



William "Bill" P. Harmon

December 26, 1961 - May 17, 2020

Troy- William Patrick "Bill" Harmon, 58, died peacefully in his sleep at Samaritan Hospital on Sunday, May 17, 2020. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Thomas Robert Harmon and the late Ellen Fay Harmon.

With sunny disposition and razor wit, Bill found humor in all life's aspects, and created jokes on every subject, endearing us with his sparkling eyes and dimpled smile. We miss him deeply.

An Albany High School graduate, Bill studied medical subjects during his occupational career as Lead Ophthalmic Technician in the Samaritan Hospital Operating Room. A legendary local Operating Room Technician, Bill excelled in Orthopedic, General, Plastic, and Ear, Nose & Throat surgeries; having served at St. Mary's Hospital and the Ophthalmic offices of Dr. Pei Fei Lee, and Dr. Howard Tanenbaum. With attention to detail and perseverance, Bill began his medical service career at Child's Hospital in Albany, diligently working his way from kitchen worker to Patient Transport Specialist, and ultimately won recognition as an expert Operating Room Technician. His compassionate ability to connect with others and calm them, made him especially suited for his work with surgical patients, who are often anxious and afraid.

Bill was an avid outdoorsman who pursued largemouth bass for catch and release, and he took part in freshwater fishing trips throughout the US and Canada. He was skilled with hand tools and liked completing small construction projects at home and camp, where he enjoyed working with small boats.

Bill volunteered with several family members at RISE Radio (WMHT), a Capital Region broadcast information service for the blind and print disabled. A creative and talented cook in high school, Bill worked for many years as a senior culinary specialist at the Albany Turf Inn. Bill was also a pizza chef at the Fountain Restaurant in Albany. His early employment in the Albany Pine Hills neighborhood includes gas station attendant at the Madison Mobile as a teen, and Times Union delivery boy from a young age.

A loyal NY Giants fan, Bill frequented Albany Training Camp events; and hosted Super Bowl activities for his co-workers. He was an avid reader at home, and loved crosswords, jumbles, and Sudoku. For his honesty, work ethic, kindness, and wisdom, Bill is genuinely missed by scores of co-workers, physicians, patients, neighbors, relatives, friends, and everyone who knew him.

As he joins his parents and late brothers Michael Harmon, David Harmon and James Harmon, Bill is survived by his son, Travis Harmon (Cherie), and his siblings, Mary Ellen O'Connell, Thomas Harmon (Laurie), Karen Law, John Harmon (Maureen), Maureen Harmon, Phyllis Blow (Steven); his close cousins, the Rev. George Fleming, and Edward Fleming, and his many nieces

and nephews.

Please remember Bill with a moment of silent contemplation to recall how he improved the world for so many of us. His Samaritan Hospital friends are planning a reception in Bill's memory (Details TBD as New York COVID-19 restrictions allow).

To leave Bill's family a message on their guestbook, light a candle, or view other helpful services, please visit McVeighFuneralHome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" P. Harmon*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *I am a friend of the late Mike Harmon who treasured his time with Billy. Bill had great jokes
Did you hear the one about the setter? And. He made a mean pulled pork. So sad, Joan Bobier*

Joan Bobier - July 06, 2020 at 03:01 PM



“ *Dear Phyllis, Maureen, and John, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. It just doesn't seem possible. Love to you all,
Mardi Wetterau*

Mardi - June 22, 2020 at 10:16 AM

PW

“ *My son, Christopher, and I were saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We knew him from Samaritan. He was always so nice to Christopher who was an inpatient at the hospital many times. He always joked with him, made him feel at ease. He loved seeing Christopher smile. My son has down syndrome and Alzheimer's and volunteered at the hospital for over 15 years. Bill used to kid around with him in the cafeteria when they were on their lunch break. Bill brightened so many peoples lives. He is missed already. We will never forget him. Praying for his dear soul and for all his family.*
Patrice and Christopher Williamson



Patrice Williamson - June 17, 2020 at 10:41 AM

KC

“ *I remember Bill as a frequent customer at the gas station he worked at he was always smiling and joking with people. I also had the privilege of working with him in the dietary department at Child's Hospital/ Nursing Home. I remember him moving on to working in the hospital but he always had time to say hi and tell a joke. He was always a kind and funny guy. I also remember see him at the Fountain Restaurant where I also worked part time prep cook/dishwasher for short time. I will always remember Bill smiling and laughing I will always remember him like a beacon of light he will be badly missed love you big guy.*

Keith Cady - June 16, 2020 at 01:33 AM

GM

“ Sending my condolences to the family on hearing this very sad news. Gregory Maguire, Strafford, Vermont.

Gregory Maguire - June 14, 2020 at 10:08 PM

P-

“ I worked with Bill at Child’s Hospital, he was such a fun person to be around. We had a lot of laughs at our Friday nite bowling league, (we may have been thrown out of ABC bowing alley a time or two) haha. My thoughts and prayers are with you! Rest In Peace Bill!

Pam Filipello -Rizzo - June 14, 2020 at 01:12 PM

DH

“ Bill was the absolute best. Great with people, kind and terrific at his job. He always made everyone laugh even if his jokes were terrible. Loved his son so much. He will be missed by many many people. At a time when there is so much strife in the world he is a great loss. Rest in peace buddy. Keep em laughing in heaven.

Deb Hrustich - June 14, 2020 at 11:56 AM

AB

“ We are most saddened about Bill’s passing and send prayers of peace to the Harmon family.
With sincere sympathy,
The Bank’s Family

annmarie banks - June 14, 2020 at 10:06 AM

KC

“ Billy, I will never forget that you were my friend. Meeting you at AHS was just the beginning of a friendship with you. The crazy days filled with your laughter will always be one of my favorite memories. You have brought so much happiness to so many people in your life time. I still smile when I think of you. See you when I get there. Love you my friend. Kelly

Kelly Carazzo - June 14, 2020 at 02:29 AM

JH

“ Bill, you were the “Second-best” man at my wedding. Love you Brother and I’ll remember you always. Thanks for all you did for so many and how you influenced me personally.



John Harmon - June 13, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ I worked in the Central Sterile Supply Unit, that is how I knew Bill. He was friendly and nice. It has been 12 years since I have worked there, I moved to Florida. So sorry for your lose. One time when I went on vacation to Florida and came back to work Bill asked me if I had any tan lines. I said yes and moved my wedding ring and there was a tan line. He was not expecting that. Dot Thompson

Dorothy Thompson - June 11, 2020 at 03:50 PM

MB

“ One of the best. Loved seeing him in the OR, hated loving all of his terrible jokes- no matter how bad they were I always laughed. May he Rest In Peace.

Moe Bell - June 11, 2020 at 07:30 AM

ZJ

“ Zuly Joels lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" P. Harmon



Zuly Joels - June 10, 2020 at 08:56 PM

ZJ

“ Bill will always be one of my most favorite people in the entire world. We worked at Samaritan Operating room where I learned so much from Bill. He also taught me how to make His home made mac and cheese with Doritos crust. We went to Grafton all the time for bbq's. Of course, he was the grill master! He raised Hedley (my cat) until he was strong enough to come live with my other cats. I can keep going with all the amazing things we got to do together. Bill will be missed so much! But, he is with family, and we will all meet up again and hear his raunchy laugh behind his naughty joke.

Zuly Joels - June 10, 2020 at 08:55 PM

CO

“ A great O.R. Tech, a wonderful friend. Thanks for never forgetting about me Bill. Rest in peace..it was a pleasure to know you, work with you, and be your friend.

Charlene O. - June 10, 2020 at 06:38 PM

AC

“ Billy... No One Could never Replace You.. Your Knowledge you have Passed On to Many will Always be Remembered... Passing You in the Hallway , OR , Outside , or Where Ever.. You Always Said Hello.. I Miss You Dearly!!! My Favorite Tech Whom I Always Asked to be in My Room. With My 2) Cataract Surgeries and My Knee.. God Love You to Pieces... Continue Watching Over Your Family and Your Co Workers... You are in All of Our Hearts!!! Love Ya Billy Harmon!!! Please Rest.... 🙏💛💙

Amy Coons - June 10, 2020 at 06:22 PM

MB

“ Bill taught me all about eyes when I was a tech at St Mary’s. When I became an RN he continued to provide help and support. We used to make up poems and write them on the white boards in the core. When I saw him again recently he was as witty and warm as ever, Bill, you were a special soul and the world was better for you being in it. God speed my friend. Thank you for all the laughs and lessons!

Mickey Brennan

mickey brennan - June 10, 2020 at 05:36 PM

MH

“ My older brother encouraged me to pursue a career in the Operating Room. I was fortunate enough to have worked with him at the Samaritan Hospital in Troy, NY. for approximately 5 years, ending when I graduated from nursing school. He was generous with humor but serious about the technical aspects of surgery. He was my mentor, my confidant, my protector. He always “gave” me his oncall obligation, which I gratefully accepted. He would answer a call 24/7 if someone needed his attention. RIP Will, it is indeed time for rest.

Maureen Harmon - June 10, 2020 at 05:23 PM

DW

Maureen, im so sorry for your loss thinking of you and your family.... may you find comfort in the memories you have all created together

diana white - June 10, 2020 at 07:06 PM

DB

Bill was a delightful human being. He worked hard and played harder. He was always a source of good humor and enthusiasm, making the toughest of work days bearable and often really pleasant.

He took a special liking to my mother who came to live with me from New Orleans after being evacuated post Katrina. He later visited her when she finally returned to her native city. My whole family was really touched by his kindness to our 90 + matriarch, who of course was thrilled by his generous attention.

We love you and miss you, Bill!

Dr Melody A Bruce - June 10, 2020 at 07:57 PM

NB

Bill your are truly missed by all that have had the privilege to work with you and be your friend. I worked with Bill as he started his surgical career. I have so many good memories of him.He was always up beat and saw so much humor in the work we all did. I knew him as he became a father. He was very proud of his son. Thank you for the great memories. RIP !

Also thank you for encouraging your sister to pursue a surgical career as I get to work and be friend to her too.. Your love for eye surgery lives in her also.

Nancy Barron - June 10, 2020 at 08:07 PM

BH

Maureen, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your brother. Sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family.

Beth Hotaling - June 11, 2020 at 10:31 AM

LW

Maureen, I am sorry for your loss and may you have peace through your memories of Bill.

Linda W. Weiss - June 11, 2020 at 10:53 AM