



## John William "Bill" Belt

August 18, 1945 - September 26, 2023

John William "Bill" Belt, Jr., 78, of Mentor, died September 26, 2023 at Hillcrest Hospital in Mayfield Heights. He was born August 18, 1945 in Tacoma, Washington.

Bill grew up in Lyndhurst, Ohio and graduated from Brush High School in 1963. He attended Bowling Green State University and was a proud Theta Chi, and graduated in 1969 with a liberal arts degree. He lived in Mentor for most of his life.

Following his father's footsteps, Bill began working as a general laborer for Sam W. Emerson Company during high school until he started the J.W. Belt Company in 1985. He worked there the rest of his life, alongside his son Johnny, and many long-time employees. He was a member of Building Laborers' Union Local 310 and recently received a 55-year service recognition.

Bill's passion was construction, and much of his free time was spent building things, from his houses to friends' and families' projects. His hobbies were many and varied throughout his life, and included motocross racing, weightlifting, snowmobiling, fishing, golfing, and traveling to Canada. He loved trains and cowboy flicks.

Bill was a quiet giant with a strong work ethic and a fierce love for his family and friends. He was loved by many for his loyalty, hard-earned praise, unique sense of humor, stoic companionship and generosity. He expressed his love through acts of service and he always showed up for people.

Survivors include his longtime partner, Mary Scott; children, Jeni Belt, Jami Belt, and John William "Johnny" Belt III; grandchildren, Ira and Wren Rosenkoetter, and Laura Williams; stepdaughters Lauren (Joseph) Clarke, and Ashley Scott; brother, Jim (Sharon) Belt, niece and nephew, Shawn (LP) and Andrea, and his grandnieces, Abbi and Lainee.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Jean Belt; and sister, Maureen Belt.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Deep Springs Trout Club, 11069 Chardon Rd., Chardon, OH 44024 on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at 12 noon, followed by an open house until 3 pm.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Kidney Foundation of Ohio [www.kfohio.org/WaysToGive.html](http://www.kfohio.org/WaysToGive.html)

Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Please offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

OCT **22**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Deep Springs Trout Club  
11069 Chardon Rd.  
Chardon, OH 44024

# Tribute Wall

KM

“ My heart is broken.💔 I just found out he passed away. He was such a sweet, sweet man. I met him fishing in Alaska. Gosh... I'm just really sad.

Kathy Mitchell - May 24, 2025 at 10:05 PM

MM

“ Many wonderful memories in the early days of Mentor Heisley Racquetball Club. Rest in Peace. Condolences to Johnny, Debby, Mary and the family.

Michael M - September 30, 2023 at 07:28 AM

JR

“ Thinking of the family and sending our deepest wishes and prayers for all the good memories to carry you through this tough time. Jane and Henry Ratzlaff

Jane Ratzlaff - September 29, 2023 at 11:51 PM

DC

“ Our thoughts are with your family and friends. 🙏 Your neighbors ( The Corwins) on Bishop Court.

Douglas Corwin - September 29, 2023 at 08:18 PM

NM

“ Sincere condolences to the entire Belt family.

Nancy Magill

Nancy Magill - September 29, 2023 at 06:24 PM

JF

“ I worked at Chases in Mentor, Bill was one of my first regulars, and he lived on my street since I was a child, he was truly a great guy.

Jon felice - September 29, 2023 at 03:19 PM

SL

“ To Jeni and your family. I was so sorry to hear of your dear father's passing. It is easy to see that you are so MUCH like your dad! May he rest in peace and May God give you consolation knowing that he is at peace.

Sister Claudia IBronsing - September 29, 2023 at 02:54 PM

MM

“ Bill rest in peace. You inspired me to build things I never thought I could. Will miss you, my friend  
Mike Manes

Mike Manes - September 29, 2023 at 12:25 PM

TF

Billy and I have been friends since the fourth grade we went through school together high school we played football together we went to college together. We've been together most of our lives. I'm really gonna miss him Carole and I said a little prayer for Billy and the whole family. Love you guys.

tony ferritto - September 30, 2023 at 01:54 PM

DD

My condolences to the Belt family. May you rest in Peace, Bill.

Doug Dvorak / Columbus Equipment

Doug Dvorak - October 03, 2023 at 10:01 AM