



William J. Donato

October 17, 1933 - December 27, 2023

West Albany, NY-William J. Donato, 90, entered Eternal Life Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at Shaker Place Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Born in Albany, he was the son of Frank and Helen Mink Donato. Bill was a longtime employee of the former Tobin Packing Company in West Albany, where he spent 28 years. He also worked for over 20 years at the New York State Thruway Authority. He was a US Army Korean War Veteran.

Bill was a Member of the West Albany Italian Benevolent Society where he was a devoted member for over 70 years. He was a member of Trout Unlimited, Clearwater, Florida, and the Capital District Fly Fishers. He enjoyed finding new creeks with a box of flies and flyrod in hand. Within schools, he was a well-known Fly-tying instructor as he shared his knowledge of different types of flies. He was an exceptional fisherman and truly loved the sport. Additionally, in his early years he enjoyed bowling and always embraced family gatherings.

He was the dear husband of the late Rose Gallucci Donato; beloved father of William J. Donato, Jr (Lori); dear brother of James Donato (Joan) and the late Frank "Donuts" Donato (late Antoinette); brother-in-law of the late Frank "Sparky" Gallucci and Louis "Sub" Gallucci Sr.; step grandfather of Alysa Brino, Austin Brino, and George Cowan. He is survived by many nieces,

nephews, and friends that he held dear to his heart.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Tuesday, January 2, 2024 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 Wednesday, January 3, 2024 at 11:00 am at Christ Our Light Catholic Church, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Our Lady of Angels Cemetery immediately following the Mass.

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

Those wishing to remember William J. Donate in a special way may send a contribution to Christ Our Light Catholic Church Food Pantry, 1 Maria Drive, Loudonville, NY 12211.

Cemetery Details

Our Lady of Angels Cemetery

1389 Central Ave
Albany, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William J. Donato*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 02, 2024 at 09:54 AM

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“ *Jim and Billie - Just found out of Bill's passing. He was one of the best people I ever knew. The stories he always had for us while fly fishing kept us laughing the whole trip. God bless Bill and his family.*
Tom McGraw

Tom McGraw - January 07, 2024 at 07:50 PM

RB

“ *So sorry for your loss , Bill was a kind gentleman, who always made time to help others. I enjoyed his company and his fly tying instructions, and fishing with him . He will be missed ,*

Ronald Brunson - January 05, 2024 at 10:07 AM

AL

“ *In memory of one of the old guard, I will always remember fly fishing the Ausable River with him and using the red quill flies tied by Bill.*
RIP.

Alan Latham, TU member

Alan Latham - January 02, 2024 at 02:38 PM



“ 131 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - January 02, 2024 at 09:56 AM

KM

“ *Billy, Jim, Joanie and family We are so sorry for your loss. Please know we are thinking of you during this most difficult time. May he Rest in Peace.*

Kelly and Scott Myers - January 02, 2024 at 09:31 AM

EO

“ *Jim, Joanie and family I am sorry to hear of your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.*

Ed Oleski - December 31, 2023 at 11:53 AM

CP

“ *Billy, I am so sorry to hear of your dad's death. He was by far the kindest person that I met at WAIBS. He always made time to talk to me when I saw him at events and he really cared. Rest assured he has a perfect spiritual body and probably has been chosen by Jesus to be on the welcoming team. My best to you and family.*
Chuck Pettinato

Chuck Pettinato - December 31, 2023 at 06:38 AM

RJ

“ dear billy i am sorry to hear about your father he was wonderful man and so was your mother i think god wanted a wonderful man he had long life i will miss him he was always kind too me ask me how i am doing rest in peace big bill

Raymond L Messier Jr - December 31, 2023 at 05:16 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Donato.



December 30, 2023 at 11:28 AM