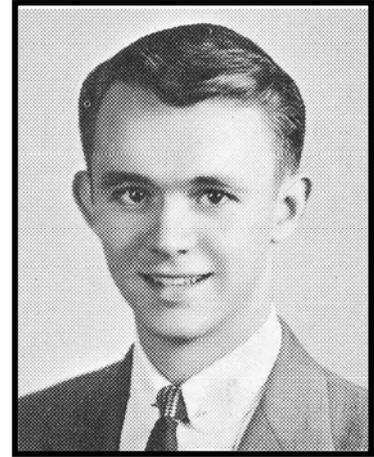


Bill Buchanan

Mechanical Manufacturing and Drafting

Upon graduation, I attended Detroit Institute of Technology for two years and went on to East Side Design and Engineering school to continue in a hoped for career in the automotive field. While attending there I landed a short time temporary job working with a land planner on a major urban project north of Pontiac, Michigan.



That opportunity led to a job offer with a residential builder in their design department. It was a great opportunity to find my real talent in the residential design field. While working there I became affiliated with a private architect in Birmingham, MI who took me under his wing and through him expanded my background and knowledge of residential design.

I eventually changed jobs and went to work for a small architectural firm where my design abilities were put to good use and added additional responsibilities including field supervision and project management. That eventually led to a 24 year career at the Renaissance Center as a construction manager in the Tenant Construction department.

I married my high school sweetheart, Judith Grieser, a Denby graduate, and within a couple of years we had two sons, Kevin and Brian. We now have seven beautiful grandchildren who are all teenagers. Our oldest son, Kevin and his wife have two daughters and one son. Our other son, Brian and his wife have four daughters of which include a set of twins.

As our sons grew up we found a love of travel which also filled another love that would soon blossom. That was my love of photography. As a kid I had my bought first camera in the 8th grade and continued to take pictures throughout high school.

In 1972 I began attending workshops and seminars to hone my photographic skills and eventually became very active in local camera club activities through a new found friend who was an Ambassador with Eastman Kodak Company. He introduced me to someone who became a mentor and encouraged my photographic talents. This led to a lifetime of involvement in a local camera club, The Photographic Guild, and the Photographic Society of America.

I became involved in several photographic activities locally and on a national level. For these activities and service I received the honor of Fellow of the Society in 1990.

The advent of digital photography in the mid 90's opened up new doors of photographic and computer opportunities and I quickly became active in the Electronic Image Division of the Society and eventually became the chairman of that division until 2008.

My interests in photography have afforded us the opportunity to travel throughout the United States and teach classes and workshops in Chicago, St. Louis, Holland, MI, Amherst, MA, and also several presentations for the Photographic Society of America at their international conferences.

We recently moved into a condo in Shelby Township and are now enjoying volunteer work at a food bank through our church along with our yearly travels.

