



William C. Leahy

April 15, 1938 - October 23, 2019

Troy -William (Bill) C. Leahy 81, a lifelong resident of Troy, NY, entered into eternal life Wednesday, October 23, 2019. Bill was surrounded by his family as he went to be with the lord, he was in a room filled with love and peace.

Bill was a funeral director who was dedicated to his community delivering guidance and compassion to so many families experiencing loss at the very worst times. He served his community with passion and humility. He enjoyed people, always eager to engage in conversation and took a special interest in each of their stories.

He was a graduate of LaSalle Institute, class of 1956. He was also a graduate of "The American Academy of Funeral Service", serving his apprenticeship at Frank E. Campbell Funeral Home, NY, NY. He was the President of Wm. Leahy Funeral Home Inc. located in Troy, NY for over 50 years. He also served in the U.S. Naval Reserves.

His civic involvement included; Former member of St. Josephs Church in Troy where he served on various committee's and was a board member of St. Joseph's Cemetery in Troy, NY. He is a current member of St. Michaels Church where he also served on many committee's over the years, most notably, the steering committee for the new church. He was a 60 year member of the Troy Elks, a former member of the Ancient Order of the Hiberian Club, and former member of the "Society of the Friends of St. Patrick" where he served as "Past President."

Bill served on several boards in the Tri-County area; Past Board member of the Marine Midland Bank, Key Bank, N.A. and former Board Member and Past President of the St. Mary's Hospital Foundation / Seton Health Foundation where he was past President, Finance Chairperson, and in several other capacities for over thirty years. He was a

former board member of the “Roarke Center”, Schuyler Ridge Residential Health Care, St. Mary’s Woodland Village, and the “Friends of Hospice”, The Community Hospice of Rennslear County.

Bill and his family founded the “Annual Charity Golf Classic” for The Community Hospice which was later known as St. Peter’s Hospice. He was the recipient of the “Heart of Hospice” Award for his leadership in the Hospice organization and community involvement. He was recognized by Hillary Clinton, former Secretary of State for his community outreach for the hospice organization. He also received a NYS assembly citation for appreciation of all of his contributions.

He also received a certificate of appreciation award from Gerald Ford, President of the United States in recognition of his meritorious service of benefit to the nation and Selective Service Award, along with the “Military Service Act”, May 1976.

Bill is survived by his loving wife Kay of sixty years and his four devoted daughters; Carrie Monahan of Medway, MA, Katie Leahy-Hancock (Jonathan) of Charlotte, NC, Maura Leahy (Andy Tarpinian), Troy, NY, Beth Leahy of Troy, NY. Grandfather of; Maura (Libby) Monahan, William Monahan, Grace Monahan, Paige Leonard and Sydney Leigh Hancock. Great-Grandfather of Mila Rose Chicoine. Brother of; Shirley Leahy (Henry Dennis) of Troy, NY and Dr. P. Patrick Leahy (Cathy) of Reston, Va; brother-in-Law of Patricia P. Hinman (Warren). Also survived by several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill’s family Sunday, October 27, 2019 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at St. Michael the Archangel Church, Troy, NY.

Funeral services Monday, October 28, 2019 at 10:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be Concelebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Mary’s Cemetery, Troy immediately following the Funeral Mass.

To leave a special message for the family, light a virtual candle, obtain directions or view other helpful services please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Cemetery

St. Mary's Cemetery of Troy, Inc

54 Brunswick Road

Troy, NY,

Events

OCT **Visitation** 03:00PM - 07:00PM

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St. Michael the Archangel Church

175 Williams Road, Troy, NY, US

OCT **Service** 10:00AM

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St. Michael the Archangel Church

175 Williams Road, Troy, NY, US

Comments



“ Bill and I had many good times together, both on and off the golf course.

Steve Hinman

STEPHEN HINMAN - November 07, 2019 at 06:20 PM



“ Kay and family,
I am so sorry to hear of Bills's passing. He was a very caring, compassionate man and true gentleman. I will always remember the kindness he showed to my Mom and Dad and the friendship shared.

If I had been visiting at the time of his funeral, you should know I would have been there.

Love and sympathy to the family.

Sue Rowe Colangelo



Susan Rowe Colangelo - October 30, 2019 at 04:08 PM



“ Patricia Vitale/Roger Rose lit a candle in memory of William C. Leahy



Patricia Vitale/Roger Rose - October 28, 2019 at 10:23 AM



“ So very sorry for your family’s loss. My parents always spoken fondly of Bill. He was a great comfort to my Dad, Albert Buher, when planning my Mother’s, Bertha Buhers, funeral.

Colleen Buher Seebald

Colleen Buher Seebald - October 28, 2019 at 08:37 AM



“ Please accept my heartfelt condolences for your families great loss . I didn't know William C. Leahy, however I have worked under his daughters leadership for years. In reading about him, it seems he was a giving man ,who touched many lives during his own,

-Tom Nix -Charleston SC



Tom Nix - October 28, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ Dear Shirley and Patrick and family,

My deepest sympathy on the death of Bill. He was, in the tradition of your father, a great man. Over and over the Leahy family was good to the Kennedy family, and for that I am grateful. May you have good memories that sustain you through this sad time.

Take care,
Kathleen Kennedy

kathleen AKennedy - October 27, 2019 at 05:32 PM



“ Condolences to the Leahy Family. Bill Leahy was a good friend and neighbor to Troy.

Rosemary Patnode - October 27, 2019 at 03:52 PM



“ Our deepest sympathy to the entire Leahy family. Your father was a great man. Raise him up, celebrate his life and care for one another's hearts.
The Malia family



Ted Malia - October 26, 2019 at 05:42 PM



“ I have known Bill since his days at Lasalle. He was a great guy then and continued to be the rest of his life. My deepest sympathy to Kay and the rest of his family. He will be deeply missed as an integral part of Troy. Bob Kennedy class of 58.

Robert Kennedy - October 26, 2019 at 11:07 AM



“ My condolences Kate and family for your loss, he was a wonderful and gentle man, friend and family man. He will be missed by all his friends and family. It was a privilege to know him. Rest In Peace Bill, May God be with you! Helen Marro and family.

Helen Marro - October 26, 2019 at 09:56 AM



“ Kay, it's been a very long time since High School and I want to let you know that my prayers are with Bill, you and your family.
It's a fond memory I have when Bill and I sat next to each other at La Salle and one day he asked me if I thought a very popular girl that I knew would dance with him at Paul's. I said he should go for it and the rest is history.
Annette and I send our very best to you.

jim facteau - October 26, 2019 at 09:53 AM



“ Katie I am so sorry for your loss. My condolences to you and your family. We will keep you and your family in our prayers during this difficult time.

John Fitzpatrick - October 26, 2019 at 07:27 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Maura Leahy - October 26, 2019 at 01:08 AM



“ Maura Leahy sent a virtual gift in memory of William C. Leahy



Maura Leahy - October 26, 2019 at 01:06 AM



“ Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William C. Leahy.



October 25, 2019 at 11:30 PM



“ Pat and Cathy, I am so sorry for your loss. What a magnificent man he was. You must be proud to be part of his family.

Sally and Tommy Berra

Sally Berra - October 25, 2019 at 10:07 PM



“ My Deepest Condolences

Anthony Arboritanz - October 25, 2019 at 02:53 PM



“ Katie I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family as you go through this difficult time.
Erik Tiner

Erik Tiner - October 25, 2019 at 02:46 PM



“ John Parlett lit a candle in memory of William C. Leahy



John Parlett - October 25, 2019 at 02:34 PM



“ Mrs Leahy and family; I am very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great guy and always made you feel welcome. He will be greatly missed.

John Foley - October 25, 2019 at 03:09 PM



“ To All of the Leahy family - I offer you my prayers and sympathy on the loss of such a great and gentle man. I have known Bill and his Dad before him who took care of our sisters for so many years. We knew that when we called Bill, we had no worries about the care our sisters would receive. I also remember the many "quick" trips he had to make to New York to get to Calvary before it closed. This was at the time the Sisters of Mary Reparatrix lived with us. Thank you for sharing him with us all these years - we are grateful to you and to this wonderful man.

Sister Joan Cadden, CSJ

Sister Joan Cadden - October 26, 2019 at 11:28 AM



“ Bill was a wonderful classmate and friend while going to high school at LaSalle. Always a consummate gentleman and kind to everyone. I also had the privilege of going to grammar school with his beautiful wife Kay, also a kind and lovely lady. My condolences and prayers to Kay and children. Rest in peace my friend.
Respectfully, Jerry Brown

Jerry Brown - October 25, 2019 at 11:23 AM