

William F. Murphy

August 15, 1934 - October 18, 2020

Albany-William F. Murphy Sr, 86, entered Eternal Life Sunday, October 18, 2020 at home surrounded by his loving family. Born in Albany, he was the son of Edward D. and Mary Louise Tobin Murphy.

Bill, or better known as ‘Murph’ served on the Albany Police Department for over 40 years in the DA’s Office, the Neighborhood Police Unit, the Patrol Division and the Traffic Safety Division. After retiring from the Department he went on to own and operate WFM Supply Co.

He was a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy and longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Police. Bill was a Korean War US Air Force Veteran.

He was the husband of the late Teresa Reaney Murphy; dear father of Mary Marsh (Jed), Edward Murphy (Patty), Michael Murphy (Alfred), William F. Murphy Jr (Marianne), Teresa Jarrett (Tom), Nora Matos (Ron) and the late John Patrick; cherished grandfather of Caitlin, Elizabeth, Liam, RJ, Brendan, Emily, Olivia, Michael, John, Patrick, Christopher, Celia and Brian; brother of Ellen Naughter (John); survived by his special friend Rita York and many nieces, nephews, friends and Law Enforcement Colleagues.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Thursday, October 22, 2020 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY. Please only enter the funeral home from the rear parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; and 40 visitors at a time will be allowed in the funeral home.

Funeral services Friday, October 23, 2020 at 10:30 am at Blessed Sacrament Church, 607 Central Ave., Albany, NY 12206 where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the Hunter Ave. Parking Lot; masks and social distancing are required; 150 visitors will be allowed in the church for the Funeral Mass and delayed streaming of the Mass is available by visiting YouTube, and navigating to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany, NY

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands, NY immediately following the Funeral Mass. To leave a message for the family please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Those wishing to remember William F. Murphy Sr in a special way may send a contribution to Stephen Siller Tunnel to Towers, 2361 Hylan Blvd., Staten Island, NY 10306.

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **22**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.
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Albany, NY 12206
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Service

OCT **23**. 10:30 AM (ET)

Blessed Sacrament Church
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Tribute Wall



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



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 21, 2020 at 04:25 PM

MN

This was so beautiful, so emotional, and so true to who Bill Murphy was and what his legacy is. Thank you for sharing his life with us. Deep Sympathy for your loss .

mary naughtner - October 21, 2020 at 07:14 PM

LC

To the Murphy family my deepest condolences Bill was a good friend and will be deeply missed.

Lou Corsi - October 22, 2020 at 02:30 PM

DC

Our deepest sympathies to the entire Murphy family for your loss. We feel very privileged to have known Bill. Debbie and Jeff Cohen

Debbie Cohen - October 23, 2020 at 04:18 PM

AR

Ellen my deepest condolences for the loss of your Brother. May he rest with peace and love. Angie Robilotto

angela robilotto - October 25, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *William F. Murphy*

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



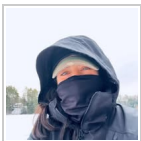
“ *My condolences thoughts and prayers to the family especially Mary, I go way back with the family especially Mary and then murph when I went to Albany high BOCES I would always see him and then when he was a neighborhood police officer I lived on 2nd Street and arbor Hill only good memories from Earth rest in peace bro*

Gregory Kiernozek - September 12, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ *My family new Bill from Hollywood & Sycamore, St Teresa and CBA and most recently we could do insurance business and he was a treasure. God rest
Peter Mason*

Peter Mason - October 23, 2020 at 01:32 PM



“ *John Comitale Sr., sends his condolences to 'Murph' for the good years, you will be missed my friend!*

Stephanie Leigh - October 22, 2020 at 07:03 PM

JR

“ My condolences to the entire Murphy family. He was such a wonderful, thoughtful, caring man. Whether at our station or in his garage always good company to keep along with lots of stories. Thanks for the memories "Murph".

*John Ryan
Retired Troy PD*

john ryan - October 22, 2020 at 01:21 PM

FV

“ So very sorry to hear that Bill has passed. He was a great person who easily made friends with people. ALWAYS SMILING, ALWAYS UP FOR ANYTHING AND DEVOTED TO HIS FAMILY AND TO THE ALBANY POLICE DEPARTMENT. Everyone who knew him will miss him dearly. My sincere condolences to his entire family and friends.

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind be always at your back, May the rain fall soft upon your fields And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Frank

Frank Valenti - October 22, 2020 at 11:06 AM

LH

“ A Honest and wonderful man, who has a beautiful family, he was loved so much.

LISA HARDER - October 22, 2020 at 11:02 AM

RR

“ To Ed & The whole MURPHY FAMILY; PLEASE ACCEPT OUR SINCERE CONDOLENCES. I started working with Bill back in 63, when you lived on Manning Blvd. I also remember the day when you or your brother locked yourself in the bathroom. Please take care; and if you get out this way again, to Vegas; give me a call. My info is at the house. RAY & FRANCINE RUCHEL

Ray Ruchel - October 22, 2020 at 03:16 AM

HD

“ They say when an old man dies a library burns down. Well Bill, you were one heck of a library for all of us.

Murph helped me to get on the APD. He had faith in me and joyed in my advancement; encouraging me from motorcycle cop to captain.

In his last months he joined with us retired cops drinking coffee and sharing stories and secrets and Murph sure knew so many APD stories and secrets. As both “the senior man,” and the longest in grade he gave and got as if he was 20.

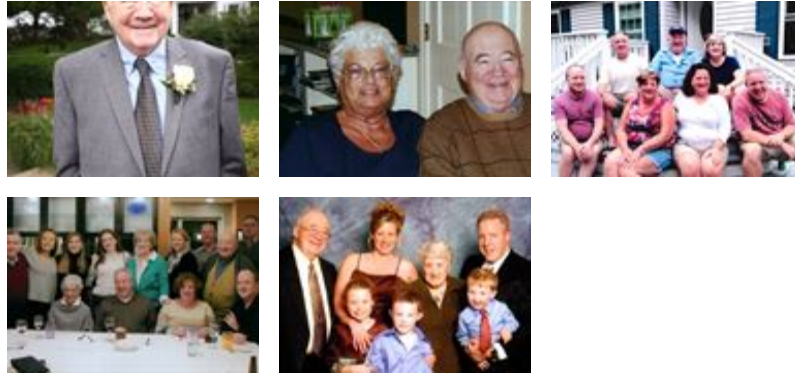
To say you will be missed Bill would be the understatement of the year. You will be missed. To say you were loved by all and respected by your colleagues is your legacy.

I am the better man that I knew you Bill. God keep you in the bosom of His heart.

Captain H John Damino

H John Damino - October 21, 2020 at 06:44 PM

“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - October 21, 2020 at 04:22 PM

FL

“ My condolences go out to the Murphy family. I was saddened to learn of his passing. Murph was a great and funny cop, with plenty of wisdom to share. I will be keeping all of you in my thoughts and prayers. Murph, may you rest in peace.

Frank St Louis

Frank St Louis - October 21, 2020 at 01:30 PM

RF

“*"Murph" taught me a lot about being a good cop when I served as a State University Police Officer many years ago. We would spend hours in a car together on the way to Fraternal Order Of Police meetings in NYC.*

I can personally vouch for how well he was known and liked by the police from here to there...

We may have been going a little fast when we would pass a police car in the median. Bill would pull over and wait for the car to pull in behind us. He would get out of the car and I would always hear "Hey Murph, how are you doing?" I hope Bill's family and colleagues can see this happening!

My condolences on your loss.

Randy Fine - October 21, 2020 at 12:28 PM

DC

“*My condolences to the Murphy family. My family knew Bill from way back on Sycamore St. Bill and I had many conversations over the years while I was on the Common Council and we would meet up at police headquarters on Henry Johnson Blvd or at the annual Police Memorial Mass at Historic Saint Mary's. He was a wonderful person and I will always cherish our talks.*

Dominick Calsolaro

Dominick Calsolaro - October 21, 2020 at 10:22 AM

WS

“ To Ed and the entire Murphy Clan, our sincere condolences on the passing of your Dad. I'm glad I had the honor to meet him.
Sincerely,
Bill and Peg Sweeney

William Sweeney - October 21, 2020 at 10:07 AM

CP

“ My deepest condolences to Bills family on their loss.. He is one of the last "old school cops".. Bill was a center piece of community policing way back when.. He knew everyone in the city.. He was easy going and laid back but always got the job done.. There were always a few laughs when we met by chance and chatted.. His career on the APD saw many generations of police officers come and go and each wore a badge from Murph..
Rest in Peace Bill..
Chuck Peters

Charles Peters - October 21, 2020 at 09:57 AM

JD

“ MURPH - My condolences to your family and to all the friends you have made during your time. We go back a long way my friend and fellow cop. You are a Legend in the job you loved and performed, there are at least a million great stories that go with your fame. I am sorry I can't be present at your deserved farewell God rest you Brother...Sl'ainte

John (Ron) DILLON - October 21, 2020 at 08:55 AM

PM

“ Rest In Peace old friend ...” May God hold you in the palm of his hand..”

Paul Murphy - October 21, 2020 at 08:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William F. Murphy.*



October 21, 2020 at 08:20 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William F. Murphy.*



October 20, 2020 at 11:49 PM



“ *To Bill and the whole Murphy family, You are all remembered in my prayers. Your dad will always be remembered as a legend and, of course, a great friend to many. So sad to learn of his passing.*

John Neeley

John Neeley - October 20, 2020 at 07:58 PM



“ *To the Murphy family,
My deepest condolences to the whole family.
My late mother Anne Gates knew the family.
From the Gates family I send my sympathies.*
Sharon Dockal



Sharon (Gates) Dockal - October 20, 2020 at 07:16 PM

MG

“ *Our deepest condolences . You are in our prayers
Love
Al and Maria Gessner*

Maria Gessner - October 20, 2020 at 06:11 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of
William F. Murphy.*



October 20, 2020 at 06:05 PM

SB

“ *Bill will be missed. He was a wonderful man, who treated my
mother, Rita, & children with great respect. My thoughts are with the
family during this time.*

Shannon Bastiani - October 20, 2020 at 05:55 PM

RK

“ *Sympathy to the Murphy Clan.
Rest In Peace Brother.*

Robert E. Kane - October 20, 2020 at 04:58 PM



“ *Murph was a great mentor. He went out of his way to watch over me and advise me on some stupid decisions I made while working. Never was upset about it always cherished the fact that someone watched over me as a green rookie who needed guidance. A great loss and sorry I won't be able to make services as I am in Florida. God bless him and prayers for your family on this huge loss. RIP brother!* ”

michael Nardolillo - October 20, 2020 at 04:46 PM



“ *So sad that we won't be there to celebrate Bill's life with you! Thinking of you all sending hugs and prayers Love Bill, Gina, Will and Jenna* ”

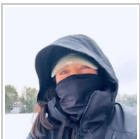
Gina Witzleben - October 20, 2020 at 03:34 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William F. Murphy.* ”



October 20, 2020 at 10:40 AM



“ *What a pleasure it was to have known Murph, our thoughts & prayers are with his family, & Rita. John & Stephanie Comitale* ”

Stephanie Leigh - October 20, 2020 at 10:16 AM

RS

“ One of the very best, always helping and caring for his families both his and on the job. He will be missed by all. His children have grown remarkably and his guidance was the reason. RIP MY FRIEND.

Richard Stevens - October 20, 2020 at 10:07 AM

PM

“ Our condolences to all the Murphy family, your dad was truly a kind soul who taught us all how to treat others.

paul mineau - October 20, 2020 at 08:57 AM



“ Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William F. Murphy.



October 20, 2020 at 08:56 AM

RV

“ A good man who will be missed, you always had a positive word whenever I saw you. My thoughts and prayers are with the Murphy family. RIP to the legend, Murph!!!

Ricky Vincent - October 20, 2020 at 07:58 AM

LM

“ My condolences to the Murphy Family. May his soul Rest In Peace.

Lou Mannarino

Lou Mannarino - October 20, 2020 at 07:41 AM

DW

“ *Our condolences to the Murphy family. We will miss seeing your father at the lake. May he Rest In Peace.*
Charles and Debbie

Debbie Wade - October 19, 2020 at 10:13 PM

MA

“ *Rest In Peace Officer Murphy! Condolences to friends and family.*

Maura - October 19, 2020 at 03:41 PM