



William J. "Bill" Sickles Jr.

January 5, 1962 - May 19, 2025

William J. "Bill" Sickles Jr., 63, of Willoughby, died unexpectedly May 19, 2025, peacefully at his home. He was born January 5, 1962 in East Chicago, Indiana.

A U.S. Marine Corps veteran who proudly served his country, Bill was a helicopter crew chief who served in the Marine Corps from 1980-1987. He was a veteran of the Beirut peacekeeping effort during the Marine Barracks Bombing at Beirut in October 1983.

Following his service in the Marine Corps, Bill dedicated several years to the manufacturing and production industry where he served as a Production Supervisor with exceptional skills and integrity. Bill was more than a manager, he was a mentor and a steady presence on the shop floor. His ability to bring out the best in others made a lasting impact on all who worked with him. Whether staying late to help troubleshoot a problem or offering a kind word to boost morale, Bill exemplified what it meant to be a true leader.

His hobbies and passions included being the proud founder and Commanding Officer of the Greater Lake County Young Marines since 2004. He had a positive impact on many young lives by being an exemplary role model and mentor. Bill also enjoyed trips with his friends every summer and his annual October trip to North Carolina for the Beirut Anniversary Memorial.

When Bill was not at work, he could be found at any number of his favorite places; the beach, bowling, Gunny's Hall, Mentor Rocks, and Biagio's with mom (or grabbing pizza and donuts for the kids & grandkids).

He loved his kids with all his heart, but it was his grandchildren that truly made him light up and filled his heart with joy. Whether it was taking all of them camping or showing up for their extracurriculars, or watching SpongeBob SquarePants with them, Pop Sickles always loved supporting them...He was number one!

Survivors include his children, Christina (Alan) Skrout, William (Ashley) Sickles III, Samantha (Shane) Partlow, Emily Sickles, Amanda (Steven) Sickles, and Kaycee Sickles; mother, Bonnie Sickles; grandchildren, Landon, Adrianna, Sophie, Chase, Leo, Jackson, Olivia, Louie, Charli, Freddy, Aleah, Brayden, Wyatt and Francis; sister, Valerie Sickles; brother, David Sickles; and many other loving family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William J. Sickles Sr.; and his sister, Melody Sickles.

The family will receive friends to honor Bill's life from 2-7 p.m. Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

A funeral service in his memory will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at the funeral home.

Interment will be in Western Reserve Memorial Gardens, Chesterland.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Greater Lake County Young Marines, 8720 Twinbrook Rd., Mentor, OH 44060.

Website: <https://www.glcyoungmarines.org>

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Cemetery Details

Western Reserve Memorial Gardens

11521 Chillicothe Rd.
Chesterland, OH 44026
(440) 729-9465

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 27. 2:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
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Funeral Service

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

HT

“ *Headquarters Young Marines Team purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William J. "Bill" Sickles Jr..*



Headquarters Young Marines Team - June 30, 2025 at 10:45 AM

MF

“ *I served with Bill in 2 units in the Corps. I first met Bill in 162 in New River when I was assigned to 162 for training. Then in SOMS KBay Hawaii. Bill was a great Marine and even better man! My condolences to the family.*

Michael Fricke - May 24, 2025 at 05:21 PM

AO

“ *Bill and I severed together in two different Marine Corps squadrons. HMM 162 and SOMS Kaneohe Bay, HI. It was an honor to work with him. My heartfelt condolences to his family and friends. Semper Fidelis.*

Antonio Oliva - May 22, 2025 at 09:23 AM

JP

“ *Deepest condolences to Bill's family. I worked closely with Bill on night shift at Swagelok (Nupro Concord). He was always smiling and often quite silly (aka Silly Bickles). His relentless commitment to the Young Marines quite literally helped shape young lives. "Semper Fi" my friend!*

Jack Pavlik - May 22, 2025 at 08:54 AM

JF

“ My deepest condolences to the entire Sickles family. I worked with Bill at Swagelok and my younger children were Greater Lake County Young Marines.
Bill was most certainly a great leader, both at Swagelok and in his role of Commanding Officer. He had a way of motivating both adults and those under his command at Young Marines.
He will dearly missed! God bless you all.

Joyce Fern - May 21, 2025 at 04:40 PM

GB

My deepest condolences to the entire Sickles family. I served with Bill in Kaneohe Bay HI. He was always joking around or up to something. He will be truly missed. Rest in peace, Semper Fi Marine

Gerry Bouska - May 28, 2025 at 08:11 PM