



# William Eichholtz

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**B**ill Eichholtz, 86, of Charlotte, passed away Tuesday February 22, 2022.

Bill was a native of Bellefontaine, Ohio. Bill attended Miami University where he met the love of his life Barbara Bender. After serving in the Army in Germany for two years Bill and Barbara were married October 22, 1960. They spent time in Houston and then moved to Knoxville in 1969 raising their family in East Tennessee. Bill and Barbara moved to Charlotte and Bill devoted his life ministering to the River Church Community. Bill's hobbies have always been his children and his family. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Rush and Jean Eichholtz.

Bill is survived by his wife of 61 years, Barbara, their children; Bill Eichholtz (Keli) of Knoxville, Susan Rennie (Gary) of Fisherville, KY, Rob Eichholtz (Sandy) of Knoxville, Beth Elliott (Chad) of Knoxville, Sarah Turner (Derek) of Charlotte, Stephen Eichholtz (April) of Knoxville, grandchildren Cory Eichholtz (Elizabeth), Tyler Eichholtz (Rachel), Drew Eichholtz (Rachel), Anna Nayyir (Qaaim), Emily Rennie, Caroline Turner, Kate Turner, Elise Eichholtz, Esther Eichholtz; great grandchildren Emma Eichholtz, Will Eichholtz, and Eliza Eichholtz; brother Bud Eichholtz (Mona) of Bellefontaine and many loving cousin, nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM Saturday February 26, 2022 at River Church Charlotte 17615 Old Statesville Road Cornelius NC 28031. The Celebration of Life will immediately follow at 1:00 PM at River Church.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bill's home church online at [www.RiverCharlotte.com](http://www.RiverCharlotte.com) or sent to River Church, Suite 200-228, 13016 Eastfield Rd. Huntersville, NC 28078.




# Events


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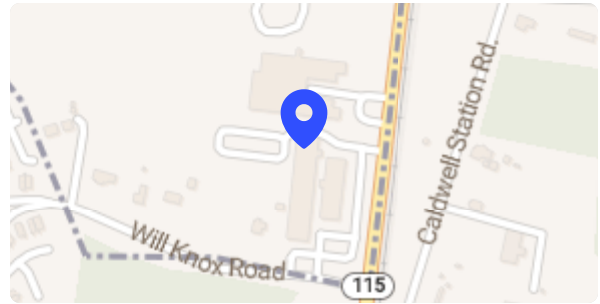
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## Visitation


 **Saturday**, February 26, 2022

 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM ET


 **River Church Charlotte**  
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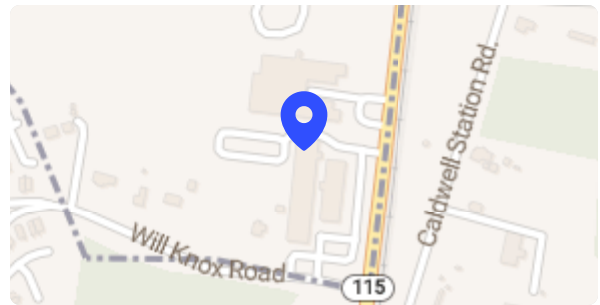


## Celebration of Life

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## Tribute Wall

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BW

**Beth White** posted:

Barbara and family. I was so sorry to hear of Bill's death. I have such fond memories of my years taking care of the children. You all will always hold a special place in my heart I will always remember our years together and how wonderful they were. Love to all of you. Beth Flickinger White

March 9 at 12:13 PM

BE

**Beth** posted:

What can I say about Dad that hasn't already been eloquently written? Dad was a wonderful man and role model. I am lucky and proud to call him, Dad. He will be in my heart forever. 🍷

March 2 at 4:56 PM

KK

**Kelly Kasten** posted:

Thankful Bill and his fatherly ways were shared with me! (all us all.) So many memories throughout the last 15/16 years have a sprinkling of him... Giving him a cup of coffee on Sunday mornings to receive his big "Well Hello" greeting, wearing a shirt with large black stripes one day and him asking me if I just got out of jail, being in a small group with him and him asking Dustan " How long was your honeymoon?" and Dustan replies 10 days and Bill says, " WRONG! it's a lifetime!" 😊. He would attempt to pay me in candy bars every week to clear the numbers he had called on his phone... he didn't like "all of that mess" in there. While those are only a few of the memories, I will forever be grateful for Sarah and Derek for opening their lives to me so I could experience the goodness of Bill!

February 27 at 4:05 PM

KK

**Kelly Kasten** February 27 at 4:06 PM

Also! We always shared a room when teaching at the Branch and he was in there before me... he would always leave me a little mint! ☐☐



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**Ron Ruitter** posted:

Ushering with Bill was always a hoot. He was #1 Usher and I was always #3. Only if he was going to be gone, then he would allow me to be #1, but only for that one Sunday. Enjoyed our chats over coffee each Sunday. Once he just had to share information about a special "BEETLE". When he was done he would then rub his forefinger and thumb together. I would just chuckle. Love you brother. Will always miss you, and we will keep a cup of coffee on the table for you and you will always remain #1 usher.

February 26 at 3:02 PM



**R.C. Starling** posted:

While worshipping along with a Bethel video one Saturday night, Bill Johnson mentioned seeing angels while worshipping. I told the Lord I'd love to see angels while we worship at River. In my spirit, I looked around the stage expecting angels to hang with the worship leaders, but saw no angels. I thought to myself, "I'll just wait till tomorrow and look for angels during our worship time. In my spirit I heard the Lord say. "Why wait", and HE showed me an image of Bill and Barbara, standing by the Communion elements, waiting to greet us as we come to worship. Bill, you leave an indescribable void in our lives!

February 26 at 12:24 PM



**Cynthia Jefferson** posted:

Whenever I greeted he would take the time to catch up with me. He would ask about my job or how the ladies in the Highland Creek crew were doing. Then when he saw me come around the curtain to take my seat he would extend his arm to me and walk me to my seat as a father would walk his daughter down the aisle. So sweet!

February 26 at 6:31 AM



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**Liz Hill** posted:

Mr. Bill always talked with me on Sundays, asking me about things & remembering details that I had told him before about my family or interests. He showed genuine concern whenever something like storms happened near my hometown and celebrated with me when great things happened (like championships!) He made me feel cared for, like one of his own family, the way the best fathers do. Seeing so many wonderful memories others have of Mr. Bill and hearing how everyone else felt about him makes me realize it was all because of his heart for people! What a wonderful gift he left for us to know that he cared so much for all of us. And how familiar a feeling that should be for those of us who have known the love of the Father! I have to say, I never heard Mr. Bill preach a sermon or teach a lesson but his everyday life was a master class in Sharing the Love of God. "We love because He first loved us." 1 John 4:19

February 26 at 5:15 AM



**Bobdo74@Yahoo.Com** posted:

Bill was one of the first persons I met when we started coming to River. Loved talking with him about sports. He was a long time pirate fan. I'll miss those talks.

February 25 at 4:13 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Eichholtz family.



February 24 at 5:41 PM



**Tammy Shehane** posted:

Bill was a very sweet & caring person. He always had a smile on his face! He loved his family & God!! Bill was always a fiend to all. You will be missed! Jerry & Tammy Shehane

February 24 at 3:09 PM



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**Derek Turner** posted:

This man taught me more about following Jesus than any seminary ever could. He preached the Gospel with his life and used words when necessary. He yelled at my dog every time he came to our house. He tested me as a fiancé by asking to help him take garbage to the dump in Knoxville. He gave me rules for life and made multiple trips to the store on holidays seem like a virtuous crusade. He never judged me. He always loved me. His greatest gift was giving me his blessing to marry his daughter, Sarah Eichholtz Turner ❤️ I miss you and I love you, Bill Eichholtz

February 24 at 10:25 AM



**Chris Kennedy** posted:

Bill loved well and was a faithful servant of Jesus. His kindness inspired me to be more kind. He was also just a cool dude! He will be surely missed. May God's peace that passes understanding comfort his friends and family. - Chris Kennedy

February 24 at 6:04 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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