



## William Curtis Fordham

August 10, 1941 - June 26, 2019

Ohio – William Curtis Fordham, 77, of Ohio, IL, passed away suddenly at home on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at home.

William was born on August 10, 1941 to the late Curtis and Alice (Grabill) Fordham in Princeton, IL. He was a graduate of Princeton High School and attended Bradley University for three and a half years. He married Marilyn May on September 8, 1962, his bride of 56 years. William started his career as a farmer and owning his own business as a grain market consultant.

He was a member of the Evangelical Covenant Church, holding many positions within the church. He was also a chairman of the Children's Home Board and a member of the Corn Growers Association.

William enjoyed coin collecting, writing, and antiquing. His best memories and favorite past time was always spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife Marilyn; his four children, Ron Fordham of Warrenville, IL., Barb (Jeff) Beauchem of Oregon, IL., Brenda Smith of Princeton, IL., Betty (Owen) Lundeen of Princeton, IL; eight grandchildren, Nicole, Amy, Amanda, Jonathan, Alyssa, Jacob, Christina and Emily; four great grandchildren, Zoe, Liam, Bale and Linkin; four foster children, Doris (Randy) Cruse of Elizabethtown, KY., Pat Downs Bright of Palm Springs, CA.,

Mary (Chris) Holman of Round Rock, TX., Sue (Joe) Cooksey of Bay, AK.

William is preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Shirley Seidel; one brother-in-law, Dr. Jerry Seidel.

A visitation for William will be held at Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. on Sunday, June 30, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Services will be held on Monday, July 1, 2019 at the Evangelical Covenant Church at 10:00 a.m. officiated by Reverend Derek C. Boggs and Reverend C. John Weborg, followed by graveside services at Oakland Cemetery in Princeton, IL.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Bureau County Food Pantry of Princeton, IL. or the Evangelical Covenant Church, Princeton, IL.

Arrangements by Norberg Memorial Home, Inc. Princeton, IL.

Online condolences may be left at [www.norbergfh.com](http://www.norbergfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 30. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Norberg Memorial Home, Inc.  
701 E. Thompson Street  
Princeton, IL 61356  
(815) 875-2425  
norberg@norbergfh.com  
<https://www.norbergfh.com/>

## Service

JUL 1. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Evangelical Covenant Church  
24 N Main St  
Princeton, IL 61356-1723  
(815) 875-2124

## Graveside

JUL 1. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Oakland Cemetery

# Tribute Wall

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“ To the Fordham family, we are SO SORRY for your loss and you are all in our prayers. We had worked with Bill for the past four years here at Weather Trends and he was a great partner and friend. GOD BLESS YOU and sleep easy knowing that your beloved Bill is getting the royal tour of heaven from Jesus himself.

We are here to help in anyway. Warmest Regards, Bill Kirk, CEO  
Weather Trends Intl 610-807-3585.

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William Kirk - July 11, 2019 at 09:59 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. It was wonderful to have Bill as a volunteer at the food pantry. His support and ideas helped make us better able to serve others. We will miss him greatly.

Vanessa Hoffeditz

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Vanessa Hoffeditz - July 01, 2019 at 09:50 AM

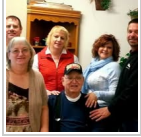


“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Curtis Fordham.



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June 29, 2019 at 03:31 PM



“ So sorry to hear the news, hugs to all.  
My Dad worked for Bill for years and I baby sat for the kids.

Nancy Ross - June 29, 2019 at 11:02 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for  
the family of William Curtis Fordham.



June 29, 2019 at 10:59 AM



“ I think of what a cute child he was with his dark brow eyes and curly hair, I used to baby sit with him when we had family reunions and it was like having a live energetic toy to play with. Uncle Shorty, Aunt Alice, Shirley and Bill were an important part of my life and I will always cherish memories of them. Glen and Danny always enjoyed conversations with Bill talking about farming and appreciated the knowledge he had in his marketing service. He truly was a servant of God having the strong faith that also reminded me of Uncle Shorty. Our love and prayers to all of you. Glen and Sharon Rabe

Sharon Rabe - June 29, 2019 at 09:15 AM