



William A. "Bill" Wetzel

June 2, 1940 - April 22, 2014

William A. "Bill" Wetzel, 73, of Mentor, passed away April 22, 2014. He was born June 2, 1940 in Cleveland.

Bill along with his wife Carolyn owned and operated Wetzel's Suzuki for over 25 years. Motorcycle racing was his passion starting from the age of 14 including venues like ½ mile, enduro, TT scrambles, hare scrambles and motocross. He was a leading light to a multitude of racers. His hobbies included collecting and restoring vintage British motorcycles, model steam trains and jukeboxes. He considered one of his and Carolyn's greatest accomplishments to be the acquisition and protection of the Mentor Lagoons Nature Preserve and Marina for future generations of Mentorites.

Survivors are his wife Carolyn; siblings, Susan (Clayton) Hayward, James (Elaine) Wetzel and Robert (Sara) Wetzel. He is also survived by his nieces, nephews and other loving family members. He is preceded in death by his parents Arthur and Marjorie Wetzel.

Private family services were held with burial taking place in the Mentor Cemetery. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the Lake County Humane Society, 7564 Tyler Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060. Arrangements entrusted to the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060.

Online obituary at www.brunners.com.