



## William A. Toomey Jr

December 28, 1931 - November 19, 2020

Albany-William A. "Bill" Toomey, Jr. entered into eternal life on Thursday November 19, 2020. Born in Albany, NY to the late Marion Rose Dollar Toomey and William A. Toomey, Sr. Bill was a loving husband and proud father to nine children, grandfather to eleven grandchildren, and great-grandfather to one.

He attended St. Teresa of Avila Grammar School, Christian Brothers Academy, Siena College, and Albany Law School. Bill served as a past president of the CBA Alumni Association and planned and attended every reunion of his alma maters and was proud many of his children and grandchildren also became fellow alumni.

Bill served as district director of the State School of Industrial and Labor Relations of Cornell University for many years before opening a private law practice, which he maintained through the present. He also owned Mabin Realty and was a past president of the National Council for Small Business Management. Bill was an arbitrator with the National Arbitration Association. He received an Honorary Degree of Humane Letters from Siena College and served on the board of directors of Maria College.

Bill was a devout Catholic. He sat on the first U.S. Catholic Bishops' Advisory

Council, was a past president of the U.S. Catholic Social Action Conference, represented the United States at the celebration of Rurum Novarum, and was the chair of the Commission for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs for Albany Catholic Diocese for over 25 years. He served as a Lector and Usher at St. Teresa of Avila and Mater Christi parishes.

Bill was a member of the Lake St. Catherine Country Club, the German-American Club, the University Club, and the Elks Lodge. He was a member of the K of C golf league for more than 50 years and the St. Teresa of Avila bowling league for more than 60 years. Bill was the Chief Elf for South End Santa and was a member of the Dick Connors Lunch Group. Bill was awarded Father of the Year by Downtown Albany Unlimited in 1968 and was honored by Living Resources Corp. with the Bishop Howard J. Hubbard Award. Bill supported his children and grandchildren in their extracurricular activities and, according to many, "no person has seen more CBA basketball games than Bill Toomey."

Bill is survived by his wife of 67 years Joanne Skelly Toomey; children William III, Nancy Spillane (Jack), Jim, Margaret "Peggy" Capozzola (John), Joe (Kathy), Paul (Lisa), Maura, and John (Ashley); son-in-law Phil Dunne; grandchildren Bridget Dunne, Matthew (Sarah), Kevin, and Ellen Spillane, Kate and Shannon Capozzola, Connor and Joe Toomey, Faith Skibbee (Josh), Maeve, and Kean Toomey; great-granddaughter Adelaide Skibbee; sister Ann Toomey Dwyer (Raymond); sister-in-law Carol Toomey; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his daughter Mary Beth Toomey Dunne, his sister and brother-in-law Marion Rose Toomey Jaquinto and Frank Jaquinto, brother Kenneth J. Toomey, and niece Kathleen Jaquinto Gilligan.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Sunday, November 22, 2020 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY 12206. 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 Monday, November 23, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Parish of Mater Christi, Albany, NY where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated. Please only enter the church from the parking lot doorway; masks and social distancing are required; church ambassadors will be available to help with seating and questions; and please attempt to arrive before 10:45 am.

The Funeral Mass will be live streame at [YouTube.com/C/parishofmaterchristi](https://www.youtube.com/C/parishofmaterchristi)

The Rite of Committal will be held at St. Agnes Cemetery, Menands immediately following the Funeral Mass.

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

Those wishing to remember Bill in a special way may send a contribution to Christian Brothers Academy, 12 Airline Drive, Albany, NY 12205.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **22**. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

NOV **23**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Parish of Mater Christi  
40 Hopewell Street (Rev. Kenneth J. Doyle Way)  
Albany, NY 12208

# Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Toomey Jr*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM



“ *Mrs. Toomey and family I am saddened by the news of the passing of dear Bill. He was more than just a lawyer. When my mom passed he was the rock that held me together when the rest of my family was pulling me apart. He saw me through hospital stays that I didn't think I was going to make it through. The stories of the family and the grandkids I just couldn't get enough. He loved his Advent calendars. He would tell of the boys in the service. Bless his heart I loved the hours I would spend just listening to his stories. He definitely left a hole that could not be filled. So sorry I just found out you see I bought my first home the day after his passing. So it was a busy time. If I had know I would have been there right up close to say goodbye and thank you for all he gave me. I hope you know how much joy he gave to so many. My deepest condolences Sharon (Gates) Dockal.*

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**Sharon (Gates) Dockal** - August 26, 2021 at 12:07 PM

KC

“ Dear Mrs. Toomey, Meg and family,

*I was so very sad to see this notice.*

*I had the pleasure of bowling with Bill for 5 years with my dad after losing my mom. He was an interesting and vibrant man and I had many chats with him about the old days and family histories. ..even talking about our German histories. Everyone knew we were Irish, but the German link was fun to explore.*

*As a child, growing up with Meg, I remember many times playing in the house on New Scotland Ave... they were great times with our St. Teresa friends and school chums. May he rest in peace and may your memories of your amazing large family find solace in your hearts as you get used to life without your loving husband and wonderful father.*

*All my best and with heartfelt sadness, Kathleen (Kathy) Cronin-Carr*

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**Kathleen Cronin** - December 13, 2020 at 10:37 PM

EM

“ Mrs. Toomey and family, I am so sorry to hear of Mr. Toomey's passing. I have many fond memories of hanging around the Toomey house after school as a child. Sunday mass will never be the same without Mr. Toomey there as an usher. Know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers.

*Eddie Marks*

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**Edward Marks** - November 25, 2020 at 11:40 AM

PC

“ I first had the privilege of meeting Bill when he was already a Sr. Counsel to the NYS Senate Democratic Conference in 1979, where I was a legal intern & later Assnt. Counsel. From the very first he was gracious, generous, and wise with his advice and guidance. Never condescending or patronizing, Bill was a patient, gently paternal but always highly professional mentor for the younger lawyers in the office - the kind of role model all members of legal profession should aspire to emulate. Later, he and Joanne became, in a similar way, mentors for Kathy & I in the role of parents to a child with Developmental Disabilities, and we are proud to say, became our friends.

Bill's lasting legacy in Albany and the larger Capitol Region speaks for itself and will live on for a very long time in the countless lives touched by him and by the extraordinary family he and Joanne have raised and nurtured. He will be missed yet he is will very much still be with us.

We are sorry we cannot share our love for Bill with his family and friends in person now, but hope to do so in better days ahead.

Thank you Bill. Rest In Peace my friend, and Go With God.

Patrick J. Curran

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**Patrick J. Curran** - November 24, 2020 at 12:16 PM

MG

“ I offer my condolences to the Toomey family. Mr. Toomey is leaving quite a legacy that hopefully brings you some comfort during this sad time. My thoughts are with you all.

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**Marianne Graham** - November 24, 2020 at 09:07 AM

JP

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a wonderful role-model for entire the St. Theresa's/So Main Ave community as we grew up. Whenever we met him, he would spend time to chat and always had a clever quip or two. He will be missed.

Hopefully the entire Toomey family is comforted by the memories of a life well-lived and the knowledge that you were well-loved!  
Godspeed, Bill.

-Peter and Dave Purcell

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**JP Purcell** - November 23, 2020 at 12:18 PM

DB

“ My prayers are with you. Count your blessings No father supported his family more than My Toomey.

Whether it was watching the boys play at CBA, or watching them coach or ref. He was there.He was at many games I coached at CBA and usually sat behind me to my left.

This was a sign his loyalty to his alma mater. He also attended many Siena games also in loyalty to his college alma mater.

When I coached at St. Rose he would be there supporting his daughter who kept a box score of all the games.

It seemed like every game I saw he also saw and I would always get a friendly hello.

No man was more proud of his family. We will miss him.

Coach Bassett

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**Don Bassett** - November 23, 2020 at 11:06 AM

AM

“ To our most loved customer. Mr. Toomey would always bring light to the atmosphere of the restaurant. He will be missed. Our condolences to you. With much love,  
*The Mitsios family.*  
*The Pearl Street Diner*



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**Anthony Mitsios** - November 23, 2020 at 09:59 AM

DM

“ *Billy, Jim and the Toomey family, Our deepest sympathies on your Dad's passing. You and your family are in our hearts and prayers during this very difficult time.*

*Dave Marcy and Barbara Lett*

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**David Marcy** - November 23, 2020 at 09:47 AM

SF

“ *Joe and Family, My deepest sympathies on your father's death. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.*

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**Stephen Franke** - November 23, 2020 at 08:03 AM

GS

“ *Jim & Family -  
I am saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. I didn't get to know him personally, but I was impressed when I saw him at the golf course, proudly wearing his knickers, every week. After reading his obituary, I can understand why his family is so proud of his accomplishments. You will be in my prayers...*

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**George E. Scott** - November 22, 2020 at 08:57 PM

SD

“ Dear Jim and family,  
I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing.  
He was a real good friend and enjoyed his  
company. I will always remember Mr. T and  
his plus fours. Please extend our sincerest  
condolences.  
Scott & Denise DeCandia



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Scott DeCandia - November 22, 2020 at 07:22 PM

TV

“ To Mrs. Toomey et. al,  
The Lord must have put out the Word, "I need a good lawyer who is  
also a great father,, and I need him now" !  
TV

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TV - November 22, 2020 at 04:37 PM

KM

“ I have known Bill for 45 years. He was an extraordinary human  
being. He truly lived a full life and became the best version of  
himself. He seized every opportunity to do all the good he could, by  
all the means he could, in all the ways he could, in all the places he  
could, at all the times he could, to all the people he could, as long  
as ever he could.  
May God give him eternal light, joy and peace.  
I regret the covid-19 prevents me from being with Joanne and the  
family to celebrate such an extraordinary life at his mass Monday.  
Fr. Kevin Mackin, OFM President Emeritus, Siena College.

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Kevin Mackin - November 22, 2020 at 03:38 PM

PF

“ *A terrific family that I had the good fortune to grow up with in the New Scotland Ave neighborhood and attend CBA with. My condolences to the Toomey family.*

Paul Fox - November 22, 2020 at 12:35 PM

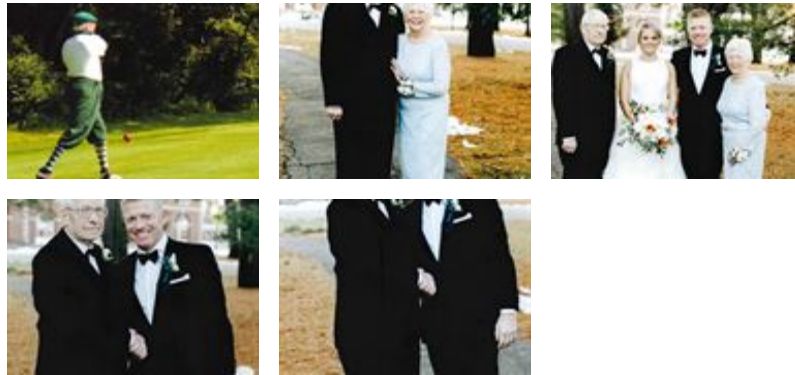
BS

“ *To all Bill's family, I can't be there for the wake but please know that you are all in my thoughts and prayers  
Bill was a great friend with whom I was pleased to spend many years playing golf and just plain socializing  
He will be greatly missed  
God Bless  
Bill St.Denis*

Bill St.Denis - November 22, 2020 at 12:15 PM

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FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
(518) 489-0188

“ *56 files added to the album LifeTributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - November 22, 2020 at 12:11 PM

PR

“ Dear John & Ashley,

*We are so terribly sorry for the passing of your father, he was a wonderful man who truly was a pillar in the Albany community. We know this is a difficult loss for you and your family and we wish we could be there for you in person to express our condolences. Please know you are in our thoughts and we are sending you prayers during this challenging time. We were honored to have known such a man of class, character, faith and he was so proud of you both when you got married last year. God bless and know how much we love you.*

*Love,  
Patrick & Tricia Reuss*

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**Patrick Reuss** - November 22, 2020 at 12:10 PM

MK

“ My condolences go out to the entire Toomey family for your considerable loss.  
I met Bill and Joanne only once but the impression they made has remained in my fondest memories. I was at the Albany Capital Center for the first time, in March of 2019, for the tournament festivities for the NCAA Women’s Basketball Regional Tournament. Bill and Joanne invited me to join them at their high-top table rather than juggling my food samples and drink in the walkway. We talked of things great and small and they were both delightful. I learned of their Siena connection and was greatly impressed by their vast knowledge of the Notre Dame women’s team and their recent success and players. I got them food samples and drinks and we shared a great time together. Forty five minutes probably passed before we even got around to introducing ourselves. Then we discovered we had mutual friends and acquaintances. Bill topped off the evening by giving me a guided tour of the facilities since I had never been there before. I got a real kick when a receptionist stopped us from entering one area. Another lady told her who she was talking to and from that point forward we had free access and Bill was treated as royalty!  
Overall, just warm memories of a beautiful couple.  
I wish you all peace.

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**Mark Kulzer** - November 22, 2020 at 11:52 AM

RD

“ We are so sorry for your family's loss. Mr. Toomey was our lawyer for our mom's complicated estate and he went above and beyond for us, even attending seminars to learn more about our rare situation. He always treated us with the utmost care and respect. He often shared wonderful stories about his family with us. He was very very proud of you all. He was such a caring man. We are deeply sorry to hear of his passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. With love and sympathy, Rob & Robin DiNovo.

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**Robin DiNovo** - November 22, 2020 at 10:34 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Toomey Jr.*



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November 22, 2020 at 09:37 AM



“ *Dear Mrs. Toomey, Bill and family:  
Sending prayers, in hopes you are all comforted in God's loving embrace.  
With deepest sympathy,  
Donna Urschel*

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**Donna Urschel** - November 22, 2020 at 09:18 AM



“ *Dear Joanne and family,*

*I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill's continued enthusiasm and commitment to the practice of law was evident, and I will miss catching up with him after mass and "talking shop."*

*My prayers are with you all.*

*Joanmarie Dowling*

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**Joanmarie Dowling** - November 22, 2020 at 09:08 AM

HH

“ *Mr. Toomey/Bill was an amazing role model in the legal profession. His support and kindness will always be remembered. I pray for comfort for his loving wife and family during this difficult time. Judge Heath/Helena*

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**Helena Heath** - November 21, 2020 at 04:28 PM

MT

“ *My condolences to the family. I knew Bill for many years and even babysat for him when I was in my teens. He will be remembered always. Thank you. Mary (Dollar) Tibbitts*

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**Mary tibbitts** - November 21, 2020 at 04:18 PM

JP

“ *My sincere condolences to the Toomey Family. I'd wager his exemplary life has been rewarded with Preferred Prime Tee Times at the Municipal Golf Course of Heaven. He was always a very engaging gentleman and will be missed with his passing by all who knew him. God Bless  
Jerry Pucci*

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**jerry Pucci** - November 21, 2020 at 03:45 PM

EB

“ *To the Toomey family I am so sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this most difficult time. Sincerely Eileen Bucci*

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**Eileen Bucci** - November 21, 2020 at 03:38 PM



“ Dear Joanne and Family,

*We are so sorry for your loss and send our heartfelt condolences and prayers to you and your at this time. Bill was a favorite nephew of Ralph and Anna Gertrude Dollar and my Mom, Darlene, has many, many memories of Bill as her godfather from her childhood! He was always welcome in the Dollar family home and my Mom will always cherish his memory.*

*It was a pleasure getting to meet Bill on a few occasions over the last few years. I really enjoyed sharing an appreciation for our German-American heritage and will always treasure the memories of the Dollar and Dedrick families Bill shared with me. I am proud to be a fellow Son of Siena, like Bill was and will always appreciate the insightful advice he gave me about the law before I started law school. The conversations I wish I could have with him still!*

*To our many cousins in the Dollar and Toomey families, we are so sorry for your loss and hope to keep Bill's memory alive.*

*With Heartfelt Wishes,*

*Cody McEneny Ingraham, Darlene McEneny Ingraham, and Family*



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**Cody McEneny Ingraham** - November 21, 2020 at 02:29 PM

JB

“ Dear Joanne and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was not just a legal council for me and my family over these many decades, he was a true and loving friend. I and my family for which he did soooo much will miss him dearly. I am certain that the Kingdom of Heaven is rejoicing in his presence. He gave so much to so many and asked nothing in return. Peace be with you my dear friend, I now have and advocate in a very high court. John F and Elizabeth V Bradley

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**John F Bradley** - November 21, 2020 at 01:13 PM

KD

“ Our condolences to the Toomey family. Mr. Toomey has left a wonderful legacy with his family and friends.  
Katie and Matt Doran

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**Katie and Matt Doran** - November 21, 2020 at 11:21 AM

AB

“ Joanne and the entire Toomey family,  
  
I'm sorry to read about Bill's passing. I've always enjoyed being around Bill whenever possible. After reading his obit Bill was a very busy gentleman being involved not only with his family but also with all the different organizations that he belonged too. Bill will be missed by many and I will keep him in my prayers and may he rest in peace.

*Sandy Brousseau, Englewood Co.*

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**AI Brousseau** - November 21, 2020 at 11:21 AM

MM

“ Our deepest condolences to Joanne and the entire Toomey family. Debbie and Mark McCann (son of Joan Monahan McCann).

Mark and Debbie McCann - November 21, 2020 at 10:41 AM

DM

“ We want to pass on our sincere condolences to the whole Toomey Family. Our prayers are with you. Dick and Donna Moran

Dick Moran - November 21, 2020 at 10:09 AM

MC

“ My condolences to the Toomey Family. Always enjoyed sitting with the Toomey's at the annual CBA Purple and Gold Gala. The Toomey's were friends of my parents and Mr. Toomey and my dad shared a love of CBA and KofC Golf. May he Rest in Peace. Peggy Crinigan Connors

Margaret Crinigan Connors - November 21, 2020 at 09:07 AM

WD

“ Bill was among the dying breed of lawyers that made up the legal profession's greatest generation. These were lawyers dedicated to helping others and for whom their word was their bond. Honesty, integrity, compassion, these were all Bill Toomey.

*But Bill's greatest contribution to our community did not involve the practice of law. It was his gift of his children who have contributed so much to the well being of so many in the Capital District. They have all made the lives of so many so much better.... because of their father, Bill Toomey.*

*W. Dennis Duggan*

W. Dennis Duggan - November 21, 2020 at 08:18 AM

MI

*Bill will be greatly missed but not forgotten. His faith, love of family and CBA basketball were cornerstones to a great career of service. God bless Joanne and all the kids, grandchildren and great grandchild.  
The Conners Family*

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**Michael F Conners II** - November 21, 2020 at 08:44 AM

DC

“ *My prayers are with the Toomey family at this time. My heart felt condolences.*

*Dave Chambers*

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**David Chambers** - November 21, 2020 at 08:00 AM

MF

“ *The Francis Family sends their most deepest heartfelt condolences to the TOOMEY FAMILY. It was great honor to have MR. TOOMEY part of our lives. A great man that that open his heart and doors to me when I first arrived to college at JCA. He took me in like a son. Men like MR. TOOMEY is a true example how a man should be. If I can be half the man he is, I know I will be on the right path for success. His life and legacy will live on in spirit, and MR. TOOMEY will always be a part of me. Love you all....THE FRANCIS FAMILY*



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**Michael Francis** - November 21, 2020 at 03:24 AM

JB

“ I would like to send my condolences to the Toomey family. Mr Toomey was a great friend to me. He was a great guy !! I can't say enough, what a special person he was to me over the years. He was just at my grandmothers funeral last week, he looked and joked with me like he always did. The world lost a great guy They don't make guys like him anymore.  
Rest In Peace Jay Buechs

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**Jacob Buechs** - November 20, 2020 at 08:50 PM

GH

“ We are sending our deep condolences on the loss of such a truly wonderful and loving man. Bill will be missed by so many. It was great fun sharing our love of golf and dinners at Martel's. We hold you in our prayers and hearts.

*George and Susan Himmel*

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**GEORGE HIMMEL** - November 20, 2020 at 08:10 PM

KB

“ Toomey Family,  
Please accept our prayers and condolences on the loss of your husband, father and grandfather ...  
Karen (Sgarlata) and Faustin Baron

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**karen baron** - November 20, 2020 at 07:13 PM