair and later President of the United Way of Muskingum, Perry and Morgan Counties. He was particularly proud of his nearly 20 years as a member of the board of First National Bank of Zanesville. He was recognized for his community service and leadership by the United Way with the Alexis de Toqueville Award in 2000; by the Muskingum Valley Council of the Boys Scouts of America in 2004; and by the Muskingum County Community Foundation with the Dick Johnson Civic Leadership award in 2006.

Bill is survived by his sister, Ada Haines of Coshocton, Ohio; his children, all of whom reside in Zanesville-Jeffrey L. Randles, Steven G Randles (Halle), and Lisa S. Randles Norris (Tim); his grandchildren – Justin W. Randles (Ann M. Brandish), Paige M Bierce(Ben), Hunter J Riggs, Clare Randles Moore(Brent), Tyler Randles, Payton Norris (Katie) and Maya Norris; and great grandchildren- Bentley Bierce and Jackson Moore, In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by siblings- Paul L. Randles, Kenneth E. Randles, Ruth I. Zetty, Donald E. Randles and Esther N. Pickrell.

Bill's family would like to express gratitude and appreciation to the residents and staff of the Abbot Home for their friendship, comraderie and care during his time there. Calling hours will be observed on Thursday, March 10, 2016 from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, Zanesville, and one hour prior to services on Friday. A Celebration of Life service will be held at North Terrace Church of Christ, 1420 Brandywine Boulevard, Zanesville on Friday, March 11, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. with Rev. Dr. W. Terry Schoener officiating. Burial will follow in Zanesville Memorial Park with VFW Post 1058 and the United States Army conducting full military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the Randles Family Fund c/o Muskingum County Community Foundation, 534 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville, OH 43701, (740)453-5192. To sign the online guestbook or leave a personal note of condolence please visit [www.hilliscomb](http://www.hilliscomb)

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# Cemetery Details

## Zanesville Memorial Park

1475 Military Road  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Hillis Combs Funeral Home  
935 Forest Avenue  
Zanesville, OH 43701  
(740) 452-5494  
directors@hilliscombsnestor.com  
<https://www.hilliscombsnestor.com>

## Visitation

MAR 11. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

North Terrace Chruch of Christ  
1420 Brandywine Blvd  
Zanesville, OH 43701

## Celebration of Life Gathering

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MAR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

North Terrace Church of Christ  
1420 Brandywine Blvd  
Zanesville, OH 43701

# Tribute Wall



“ *Hillis Combs Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" F. Randles*



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**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - March 09, 2016 at 04:00 PM



“ *William "Bill" F. Randles*

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October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Steve Randles & Family you have our deepest sympathies. We have been praying for you. The Singleton's*

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**Singleton's** - March 10, 2016 at 08:05 PM



“ *May the lord be with the Randels family in there time of grief. And may he heal there hearts. FROM Chuck Drumheller. Harry Harper. ZMHA Maintenance*

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**Chuck Drumheller** - March 10, 2016 at 07:51 PM

JR

“ *Bill really enjoyed his service time near Paris. He always had a "Bon jour" for me, and another story about his time in France. We'll miss Bill. Rest in peace.*

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**Jack Russett** - March 10, 2016 at 05:18 PM

KK

“ *Steve Randles and family. I want to send my condolences on the passing of your father. You will be in my prayers.*



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**Ken Kent** - March 10, 2016 at 09:23 AM

CB

“ *Steve (Hallie) Randles and family, We sorry to hear the loss of your father. Your father memory will forever hold in merit. We have you and family in our thoughts and prayers.*

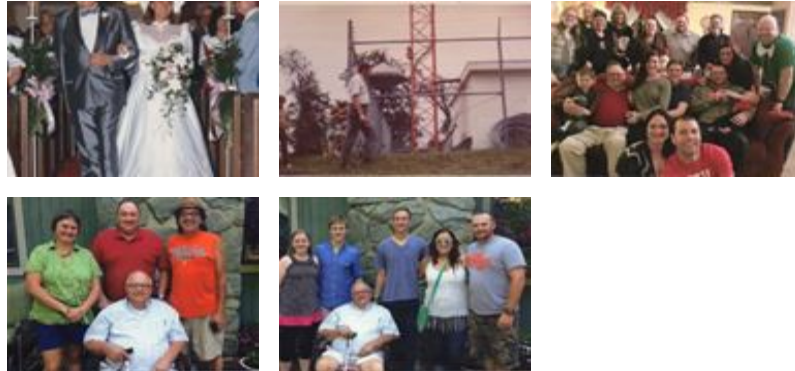


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**Chris and Kim Balsley** - March 09, 2016 at 07:08 PM



“ 172 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



**Hillis Combs Funeral Home** - March 09, 2016 at 03:27 PM

WS

“ To my friends *Lisa and Tim* and all the *Randles family*, I want to say how deeply sorry I am for your loss. Hugs and prayers for you all.



**Wende Schott** - March 09, 2016 at 09:09 AM

DF

“ *Don Randles Family: Helen, Sandy, Greg, Mark & families* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *William "Bill" F. Randles*.



**Don Randles Family: Helen, Sandy, Greg, Mark & families** -  
March 08, 2016 at 12:43 PM

JA

“ My heartfelt sympathy goes out to the *Bill Randles family*. I am very sorry for your loss. I am sure *Bill* will be missed. *Jim Adornetto*

**Jim Adornetto** - March 08, 2016 at 12:07 PM

SF

“ There are many memories of Uncle Bill through the years, but I will always remember him for his ready smile and laughter. When he laughed his face lit up and his eyes would twinkle, what a wonderful gift to share with others. Thinking of you all at this time and praying for your peace and comfort as your hearts heal. Much love, Sandy and Mike Ford

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**Sandy Ford** - March 08, 2016 at 11:50 AM

KA

“ Bill was such a nice man and always greeted everyone with a warm smile. Our community is a better place because of his kindness and generosity. You are all in our thoughts and in our prayers. With love - Greg, Kelly, Andrew, Madison and Ben Ashby

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**Kelly Ashby** - March 08, 2016 at 11:15 AM

DK

“ Lisa, Tim, Maya & Payton send my thoughts & prayers during these difficult times. I know that your faith in GOD will get you thru these ruff times. Keep remembering the good times you had with him, sending my prayers to all of you & your families 💙 You. Diana Kuhn & Family

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**Diana Kuhn** - March 07, 2016 at 09:36 PM

TE

“ Ada so sorry to hear about the lose of your brother. Bill was always so nice to me and we enjoyed sharing stories and little saying. I use to tell Bill he needed to write a book, he had some of the funniest staying. Thought's and prayers to get you through this difficult time.  
*Teresa Huffman Caw*



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**Teresa** - March 07, 2016 at 08:05 PM

RK

“ Dear Randles Family,  
Keith joins me in expressing our deepest sympathy to your family. We had many fun times with your dad and mom. We hope your happy memories will help you through these sad days. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.  
*RoseAnn Knight*

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**RoseAnn Knight** - March 07, 2016 at 04:41 PM

LW

*Lisa, Maya, Tim, Payton and Katie - I am truly sorry for your loss. Our hearts are never prepared to say goodbye to someone we love so much. May your happy memories bring comfort to your hearts and smiles to your faces. Blessings and hugs to you all. Lori Wahl*

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**Lori Wahl** - March 10, 2016 at 06:18 PM