



## William H. Groat

December 19, 1950 - March 29, 2024

Albany, NY-William H Groat, 73, of Saint Cloud, FL, formally from Albany NY died on Friday March 29, 2024 after a brief illness.

He was born in Albany, NY on December 19, 1950, son of Robert and Anna (Deso) Groat. Bill joined the City of Albany Fire Department on Jan 29, 1979 and served proudly for 33 years as a Lieutenant Firefighter/paramedic until his retirement on Sept 29, 2012. Bill was also a medic in the Town of Guilderland, Town of Colonie and MedFlight. He didn't hesitate to serve at Ground Zero after the 9/11 attacks and spent days searching for fallen brothers. Bill was a friend, hero and educator to many. In addition to treating countless patients, he delivered 24 babies in the field and mentored many EMS & Fire professional in their career. Bill was a loving husband, father and grandfather.

Bill is survived by his wife of almost 21 years, Christine (Behnke) of Saint Cloud, FL: his children, Billy (Michelle) of Mayfield, NY; Eric (Sherri) of Sprakers, NY; Kyle (Rene) of Saint Cloud, FL and Abigail of Saint Cloud, FL. Also his sisters-in-laws Karen (Steve) Manning; Linda (Roger) LaVallee and Brother-in-law James Behnke. Also survived by 6 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded by his parents Robert and Anna; his sisters Lorraine Bennet and Grace Beauregard as well as his in-laws Fred and Joan Behnke.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Tuesday, April 9, 2024 3:00 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.

To leave a message for the family please visit [www.McveighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com)

In lieu of flowers, we have set up a Scholarship fund in memory of Bill that will award a scholarship for EMT/Paramedic school. Please mail or drop off checks to NY Bravest FCU 532 Central Ave Albany NY 12206 made out to The William Groat Fellowship Fund or donate online at <https://www.nybravestfcu.org/donationsfundraisers>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 9. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
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Albany, NY 12206  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ I remember growing up next door to you on Jay Street in Albany ....wow what fun we had way way back then .....your dad was a butcher ...May you Rest in peace and we say prayers for you and the entire family

*Dwight Hill*

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**Dwight Hill** - April 08, 2024 at 03:54 PM

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“ We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our love goes out to Chris and the children and grandchildren. We always enjoyed our conversations with Bill. He was such a nice guy. Thinking of you all. Wayne and Judy Fitzgerald

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**Judy Fitzgerald** - April 07, 2024 at 05:54 PM