



William A. Van Alstyne

July 30, 1942 - April 6, 2020

Albany-William A. Van Alstyne, 77, entered Eternal Life Monday, April 6, 2020 at home, surrounded by his loving family. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Leonard and Angela Maffeo Van Alstyne.

Bill was the longtime owner and operator of Classic Auto Appraisers. He served for many years in the New York State National Guard. Bill was a dedicated member of the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520, where he served as a Past Commander, Finance Officer, Treasurer and President of the Zaloga Post Corporation.

He was the dear husband of Lynn Jansen Van Alstyne; beloved father of William Van Alstyne Jr and Charee L. Hamila; cherished grandfather of Danielle Van Alstyne, Lindsey Van Alstyne and Jenna L. Hamila; brother of Patricia Gianfreda (Anthony); many nieces, nephews and friends survive.

Due to the COVIDA-19 Pandemic, services will be held privately. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Those wishing to remember William A. Van Alstyne in a special way may send a contribution to either the Joseph E. Zaloga American Legion Post 1520, 4 Everett Road, Albany, NY 12205 or The Community Hospice c/o St. Peter's Hospital Foundation, Inc, 310 S. Manning Blvd., Albany, NY 12208.

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

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

48 Cemetery Ave
Menands, NY

Tribute Wall

RT

“ When Bill was teaching at Duke I was a UVA law professor and the two of us had written extensively about the 1973 War Powers Resolution.

We wound up debating each other on several occasions, and I came away from the experience with tremendous respect for his considerable scholarly talents, his integrity, his intellectual courage, and his basic decency as a human being. I viewed him as a good friend and always enjoyed engaging with him.

The world is a lesser place for his absence. May he rest in peace.

- Robert F. Turner

Robert F. Turner - September 30, 2025 at 12:28 AM



“ William A. Van Alstyne

October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

RB

“ I am a childhood friend of "Billy" on Amsterdam Ave. and saddened by his passing.

I recently discovered photos taken by my Dad when Billy and Patty were kids.

They would join our family camping in the Adirondacks.

I can be reached at rbecker2@live.com I would like to share the pictures and some pleasant memories.

Robert Becker

Robert Becker - August 28, 2020 at 08:35 PM

TP

“ Lynn and Charee I am so sorry for your loss..your in my thoughts and prayers..

Tania Panthen - April 17, 2020 at 10:34 AM

DR

“ Mr Bill was a great man, I'm sure even more than I know. What I do know is he lived next door to my grandma and was always kind to me and my family. My condolences to your family, you will be missed.

David Ross - April 11, 2020 at 09:12 PM

HM

“ Lynn, Charee & Bill, Jr
Just want to express my condolence to all of you on the passing of a great human being.
There are no words to really express my gratitude for knowing such a wonderful person; a person who was always smiling and so cheerful. I appreciate all the years that you have allowed him to spend time at the Joseph E. Zaloga Post serving veterans and the Post. The Zaloga Post would not be were it is today without Bill's dedication and service.
Please be assured he will truly be missed by us all at the Legion.
Harvey Martel

Harvey Martel - April 11, 2020 at 10:50 AM

TS

“ *Mr. Bill, You are loved and will always be sorely missed. You are in our hearts if not in our presence. For all your trials and struggles, you were always cheerful, never complaining. We will never forget your big black hat, raising a glass together, or hearing your music over the fence. Lynn, Charee & Billy, Jenna, Billy, Danielle and Lindsey, we are so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful, Husband, Father, and Grandfather to you all. It will take time, but appreciate the miracle he was, don't mourn for the end of his suffering. If there is anything we can do for any of you during these difficult times, please let us know. We are here for you. With great love for you all, Thomas and Robin Siciliano*

Thomas & Robin Siciliano - April 10, 2020 at 02:08 AM

CA

“ *Dear Lynn & family, We are so very sorry for your loss. Bill's mom Angie, was a household name at my parent's house, many years ago. To have found out years later of our being related, was not surprising, given Bill's sense of humor. We will forever keep both Bill, and you, in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

Candy Anglesey - April 07, 2020 at 06:52 PM

LM

“ *Lynn we are so sorry to hear of Bills passing. I remember him being such a nice guy and always willing to help us at work when needed. Such a sweet soul. Our sincere condolences, Lisa and Mike Mayville*

Lisa Mayville - April 07, 2020 at 06:26 PM

AR

“ Dear Lynn and Family,

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Remembering the last time we saw Bill riding his scooter down Norbrick Drive and listening to his music during the summer of 2019 - such a nice visit with him. May you be comforted knowing that he is at peace.

Irene and Al

Al and Irene Richter - April 07, 2020 at 02:56 PM

PT

“ Dear Lynn and Family, Heaven has gained a wonderful Angel. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Rest In Peace Bill.



Pam Tracy

Pam Tracy - April 07, 2020 at 02:31 PM

PS

“ Lynn and family, so sad to hear of Bill's passing. Always had a smile and made many people smile and laugh. So sorry we didn't stay in touch, love you lots Lynn. ❤️ 😊 😞 😭

Pam Stasack - April 07, 2020 at 01:13 PM

ML

“ Lynn and Family,
We are so deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Although I didn't know him as well as many others or see him nearly as often, he always made me smile! I truly enjoyed being around him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.



RIP Bill...until we meet again when you show me what a great block party is!

Sending our love and condolences.
Michele and Rich

Michele Loucks - April 07, 2020 at 12:39 PM

DS

“ To The VanAlstyne Family....
We were sadden to hear of Bill's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Dr. David Weinstein & Staff

Dr. David Weinstein & Staff - April 07, 2020 at 08:31 AM

DH

“ Goodbye dear friend, sadly, we didnt get to spend more precious moments with you during your difficult times. You will be in our hearts forever and remember the beautiful fun times we shared. RIP dear Bill until we meet again in another life. Love and miss you.



Dottie and David

Dorothy Healey - April 07, 2020 at 05:03 AM