



William "Bill" G. Kelly

January 24, 1941 - May 2, 2022

Voorheesville, NY-Son, husband, father and friend William G. Kelly died on May 2, 2022.

Whether in the company of friends, family or someone he just met, Bill always had a story to share often tied into one of life's many lessons. Be rest assured that Bill is telling a story today surrounded by friends and family, and likely with a Guinness in hand.

Son of James and Isabelle, brother to six, Bill brought love, life, laughter to Hamilton Street in Albany, NY. After attending Vincentian Institute, Bill graduated from Siena College in 1962 and served as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard. Bill was employed as a bank examiner for Key Bank prior to becoming an auditor for the NYS Department of Tax and Finance, retiring in 2002. During retirement, you could find Mr. K walking the halls of Guilderland High School monitoring and mentoring the student community.

On July 3, 1965, Bill married the love of his life Ann Mary Glavin of South Main Avenue. Bill & Ann would soon move throughout New York building lasting friendships and their family. From St. James Place to Fresh Meadows and then Syracuse, the Kelly's eventually made Voorheesville their home where they raised their four children. Bill found joy watching his children grow, attending their numerous school activities and sporting events cheering from

the sidelines. Annual camping trips throughout the northeast were highlighted by a broken-down car or a flooded campsite, watching McEnroe beat Borg at Wimbledon or having a child's toy confiscated by the FBI. And of course, the Annual Kelly Picnic! With Ann by his side, Dad's knack for adventure continued throughout retirement traveling to Ireland, Italy, France, Alaska, Bermuda and trips to Disney with the grandchildren.

Bill's strong faith in God led him to volunteer his time and knowledge with special needs children and through the Residents Encounter Christ. Bill was also a trustee for the St. Matthews Parish and a member of the New Scotland Kiwanis and the Ancient Order of Hibernians.

Predeceased by his parents; brother James Kelly; sisters Bernadette (Grogan), Janet (Kerr), Missy (Carroll); sisters-in-law Patricia and Carolyn Kelly; brothers-in-law Charles Biggar & Edward Grogan, Thomas Glavin and Michael Glavin; niece Jennifer Campell and nephews William Carroll and Michael Grogan.

Bill is survived by his wife Ann, daughter Kerry Laberge (Richard), and three sons Bill (Kim), Kevin (Jacy) and Jim (Katelyn). Bill was also a proud Papa to his grandchildren Madeline, Emma, Ryan, Will, Adrienne, Painter, Lucy and Rowan. Bill also leaves his sister Mary Patricia (Biggar) brother John, and brothers-in-law, William Carroll and William Kerr and sister-in-law, Marie Glavin, and many loving nieces, nephews and lifelong friends.

The family would like to thank the rehabilitation team and Guadalupe staff at Our Lady of Mercy Life Center for their outstanding care of Dad during his stay.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Sunday, May 8, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany,

NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Monday, May 9, 2022 at 10:00 am St. Matthews Church, Voorheesville, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY.

To leave a special message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Bill's memory to the Center for Disability Services of Albany 314 S. Manning Blvd. Albany, NY 12208.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

Service

MAY 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Matthew's Church
25 Mountainview Street
Voorheesville, NY

Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" G. Kelly*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 06, 2022 at 06:41 PM

KM

Sweet memories of Bill, who I first met when Ann and I were nursing students together at St. Peter's. Ann and I were on the same rotation, and I recall Bill coming down to Harrison in his temperamental VW bug(during our psych rotation) to take us home for a couple of those rare breaks.I believe they wished me the same happiness and devotion they shared, when they set me up with a couple of "blind dates," over subsequent months.He will be truly missed.

Kathleen McCabe

Kathleen McCabe - May 08, 2022 at 09:46 AM



“ *William "Bill" G. Kelly*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

AR

“ *Ann and Family, so sorry for your loss.
Angie Robilotto*

Angela Robilotto - May 07, 2022 at 06:11 AM



“ 75 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - May 06, 2022 at 06:37 PM

PA

Beautiful video and music. Love you all.

patti anne - May 07, 2022 at 07:06 AM

CB

Amazing tribute to Uncle Bill...amazing man. So sorry for your loss, but he's in a better place now. Love to all. Chuck and Sue

Chuck Biggar - May 07, 2022 at 08:17 PM

CF

“ Dear Ann, Kerry, Bill, Kevin, Jim and all the Kelly and Glavin clan in Albany, It was an honour to have known Bill. His passing will indeed be a loss to you, but also in a very real way to all of us. What impressed me most was his evenness in dealing with everyone. And his quizzical smile. And his dead-pan story-telling. I remember him once describing a canoe trip which involved falling in and being caught in the canoe. All dead pan; sounded dangerous, but I didn't know whether to treat it as edge of desperation, or a Huckleberry Finn episode. We will miss him indeed. Níor beidh a leithéad ann arís. (His likes will not be here again). Love and sympathies from Conor, Marje, Padraig, Sean, Conor and Tommy in Corracunna.



Conor O'Brien and family - May 06, 2022 at 04:22 PM

AF

Bill was special in fitting in with Glavins in Albany and Corracunna gang young and old. He will be missed by all. You are allin our prayers today. Amy John Tom and Jo Flahive

Amy Flahive - May 09, 2022 at 08:15 AM

MS

“ Dear "Aunt Ann & the Cousins" (as I always refer to you guys when talking to Colleen). I was so sad to hear about Uncle Bill. What a kind and warm-hearted man with that sly bit of mischievousness. I so enjoyed our parade day or other random Glavin family event chats. I loved a good Uncle Bill hug and appreciated when he would distract Aunt Ann from her mission to find me a husband. :) I am out of the country so I won't be able to make it to the services but I will be thinking of all of you and sending so much love. I hope all of the wonderful memories can ease the pain a bit for you all. I'll raise a glass this weekend in his honor. ~ Love, Melissa Slater

Melissa Slater - May 06, 2022 at 11:59 AM

DS

“ Bill's passing is so sad for your family and for the Voorheesville Community. I hope your happy memories bring you peace. Praying for all the Kelly family.

Darleen Smith - May 06, 2022 at 11:49 AM

BH

“ To Ann & Family- Bill's passing is a great loss to our community. I'll always remember his unfailing good humor, generous nature, kindness and spirit of cooperation. -Bill Haaf & Family

Bill Haaf - May 06, 2022 at 11:14 AM

DB

Dear Ann and Family. I will always remember Bill for his warm , welcoming and full of the devil smile. Ann, you and Bill were the first ones' to come forward to serve in Freds' Mass, I will always remember this kindness. I remember Bill coming into the Library to play a board game with a disabled patron. Both Bill and you will always be remembered for your true concern for others. You know where to find me if you ever need to talk. Always remember the good times. Prayers to you and yours Diane Biernacki

Diane Biernacki - May 06, 2022 at 07:25 PM

MB

“ To Ann, Kerry, Bill, Kevin, Jim and your families, sincere sympathy to you all on your beloved Bill's death, may he rest in peace. We have great memories of our trips to the states and being made so welcome. Mary Carmel and family

Mary Carmel Jordan (nee O'Brien) - May 06, 2022 at 08:08 AM

PO

“ Dear Ann, Kerry, Bill, Kevin, Jim and all the Kelly and Glavin clan in Albany,

We are very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. May we offer our deep sympathies to you all.

Bill really valued family. And he always made the Irish cousins welcome in his house, from my first visit to the States (in '82) with my mother, and several times since. He was such a pleasant man, always helpful and no fuss. Thank you Bill.

The cousins here always enjoyed the visits 'home' to Ireland. The elder Glavins instilled a great bond between us. That bond will always be there.

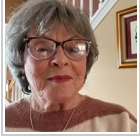
The memory of Uncle Patrick recalling stories to us during his visits comes to mind. I was reminded of his story of Glavin's Anvil recently, when I read about it in a book about Mitchelstown.

Please accept our condolences for the loss of the lovely man that Bill was.

Ar Dheis Dé go raibh a anam.

Barbara & Patrick O'Brien, and Deirdre, Amy, Paddy, Mark, Eóin and Conor..

Patrick O'Brien - May 05, 2022 at 05:32 PM



“ *Dear Ann and Family,
My heart goes out to you on the loss of Bill. He was a dear friend to Ed and I thank you both for your kindness toward me. Jimmy, hopefully he and Lori are sharing a hug along with Ed, Michael and Bernadette.
Liz Grogan*

Liz Grogan - May 05, 2022 at 01:47 PM

MW

“ *Bill made me feel welcomed into the Kelly family and I am honored and thankful. I know that Bernie and Bill will be sharing a Guinness or two! Rest in peace, cousin Bill.
You will be missed.
Mary Lynn*

Mary Lynn Williams - May 05, 2022 at 01:31 PM

LS

“ *I remember Mr. Kelly giving us rides back home from SUNY Oneonta and he was always friendly and often had a funny story to tell. Some years later I remember visiting Kerry at St. Peter's when Maddie was born - I was newly pregnant at the time and Mr. Kelly gave us a tour of St. Peter's maternity ward so I would know what to expect! He was beaming and so proud to be a Papa for the first time!*

Mrs. Kelly, Kerry, Bill, Kevin, Jim, and your families- I am so sorry for your loss and I hope your memories bring you peace. Take care.

Lisa Shaffer

Lisa Shaffer - May 05, 2022 at 12:52 PM

MG

“ Heart felt condolences to Ann, Kerry, Bill, Kevin, Jim and all your extended families. Will always remember Bill's kindness and stories. He was always so welcoming to the Irish Cousins and loved getting the tour of Voovesville from Bill when we visited. Will remember our first trip to the US on J1 visa and how pleased Bill was that I brought an "O'Kelly" with me. Last time we visited with the boys he was so good and kind to them and he and made sure the boys got to experience the delights of American doughnuts and Kelly house gathering. He was a special person and made the world a better place everyday through his actions. May he rest in peace, all our love Mairead Gabbett, David O Kelly, Michael, Oisin and Sean

Mairead Gabbett - May 05, 2022 at 11:31 AM

CK

“ Shalom Amigo❤️ My you Rest In Peace 🙏

Cheryl Kerr - May 05, 2022 at 10:19 AM

WT

“ Dear Mrs. Kelly, Bill, Kerry, Kevin and Jim,

We could not have wished for nicer backyard neighbors than Mr. and Mrs. Kelly!

We are very sorry for the passing of your very special husband and father.

Wishing you all peace and love in your memories.

Mr. Kelly will be missed.

Wil and Tonette Tomlin - May 05, 2022 at 10:12 AM

KK

“ I have been very blessed in this life to have had a wonderful and kind father in law. The first time I met Bill was at the Voorheesville 100th anniversary party at Smitty's. We had a great conversation, followed by a shot of whiskey...or something... and a song. He and my husband had a very strong bond, and he was the best man at our wedding, bringing us all to tears with his toast. He could always make you cry - he loved his family hard and wasn't afraid to show it. But I think his greatest claim to fame is just being "the Papa." Papa, you are forever in our hearts and will always be Adrienne's BFF.

Kim Kelly - May 05, 2022 at 09:38 AM

DL

Such a loss to our community and especially his family. Our sincere sympathy

Dick and Dianne Luci - May 05, 2022 at 01:41 PM

CA

“ Every hall monitor in guilderland high had a nickname that the student body knew them as. He was always Uncle Bill to the entire school. On my last day of high school, I gave him a hug and told him I'd see him soon and all my friends asked.... "why are you hugging uncle bill?" I said because he's my uncle Bill. They said yes we know he is uncle Bill and I said...no he's MINE. He's MY Uncle. And that was the day the entire student body learned how he got his nickname.

Love you UB. Forever blessed to have known and love you.

Casey - May 05, 2022 at 09:03 AM

PK

“ Dearest Aunt Ann and family, as we pray for comfort in your time of sorrow, please know that as my God Father, Uncle Bill had a positive and lasting impact on my life. His loving kindness and wonderful sense of humor will live on in all of our memories. I think if we gave out awards UB would have won 1st place in every category, Husband, Father, Uncle, Brother, Son and Friend. He will be missed forever.

With Love,
Patti Anne and Lynn

Patricia Kelly-Sbrega - May 05, 2022 at 08:59 AM

SM

“ Bill was a kind, thoughtful, funny, smart and caring man who always gave his time to help others in need. He will be so missed. My heart goes out to the whole Kelly clan.

Sandy Monahan - May 05, 2022 at 08:48 AM

AM

“ Our class of VI 58 will miss our dear friend We are thankful he was able to join us with Marty's help. Ann I am praying for your family

Alice Mills - May 05, 2022 at 08:26 AM