



## Mr. Bill "Dr Dirt" Nelan

February 12, 1938 - September 11, 2018

Bill "Dr. Dirt" Nelan, 80, of Washington, died at 8 p.m. on September 11, 2018 at Reflections Memory Care in Washington. He was born on February 12, 1938 in Peoria to William H. and Goldie (Vinovich) Nelan. He married Orpha L. Silber on October 20, 1957 in East Peoria. She survives. Bill is also survived by one son Mark (Bridget) Nelan of Germantown Hills; two daughters Susan (Bennett) Hayes of Brimfield and Natalie (Jason Krey) Nelan of Peoria; one sister Delores Morton of East Peoria; and four grandsons Rob, Lee, Joe and Jake Nelan. Bill graduated EPCHS class of 1956. He worked for N.E. Finch Co and later worked as a demonstrator and instructor of heavy equipment for Caterpillar for over 30 years. He was a member of the Hilton Masonic Lodge. The family would like to thank the staff of Reflections Memory Care and Transitions Hospice Care for the love and respect that they showed Bill and his family. Memorial service will be Saturday, September 29 at 12 p.m. at Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 444 E. Washington St., East Peoria, with a visitation one hour prior. Inurnment will be at Fondulac Cemetery. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Midwest Affiliate.

# Cemetery Details

## Fondulac Cemetery

1985 E. Washington Street  
East Peoria, IL

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP 29. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Bill "Dr Dirt" Nelan*

October 08, 2023 at 04:50 PM



“ *Orpha, I am so sorry for your loss. I remember you and Bill the last of our high school years. Will remember you and family in prayer. Marie (/Switzer Smith).*

Marie Switzer Smith - October 01, 2019 at 06:11 PM



“ *31 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Gary Deiters Funeral Home & Cremation Services - September 27, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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“ *Love, Emily and Justin, and Les and Kay purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of Mr. Bill "Dr Dirt" Nelan.*



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**Love, Emily and Justin, and Les and Kay** - September 26, 2018 at 01:52 PM



“ *Sweet Sincerity was purchased for the family of Mr. Bill "Dr Dirt" Nelan.*



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September 25, 2018 at 10:29 AM

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“ *Bernie Chase lit a candle in memory of Mr. Bill "Dr Dirt" Nelan*



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**Bernie Chase** - September 16, 2018 at 09:59 PM

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“ *I have known Bill (and his buddy, Al Bruemmer) for as long as I can remember. Bill always had a smile on his face and was ready to tell a new joke. My deepest condolences to all of his family. Marilyn Lester (and Jim)*

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**Friend** - September 14, 2018 at 09:23 PM