



William P. Klose

April 9, 1968 - September 2, 2021

Albany-William Philip Klose (affectionately known as “Big Guy”), loving husband and father of three, died on Thursday, September 2nd, 2021 at the age of 53.

Will was born to William J. Klose and Regina C. Klose on April 9th, 1968 in Albany, New York. He was a loving brother to Valerie Sacks and Dennis Klose. He attended Colonie High School and graduated from Villanova University. He worked at Progressive Auto Insurance for 30 years. He is survived by his wife, Karen LaVigne Klose, whom he married in 1993, and three children: Caroline Grace, Susanna Margaret, and William Paul Klose, his mother and father Will and Regina, his sister Valerie Sacks (Gary Sacks), his brother Dennis Klose (Virginia Cataldo), his mother in law Sue LaVigne, his brothers in law PJ LaVigne (Lisa LaVigne) and Kevin LaVigne (Shannon LaVigne), and his many nieces, nephews, and friends. Will loved baseball, basketball, golf, and especially coaching his children.

Will was indeed a big guy; a big laugh, a big joy, and an even bigger heart (but he was also 6’4”, which is where the nickname really comes from.) We ask that in Will’s honor you listen to Panama by Van Halen. Please make sure to do a “Flying Eddie.”

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Will’s family Tuesday, September

7, 2021 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; unvaccinated individuals must wear a mask and practice social distancing.

Funeral services Wednesday, September 8, 2021 at 11:00 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Masks are required. You can view the Mass at [YouTube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi](https://www.youtube.com/C.ParishofMaterChristi)

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

In lieu of flowers, contributions to our family at The Center for Disability Services, 314 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208, would mean so much to us . They enrich Caroline's life each and every day."

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 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 P. Klose*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 03, 2021 at 04:29 PM



Marbeth Sweeney - September 03, 2021 at 05:31 PM

KL

The photo tribute is amazing. Thank you for reminding us how wonderful and happy Will was when with family.

kevin lukasik - September 03, 2021 at 09:50 PM

LL

So ❤️

Lisa LaVigne - September 04, 2021 at 07:44 AM

DM

I have never met Will, but I have had the absolute privilege to work with his brother. They say there is a reason, they say that time will heal, but neither time nor reason will change the way we feel. We want to tell you something so there won't be any doubt, for your family you are so wonderful to think of, but so hard to be without. Rest In Peace and Joy Will...for all eternity.

Donny Mitchell - September 04, 2021 at 11:28 AM

EG

Amazing ❤️❤️❤️

Elizabeth Gaudet - September 04, 2021 at 09:28 PM

GM

Regina and Valerie, sad to hear of the passing if your son and brother. Although I did not personally know him, he looks like a loving person and passed too young. May you find peace during this sad time.
Georgeanne

georgeanne meeneghan - September 05, 2021 at 09:45 AM

NF

What a wonderful tribute to Will. I remember getting to know Will a little over 30 years ago when he and Karen first started dating. Whenever I spent time with him, I noticed how laid back he was; always friendly and never had anything bad to say about anyone. I could see how much he adored his family and dear friends. What a beautiful person he was. May he watch over you all and may he Rest In Peace. I'm so very sorry for your loss. In time , may your memories bring you peace and lots of smiles.

Nicole Forkeutis - September 05, 2021 at 09:05 PM

DG

Beautiful tribute to an amazing "Big Guy." Will you touched so many lives in a positive way. God Bless you always. Rest in peace.

Donna Gaffney - September 06, 2021 at 10:15 AM

DL

Bill's family would not really know me. I was surprised to recognize Bill's name in the paper. I met Bill in the mid to late 90's at Progressive and we worked on the same team for a while. Bill went to my bachelor party-dinner and my wedding and Karen gifted my wife and me hand decorated wine glasses. Bill was always kind and sincere and I have thought of him over the years even though we were not always in touch. A musician once sang "Some forget the kindnesses that others never will." I may have missed the chance to tell Bill, but I can tell his loved ones who will always carry Bill in their hearts that Bill was a light in the world. Thank You Bill

Denis Livsey - September 06, 2021 at 01:57 PM

JT

The Traynor family sends their condolences to the Klose family. I met Will at Westland Hills years ago. I've always admired how poised he was Coaching games. To say he was an involved Father, Coach, Leader and a very involved volunteer well I think that would be an understatement. Will was a leader who I always admired. Of course there were times that both our sons as players competed against each other and we as coaches did the same we still knew at the end of it to respect the competition. We all knew Westland Hills was something special and coaching our kids and watching them grow from kids to young adults was even more special. I'm thankful you showed our kids to work hard on the field that nothing is ever given to you and hard work is always needed to reach a goal. I'm thankful my son Will knows your Will and their core group growing up through baseball and school are still tight to this day. As a Dad we always want our kids to love life and I believe having you in this world and to touch these kids lives with baseball I think that's pretty special. I'm very sorry for your loss Klose family, Will was taken to soon.

John P Traynor - September 07, 2021 at 02:37 PM



“ *William P. Klose*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

WR

“ *1 file added to the album LifeTributes*



wayne richardson - September 08, 2021 at 07:04 AM

DD

“ Regina, Will, Valerie, Dennis and family. Please accept our sincere condolences. Our Prayers and thoughts are with you during this very difficult. May he rest in peace. With sympathy, Diane and Jerry D'Alessandro

Diane & Jerry D'Alessandro - September 07, 2021 at 08:16 PM

DL

“ To the dear family and close friends of Will:
It's been a lifetime since Will was a part of my childhood, but I wanted to share with you what you already know: how warm, funny, so smart and kind he was even as a kid. Hearing of his passing, it brought tears for your loss and also immediate memories of his presence growing up. He was hilarious and humble. I only ran into him one time over the course of the years, and he was the same: warm, funny, hilarious and humble. My favorite year in school, was the year that Will and I had the exact same class schedule, where he sat in front of me in every class (he was K, and I was L)...I could hide behind him in the row, laugh with him, and always be impressed at how intelligent and curious he was about everything. For a kid, it was everything to have someone like that around. Much love and peace to you as you grieve the passing of this gentle soul.



D. Laning - September 07, 2021 at 07:48 PM

KF

“ To Karen and family,

I'm so, so very sorry for your loss. What a beautiful tribute to Will...so many wonderful memories. My heart feels heavy for you all. I will be keeping you in my thoughts and prayers and sending wishes for much peace always

And we will surely listen to Panama by Van Halen in Will's honor...That's actually one of our favorites.

*With sincere sympathy,
Kristen Forkeutis*

Kristen Forkeutis - September 07, 2021 at 06:31 PM

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John P Traynor - September 07, 2021 at 02:52 PM

FC

“ *The Cortina Family would like to send our deepest condolences to the Klose Family . I was fortunate enough to meet Coach Klose at Westland hills where we had great competitive games over our Sons teenage years . I am grateful for the lessons we learned together .Our Boys will always have Great memories of Coach and his Cool Calm Style, Me myself I will say that thru the good ole game of BASEBALL - I was fortunate enough to meet and share time with a Great Father, Family man and Friend that will truly be missed.*
May your Soul Rest in Peace Coach
Fern 🏆 📖

Fernando Cortina - September 07, 2021 at 10:07 AM

VE

“ *Bill, I can not believe you're gone.*
You were the gentle giant, a quiet sense of humor, the consummate gentleman, and you will be sorely missed my friend.

My sympathies to your family and friends. I know you will be watching after them from above. Your kindness and love will stay with them and all you met forever. You left us way to soon, Bill. Be at peace.
- Veronica

Veronica Edick - September 07, 2021 at 09:50 AM

JD

“ *My deepest condolences to the family. Bill was a great friend back in high school.*
Regards,
Jim Dibb

Jim Dibb - September 06, 2021 at 09:04 PM

TF

“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



The Macutek Family - September 05, 2021 at 01:48 PM

TF

“ *The Macutek family would like to express our deepest sympathies and condolences to Karen, Caroline, Susanna, Will and the Klose family. We cannot begin to express our deep sense of loss. We will never understand why this happened but we know that Will's memory will live on in the many he touched.*

We first met Will at Westland Hills Little League and the first thing we noticed, besides how tall he was, was what a fierce competitor he was on the field. Will was all in on every pitch, every at-bat, every inning and every game. With score book in hand, Will would pace back and forth all the while voicing words of encouragement to his team. By the way, the umpires didn't fare as well. Off the field, Will was humble, kind, and compassionate with everyone he met. He would greet everyone with a smile and ask, how are you were doing? how was everyone in your family doing? He truly was a gentle giant. We will remember Will as a manager and coach but above all else we will remember him as a great person and friend. Will, God Bless, Rest In Peace, and hope to see you again on the great baseball diamond in the sky.

The Macutek Family - September 05, 2021 at 01:46 PM

DE

“ Will, was the best big brother you could of asked for. Will was a true as person as there could be. To have known Will was to have loved him. As my brother turned out to be the special person he was because of the great job my parents and all of our families, friends, neighbors did raising us. As back when we grew up everyone played a part.


So both my parents lost a child, me and Val lost our big brother , Karen, Caroline, Sus, and Will lost a husband and father. Several others lost great friend , uncle, son in law , brother in law. But we all lost someone who was very special.

So I will break out my old Van Halen CD and play the 5150 album and think of all the good times we had.

With great love, Rest In Peace Will, till the day comes we can watch a game together again.

Love Dennis

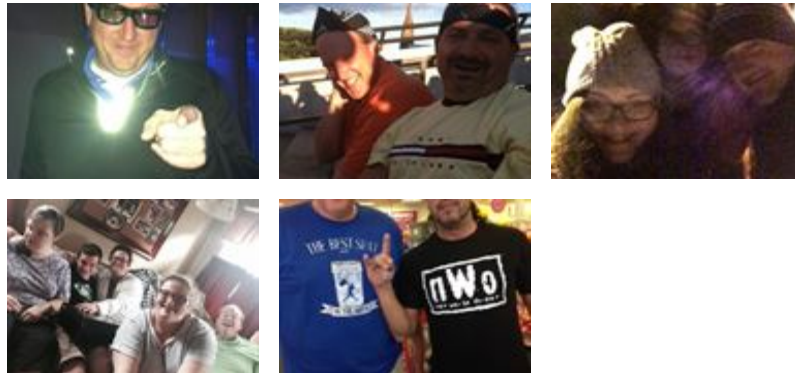
Dennis - September 04, 2021 at 03:08 PM

 Nicole
Morris

“ I met Bill 8 years ago and he went from colleague, to friend, to family. Even after I left Progressive he stayed in regular touch. I will deeply miss our conversations, making him laugh with stories of my crazy daughter and dogs. There aren't words sufficient to say how heartbroken I am and how sorry I am for this enormous loss. He will be thought of and missed every day. I pray and hope hearing so many kind words and knowing how many lives he touched will bring you comfort. I pray for his peace now and yours. ❤️

Nicole Morris - September 04, 2021 at 08:08 AM

“ 76 files added to the album LifeTributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - September 03, 2021 at 04:25 PM

CR

“ To the Klose family:

I was lucky to meet Bill when I first started working in NY with Progressive. We would always spend some time talking about sports and coaching our kids. Bill was a patient and kind person who was always willing to help out. He will be missed but not forgotten.



My thoughts and prayers.

Chris Rosati

chris rosati - September 03, 2021 at 04:08 PM

N(

I met Bill at Progressive and he was my Supervisor for a while. He always had a smile and good morning! He was genuinely a great guy and friend. He always asked how my daughter was and was just so easy to talk to. I will miss him dearly as so many people will. Up until Covid struck and our worlds turned upside down, I would still see him every morning and received the huge smile and good morning Nance! My condolences, thoughts and prayers go out to his family. Rest in peace Bill and I will miss you! 🙏🙏🙏🙏

Nancy Pulsifer (Robinson) - September 05, 2021 at 11:01 AM

MS

“ Big Guy also got his nickname for his penchant for devouring big books, including the 592 page autobiographical tome of wrestling superstar Bret “The Hitman” Hart over a long weekend. Many years ago, while enjoying the company of the LaVigne and Klose families at the lake cabin, I was planning on finishing the aforementioned book (which I lugged with me on the plane). Unfortunately, while at the lake cabin, I was unable to finish the book because every time I went to read the last ~40 pages, it was in the hands of Big Guy (not to be confused with another wrestling superstar, The Big Show). What took me months to plow through took Will only a few days. Therefore, to make me feel less like a slow learner/reader (compared to the ‘Nova grad), I’m going to chalk it up to Will being mesmerized at the many pictures of The Hitman using his patented move, the sharpshooter, on his rivals.

I’ll always remember Will as being a welcoming, intelligent, and calm Big Guy with a big (and infectious) smile

Cheri and I will continue to pray for the family; and for Will’s peaceful return home alongside other dearly beloved and departed friends and family members including: my father Bill Shaughnessy, Mary Lynne Gaudet, Walter and Harriet Langley, Paul LaVigne, and Uncle Joe Gaudet.

*With much love,
Mike + Cheri Shaughnessy*

Mike Shaughnessy - September 03, 2021 at 03:46 PM

KF

“ To the Klose Family,

I am so sorry for your loss. Young Will was taken much to soon. May your memories of the good times get you through this most difficult time, but remember, he is watching over all of you. I do believe this is true.

Kim Tanney Fitzpatrick

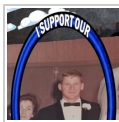
kim Fitzpatrick - September 03, 2021 at 02:17 PM

MD

“ There are no words to adequately express my deep sorrow for the loss of Will. He was God's gift to all of us. He was a kind, gentle and caring son, husband, father and friend to all who knew him. We were all blessed to have him in our lives. We are better people because of him. Rest well, Will, you were so loved.

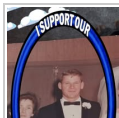
Michele Delehanty

Michele Delehanty - September 03, 2021 at 11:02 AM



I will always love you til my day comes and we meet again I will carry you in my heart along with our family maybe you'll meet them in your new home. From the day you were born you were kind loving and caring young man remember you are loved by many now and always. You we're a good husband great Dad great son and friend to many. Watch over your loved ones you are a special Angel I love you Will .Aunt Margaret

Margaret Young - September 03, 2021 at 03:30 PM



I will always love you you were a great husband , Dad, Son, and friend to many. They say God only takes the best and when he chose you how right he was. I was always proud of the three of you maybe I should have told you more. Rest my sweet man you had a rough go of it .Love Aunt Margaret

Margaret Young - September 03, 2021 at 03:36 PM

JM

To the Klose Family, my heart breaks to hear this sad news. Your Will was taken much too soon, may he rest in Peace. I'm sure he will be watching over all of you.. June Mele.

June Mele - September 04, 2021 at 09:34 AM

BM

To The Klose Family,

What a beautiful tribute. Many loving memories of family and friends. My heart is broken for all of you because I know how much he was loved and will be missed. I hope you can find strength in the memories and that he is watching over all of you now. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Beth Musella

Beth Musella - September 08, 2021 at 03:40 PM

MH

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



McVeigh Funeral Home - September 03, 2021 at 10:44 AM