



William Eric Driver Sr.

February 13, 1943 - October 8, 2018

William Eric Driver Sr., age 75 of Orlando, Fl, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on October 8, 2018. He was born in Murfreesboro, Tn on February 13, 1943 to Faye and William C. Driver. One year later he moved with his family to Kissimmee, Fl. He was the oldest of four children; the late Patrick Driver (brother), Betty Ruth (sister), and Sandy Kemper (sister). William graduated from Osceola high school in 1961. After high school he graduated from Florida State University where he received his bachelors of science degree in chemistry and biology. He had a love for learning which is why he went on to get his masters degree in education at UCF.

After attending FSU, he started interning at Oak Ridge high school. He loved it and they loved him. In September of 1967 he was hired to teach chemistry and biology at Oak Ridge. He taught there for 30 years until he had to retire early due to health problems. He took a year off and went back to teaching. He taught for another 12 years at Dr. Phillips high school. He retired for good in 2009 after teaching for 42 years.

While William was in high school he met the love of his life, Ruth Sussenberger (Driver). They married after college and had been married a month shy of 51 years. He was blessed with 4 children and 5 grandchildren: William E. Driver Jr. (son), Lisa Driver Burke (daughter), Michael Driver (son), and Matthew Driver (son). Grandchildren: Gillian Burke, Gregory Burke,

Gennifer Burke, James Driver, and Will Driver.

William lived a life of service and was a devout catholic. He attended Holy Cross Catholic Church and St. John Vianney Catholic Church. He touched the lives of thousands with his great personality and his ability to teach. He never had an enemy and had love for everyone he came in contact with.

“Goodbyes are not forever. Goodbyes are not the end. They simply mean, I’ll miss you until we meet again.”

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to the Holy Cross Catholic Church Building Fund in his name, located at 12600 Mansfield Ave. Orlando, Fl 32837 or on the website at www.holycrossorlando.org

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

1615 Old Boggy Creek Road
Kissimmee, FL 34744

Previous Events

Viewing

OCT 15. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

A Community Funeral Home & Sunset Cremations
910 W. Michigan Street
Orlando, FL 32805
(407) 841-4424
<https://www.acommunityfuneralhome.com/>

Prayer Service

OCT 15. 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

OCT **16**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Holy Cross Catholic Church
12600 Marsfield Avenue
Orlando, FL 32837

Tribute Wall



“ With hard felt sympathy, Ricky, Lisa, and family would like to send our condolences to the Driver Family. May God give you strength during this difficult time. Keep his legacy going!!



Gwenda Adams - October 15, 2018 at 11:39 PM



“ To Mike, Our love, prayers and condolences to you and your family, If you need us call us anytime, you're still family to us.

Love from The Burton, Whitted, Gibbs, and McCrimmon Families

Burton ,Whitted, Gibbs & McCrimmon - October 15, 2018 at 06:47 PM



“ The Gutierrez Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Eric Driver Sr..



The Gutierrez Family - October 15, 2018 at 09:56 AM

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“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the entire family. To me he was Mr. Driver, my chemistry teacher at Oak Ridge High School. It saddens me to know he is no longer with us. I had the opportunity to work closely with Mr. Driver while planning and preparing for the 1984 Jr/Sr Prom. I'll never forget Mr. Driver, a caring teacher who loved Chemistry and enjoyed teaching. I feel fortunate that I had the chance to speak to Mr. Driver this past March. He was still the same happy person I remembered.

Thank you for being my favorite teacher and I will never forget you. It comforts me to know you are in the loving arms of our heavenly Father.

Ana Bori - October 15, 2018 at 06:10 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Eric Driver Sr..



October 14, 2018 at 01:24 PM

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“ We ALL loved PopPop so deeply. Such a smart, quiet but quite interesting to converse with, and possessed a great sense of humor and easy laugh. He was a faithful servant of God his whole life and devoted to his wife/family/friends/and his students. He was a brave soul who faced his health frailties with courage. He is a man respected. I am proud to have known him and know he will be missed by the many lives he touched including me. ❤️ Sandy Underwood

sandy Underwood - October 12, 2018 at 02:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Eric Driver Sr..



October 12, 2018 at 01:27 PM



“ So sorry for your loss of your husband and father, William Eric Driver. All of the family are in our prayers and thoughts at this most difficult time. To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord. We know he knew our father in heaven and is with him now, where there is no sickness or pain. God continue to bless you all, until you are re-united again. Janice & James Blake

Janice & James Blake - October 11, 2018 at 10:37 AM



“ Mr.Driver a.k.a.pops I will Always remember my trips to Florida and coming to your house with Lisa..Always nothing but warm welcomes that came from you..Thanks for the memories to continue to cherish. R.I.P. missed but NEVER forgotten 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Melika McCrary - October 11, 2018 at 01:40 AM



“ Claire Zamor lit a candle in memory of William Eric Driver Sr.



Claire Zamor - October 10, 2018 at 07:29 PM

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“ *IT Operations purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William Eric Driver Sr..*



IT Operations - October 10, 2018 at 06:33 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Eric Driver Sr..*



October 10, 2018 at 05:47 PM

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“ *Mr. Driver was my chemistry teacher at Oak Ridge High School. He truly made an effort to get to know my sister and I, and I loved that we had St. John Vianney in common. I will always remember him as one of my favorite teachers, and my memories of him will always be fond ones. May he Rest In Peace. 🙏*



Evelyn Bori - October 10, 2018 at 04:49 PM



“ *Sorry for your Loss Matt & Kevyn and Family.. Thoughts, Prayers and Love to you*

Alesia Dobson, Chris Beale



Alesia Dobson - October 09, 2018 at 03:56 PM