

WILLIAM LEROY 'BILL' LAUB -- DEC. 29, 1939-MARCH 23, 2007

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BELLEVUE

William (Bill) Leroy Laub, 67, Belle Avenue, Bellevue, passed away Friday, March 23, 2007, at the University of Toledo Medical Center after a long and courageous battle. He was born Dec. 29, 1939 in Reed Township, Ohio, to the late Chester Leroy "Peck" and Mary Catherine (Scherley) Laub.

He was a long-time optician and took great pride in his work. He worked with his brother, Dennis, in Woodville for the last 11 years.

Bill was a proud and devoted single father of five children and made many sacrifices for them. He was extremely fond of his grandchildren. He was perhaps the biggest fan of Ohio State and lived and died a Buckeye. He was known for his strong will and perseverance throughout his life, overcoming numerous health setbacks. No matter how tough life got, he refused to give up. Bill's "don't tell me I can't do it, I'll show you I can" attitude and his "hard-nosed" courage will truly be missed by all. Bill was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church, Bellevue; Knights of Columbus; and the Eagles. He graduated from Bellevue Senior High School.

He is survived by his sons, William Laub Jr, Bucyrus, Ohio, and Matthew (Tracy) Laub of Bellevue; and daughters Barbara (Nate) Ellington of Salt Lake City, Utah, Victoria (Troy) McDougal of Sandy, Utah, and Cynthia (Kurt) Karol of Cary, N.C.; 11 grandsons; two granddaughters; brothers John (Susan) Laub of Brookline, N.H., and Dennis (Chris) Laub of Oak Harbor; sister Elva (Kenny) Deppen of Bellevue; and numerous nieces and nephews and an exceptionally loyal best friend, Don (Terry) Rospert of Bellevue.

Friends will be received 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Foos & Son Funeral Home, 311 West Main St., Bellevue, where the rosary will be recited at 3:30 p.m. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Church, 231 E. Center St., Bellevue, with the Very Rev. Keith Stripe officiating. Burial will follow in Bellevue Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Lupus Foundation of America, P.O. Box 631047, Baltimore, MD 21263-1047; or to Immaculate Conception Church. Condolences may be left at foosandsonfuneralhome.com