



William M. Schaefer

March 2, 1937 - August 29, 2024

Watervliet, NY-William M. Schaefer, 87, of Watervliet, NY passed away peacefully, surrounded by his loving family on August 29, 2024. Bill was Vice-President of the F. & M. Schaefer Brewing Co. in Brooklyn, NY and General Manager of the Schaefer Brewery in Albany, NY. He proudly served in the U.S. Navy Reserve. Bill cherished his family above all else and lived life to the fullest as an accomplished sailor, equestrian, marksman, volunteer, and avid traveler. He was kind, warm, and friendly to all who knew him.

Private services will be held at a later date.

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

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to your favorite charity.

Tribute Wall

WH

“ I worked at Schaefer until it closed. It was a great place to work and Bill was a great boss and a real gentleman. My deepest condolences to his family for your loss. Bill Horan

William Horan - September 07, 2024 at 08:58 PM

HS

“ Such a wonderful gentleman, family man, and pillar in our community. Our deepest condolences to Gwen and the entire Schaefer family. So many wonderful stories and memories with Bill and Gwen at Chaine dinners or just running into them at Yono's on a random night. I was particularly happy that many years ago I was able to connect with Bill regarding my family's involvement with Schaefer Brewing Company and the fond memories of my Sabatino relatives who devoted employees. Gwen and the family are in our hearts and prayers at this sad and difficult time. Helen and Scott Spiro

Helen Spiro - September 06, 2024 at 08:02 AM

JN

“ Billy was always a guy that would stop and chat with the Schaefer employees. My Dad, William Jenks and myself, John Jenks spent many years at the brewery on Broadway in Albany. Many, many fond memories for sure!

John Jenks (Ocean Isle Beach NC) - September 05, 2024 at 10:39 AM

JK

“ To the Schaefer family, please accept my sincere prayers and condolences for your loss. I worked at the Albany brewery from the mid '60s until it closed. Bill was always a gentleman and class act as he would interact with the employees especially those in the brew house. It was a great place to work.
God Bless!
John Kearney

John Kearney - September 04, 2024 at 09:28 PM

GW

“ Dear Gwen, Joy, Billy and the Schaefer family-Please accept our deepest condolences on Bill's passing. Bill's smile was indefatigable and a pleasure to share time with and, of course, a libation. His laugh was infectious and his sincerity absolute. He will be missed by all.
Barbara Downs and George Weissman

George Weissman - September 04, 2024 at 09:05 AM

JF

“ Bill was such a wonderful man... he always had a smile every time I saw him or came to my shop for the past 35+ years... you will be truly be missed ... rest in peace my friend ... I am honored to call you my friend!.. P.S. one of the best story you told me was how you purchased and also sold the “Divi Divi Hotel” in Aruba so many years...Thank you for the memories and stories share... 🙏

Jeff Fritze - September 03, 2024 at 07:01 PM

TD

So saddened to hear this news, the entire family are very special to me, the times we shared were as if was yesterday. Bill, you were one of a kind, gentleman, family man, gracious, one never felt a stranger once you met Bill.

To Gwen, Joy/family, Billy/family you were blessed we all were to call him friend. Loss is tough, but a lifetime of memories will help but that smile on your faces in time. Love Tim Doll

Tim Doll - September 19, 2024 at 02:54 PM

PC

“ *Sincere sympathy to Gwen and Bill's family. Bill was a wonderful neighbor and friend. We will miss him and that beautiful smile. May he rest in peace.*

Paul and Joanne Crispo

Paul and Joanne Crispo - September 03, 2024 at 07:00 PM