



William "Bill" E. McVeigh

February 17, 1935 - May 30, 2022

Albany- William "Bill" E. McVeigh, Sr. peacefully slipped away Monday, May 30, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his family.

87 years young, he was the son of the late William J. and Alice Donnelly McVeigh. Bill graduated from Blessed Sacrament School (1948) Christian Brothers Academy (1952), College of the Holy Cross (1956) and the Simmons School of Funeral Directing (1961). He married the former Sheila Butler in 1956. He entered the Navy and was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia.

Subsequently, he joined his father as the third generation of funeral directors at the McVeigh Funeral Home. He was predeceased by his wife, Sheila and his sister Kathleen Redpath (David) and is survived by his four children: William E. McVeigh Jr., Brian J. McVeigh (Lana), Kristin McVeigh-Parente (David), and Laurel A. Gent (Dean). Grandfather of Anthony, Kyla, Eva Parente and Alexander and Shannon Gent. He is also survived by several cousins, nieces, nephews, and a devoted staff.

Bill viewed his work as a funeral director, not just as a profession, but an important calling to public service. His compassion, thoughtfulness, and concern was visible in how he felt privileged in serving the families that called upon him. He diligently served his profession as a board member and leader of various organizations: the Albany-Rensselaer Funeral Directors Association

(former president), New York State Funeral Directors Association (former president), and Regional Governor for the National Funeral Director Association.

In the course of his 60-year career, Bill was very active and dedicated to his community serving on numerous boards, such as Albany Executives Association (former president), Senior Citizens Foundation, Visiting Nurses Association, St. Peter's Hospice Advisory Committee, Sons of St. Patrick (former president). He also enjoyed his memberships in countless organizations, such as, Irish Heritage Museum, Knights of Columbus, Elks Lodge #49, Wolfert's Roost Country Club and the University Club. Most dear to his heart was helping establish Camary Statewide Services, an agency to provide residential homes for Autistic adults. Living Resources, of which he is a former board president of, eventually merged with Camary and still provides services to his eldest son. All of which he was eternally grateful for their caring and staff.

In his free time he enjoyed his beloved Lake George, travelling with Sheila and time spent with his precious grandchildren. He will be missed by all that knew him.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Friday, June 3, 2022 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at his place, McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot entrance only.

Funeral services Saturday, June 4, 2022 at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave. (Father John Bradley Way), Albany, NY 12206 where his Funeral Mass will be Concelebrated by his dear friends, Fr. John Tallman as Main Celebrant and Fr. John Bradley as Homilist. To view the Mass go to <https://www.facebook.com/BlessedSacramentCatholicChurch>

The Rite of Committal will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass.

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

Those wishing to remember Bill in a special way may send a remembrance to either Living Resources Foundation, 300 Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, NY 12203 or NYSFDA Tribute Foundation, 1 S. Family Drive, Albany, NY 12205.

Cemetery Details

Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY 12204

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 3. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Service

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Tribute Wall



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



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2022 at 01:38 PM

KD

The video is a loving tribute to Bill - a son, husband, father, grandfather and friend. They don't make them like him anymore. We are all blessed to have known him.

Kimberly Darling - June 14, 2022 at 09:42 PM

WW

A loving tribute to a life of service to others. RIP Bill McVeigh Gay and Wally Wojtowicz

Wallace & Gayalyn Wojtowicz - June 16, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *William "Bill" E. McVeigh*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

KD

“ I just learned of Bill's passing and am so deeply sorry for the family's loss. I knew Bill and Sheila, and then Kristin & Billy, for almost 25 years through Living Resources and Camary. Bill was such a kind, friendly soul. I truly enjoyed our conversations along with annual board picnics at Brant Lake. RIP Bill. You are now united with Sheila once again. May your light shine upon your family. You will be missed.

Kimberly Darling - June 14, 2022 at 09:19 PM

JK

“ To Bill's family,
Please accept my sincere prayers and condolences on Bill's passing. He was a true gentleman for sure! God Bless Bill and each of you!
John Kearney

John and Lynda Kearney - June 07, 2022 at 08:25 PM

DS

“ I'm so sorry for your loss, and as many have said, this is a real loss for our community. My condolences to the McVeigh and Parente families.

Darius Shahinfar

Darius Shahinfar - June 07, 2022 at 08:47 AM

BM

“ To the McVeigh family, Bill taught me so much in regards to family and the importance of running a family business. He was someone we all respected and admired!

Deepest Condolences,

The Matte family

Bob Matte - June 06, 2022 at 12:18 PM

RL

I worked for Bill at NBC Bank many moons ago. For some reason, I dreamt of him last night, which prompted me to look him up to see if he was still living. He was a fellow USMA '54 -same as my father-in-law, Wally Leland. Bill was a terrific boss and was a mentor to me as I completed my undergraduate degree and stepped away from NBC to start my new career in healthcare. I was always grateful for his counsel and guidance.

Robyn Leland - April 06, 2025 at 10:50 AM

EH

“ *Ellen M Hedderman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. McVeigh*



Ellen M Hedderman - June 05, 2022 at 01:13 AM

BL

“ *The BEST, the funeral profession was fortunate to have him, prayers and blessings to all of you. Bill Lyons*

Bill Lyons - June 04, 2022 at 09:28 PM

PS

“ Kristen and Dave I just want to thank you for televising Bill's funeral service. As Bernie has told you, I've been ill and not able to attend services and was pleased to share in his funeral service via facebook. He is/was the nicest gentleman i've ever known. My thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family. Pat Santandrea

Pat Santandrea - June 04, 2022 at 11:58 AM

TK

“ Kristin, David and family, sending our sincere condolences for Dads passing. He was a true gentleman and a dedicated professional. Our profession has lost a true leader. Todd, George, Patricia, Kyle Kilmer and the whole Kilmer Funeral family.

Todd Kilmer - June 03, 2022 at 04:17 PM

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“ 86 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - June 03, 2022 at 01:37 PM

NC

“ I am sorry for your loss. Bill was a kind gentleman. He and your family are in my prayers.
Nancy Carey Cassidy

Nancy Carey Cassidy - June 03, 2022 at 12:22 PM

AM

“ Kristin & Family:

I am very sorry for the loss of Mr. McVeigh. Please accept my sincere condolences. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. I hope the fond memories you have of him bring you comfort as you grieve your loss and celebrate the life of someone who meant so much to so many people.

God Bless,

*Alan Mulligan
Federated Fiducial*

Alan Mulligan - June 03, 2022 at 10:24 AM

AM

“ Alan Mulligan lit a candle in memory of
William "Bill" E. McVeigh



Alan Mulligan - June 03, 2022 at 10:22 AM

MK

“ To the entire McVeigh and Parente family my deepest and heartfelt sympathy on the loss of one of the kindest and gentlest people I have ever had the pleasure to meet and work with during my lifetime.

Bill was the man who got things done for the State Funeral Directors Association for the betterment of the funeral home community. He accomplished his goals with the most charming and low key manner. He was humble about what he helped to accomplish but he became the eyes and ears for the funeral directors in the State legislature and all of the halls of power in Albany. He wielded the power he exerted with the same generosity and caring he seemed to have for all of the families he was honored to serve over the years.

To Kristin, Dave and the entire family we know Bill's loss will be a difficult one and we can only hope that your journey through the Valley of Shadows will be made easier by the memories of this one of a kind gentle man who touched all of us with his kindness and caring.

The world lost a real mensch due to Bill's passing.

Marty Kasdan

Martin Kasdan - June 03, 2022 at 09:10 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" E. McVeigh.



June 02, 2022 at 10:28 PM

SZ

“ Truly a loss to our profession. The breadth of Bill's knowledge was eclipsed only by the depth of his kindness. Our deepest sympathy to his family and staff.

*Curt, Scott, Emily, and Jennifer
A.J. Cunningham Funeral Home*

Scott Zielonko - June 02, 2022 at 08:44 PM

SG

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill was a good friend of my dad. Our family is forever grateful to Bill over the years, truly a great man.

Sharon Gara Gaffney

Sharon Gaffney - June 02, 2022 at 04:56 PM

MT

“ My deepest condolences and prayers to the entire Mcveigh family. I will never forget what you did for me when my husband passed many years ago. I am Forever great full.


Michelle Thompson - June 02, 2022 at 03:54 PM

LB

“ Kristen, Laurel, and family,
Sending our thoughts, prayers, and love to your entire family on the loss of your dad. For as long as I can remember Bill has always been there when our family needed him. I will never forget when my dad passed, (almost 26 years ago) my mom sat down with Kristen to make arrangements because Bill was on vacation. Well, I guess he found out, and came back early from his vacation so he could be with my mom and us on the day of my dad's services. He truly was the “best of the best”, and certainly will be missed.
Lisa Bonomo & John Torpey

Lisa Bonomo - June 02, 2022 at 01:51 PM

BC

“ I am so sad to learn of your Dads passing. I dearly loved that man. He gave our families the gift of compassion and comfort during our most fragile life losses. I can still see his face as he would greet us and immediately lighten our burden. I'm sure he is resting in peace.


Barbara Butler Conway - June 02, 2022 at 12:42 PM

RJ

“ Kristin, David and the members of the McVeigh, Parente and Gent families - Your late father Bill will be long remembered in our thoughts and prayers. May you all be comforted in this time of sorrow by many happy memories of Bill in life and the confidence that he has entered into eternal life. Robert G. Conway, Jr.,
Glenmont, NY

Robert G. Conway, Jr. - June 02, 2022 at 12:13 PM

AW

“ *Ann & Bill White lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" E. McVeigh*



Ann & Bill White - June 02, 2022 at 11:33 AM

MC

“ *God Bless you Bill for a life well lived. The Camadine family, who have been helped by you for generations are very sad to hear of your loss. We always felt that we were dealing with part of the family when you were there during our time of need. I'm thankful to see that enjoyed a long life and that your life's work is carried by your family. While I have not seen you for many years I will always remember the conversations we had over the years and the compassion you showed my family on some of our toughest days. My thoughts and prayers go out to the McViegh family at this time. Because I can speak for every branch of my family in saying we have nothing but the greatest admiration for your father Bill, as we did his Father before him. RIP Bill! May the good Lord be with you at the end of your journey and may all your accomplishments live on.*

Michael Camadine

Michael Camadine - June 02, 2022 at 10:52 AM

TV

“ Kristen, Loral, Dave and family. My deepest sympathies with the loss of your dad. He was a true professional and always treated me the same. He will be surely missed!

Thoughts and prayers always.

Respectfully

Tim Van Vorst

Tim Van Vorst - June 02, 2022 at 10:46 AM

MP

“ To the McVeigh family, staff and friends,
We send our thoughts and prayers over the loss of Bill. Everyone knows his dedication and commitment to serving others, whether volunteering or making our profession better. Yet it was his gentlemanly manner of listening and caring that remains a special characteristic. We are grateful to have known him and may he rest in the peace he deserves.

Michele and Mark Phillips - June 02, 2022 at 08:17 AM

DK

“ I am sorry for your loss; Bill was a great ambassador for our profession and loving and caring to the families he served. Don Klose Bond Funeral Home Schenectady

Donald C Klose - June 01, 2022 at 09:01 PM

PK

“ Dear Kristin,
I offer my condolences regarding your father. May God grant you and your family the peace that comes from wonderful memories.

Sincerely,

Paul Kutey

Paul Kutey - June 01, 2022 at 07:14 PM

DE

“ Kristin and Dave, I am so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a true gentleman and friend. I always appreciated all of his knowledge when working with him on the various NYSFDA board and committees. He was a true leader. He was really the person who encouraged me to become more involved with the organization. He will be greatly missed by all.

May you all be comforted by great memories.

Don Edmunds

Donald Edmunds - June 01, 2022 at 05:08 PM

TB

“ Dad (Wayne Baxter) found a true friend in association business in William McVeigh. Shared car rides to and from association meetings around the state where I'm sure there was much to discuss! Now Dad has someone cut from the same cloth to continue those conversations with in heaven. For all of us....

Thaddeus W. Baxter

Thaddeus Baxter - June 01, 2022 at 01:28 PM

JK

“ Kristen and David, my thoughts and prayers are with you, may God Bless and keep Bill. He was a great friend for many years, and his service to NYSFDA was faithful and true for many years. His smile and his knowledge will not be forgotten.

John J. Kelly - June 01, 2022 at 01:23 PM

GT

“ A true gentleman and leader. Many great memories of shared times with Bill & Sheila over the years. Rest in peace and thank you for all you did for NYSFDA.
Gordon & Joan Terry

Gordon Terry - June 01, 2022 at 09:27 AM

JM

“ I cannot express enough how much respect I had for Bill. My deepest sympathies to Bill's family. Rest In Peace Bill.

Joe Martin - May 31, 2022 at 06:20 PM

RH

“ A gentle giant who will be missed by so many. Sincere condolences to the entire family.

Rana Huber - May 31, 2022 at 04:50 PM