



Max Breedlove

May 14, 1942 - August 18, 2024

Max Dean Breedlove, 82, passed away on Sunday, August 18, 2024, at Franciscan Health Hospital in Lafayette, Indiana. Max was born and raised in Lebanon but lived most of his life in Indianapolis. He was a member of the Lebanon Elks Lodge and Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, Indianapolis.

Max was born on May 14, 1942, to LeRoy and Thelma Deloris (Allen) Breedlove. He was the fourth of their five children (Carol, Jerry, Paul Wayne, Max, and Wanda). Max was a graduate of Lebanon High School and retired in 1993 from Eli Lilly and Company. After five decades, Max was still close to his high school chum and best friend, Frances (Frannie) Crawford.

He and his beloved wife, Mary Beth (O'Connell), were wed for 25 years before her passing in July 2019. They enjoyed traveling, hosting block parties especially during the Indianapolis 500, watching the Indianapolis Colts, playing cards, partaking in and calling bingo, and frequenting restaurants and pubs.

Back in the day, Max would tinker with woodworking and was an avid fisherman. Anyone he met quickly heard his stories about his fishing adventures from earlier years especially those in Michigan and Canada. Max passed time by identifying and researching his coin collection, dabbling in

watercolor and acrylic painting, reading books about WW I and II, and watching history documentaries along with various sporting events, classic Westerns and comedies.

Max is survived by children from his first marriage, Tracey (Greg) Collins, Shelley (Curt) Parrott, and Greg Breedlove, eight grandchildren and four great-children. Max is also survived by his brother, Paul Wayne (Anne) Breedlove, sister Wanda (Bob) Nance, nieces and nephews, and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

Max was preceded in death by his wife Mary Beth; his father, LeRoy and mother, Thelma; sister and brother-in-law, Carol and John Graham; brother, Jerry Breedlove; niece, Jane Ann Mantooth; nephew, Joey Breedlove; nephew-in-law, Todd Mantooth; nephew-in-law, Michael Stewart; father in-law and mother in-law, Thomas and Elizabeth (McLaughlin) O'Connell; and brother-in-law, Jack O'Connell.

Cremation was entrusted to Myers Mortuary and Boone County Crematory of Lebanon, IN. Max will be inurned next to his late wife, Mary Beth (O'Connell) Breedlove at Our Lady of Peace Cemetery located in Indianapolis.

Tribute Wall

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“ *I was a caregiver for him back in 2020. He was my favorite client! He always had something smart to say and I loved hearing about his stories. You will be missed, Max!* ”

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“ *Max was one of a kind. Always a delight to see and talk with him. Gone but not forgotten. Classmate of LHS Sue* ”

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