



William J. White

December 10, 1928 - April 24, 2025

Clifton Park-Surrounded by his loving family, William John White peacefully entered eternal life on April 24, 2025 at the age of 96.

Bill and Ann were married and inseparable for over 70 years. They enjoyed swimming in the pool with their grandchildren and great-grandchildren, tubing in the ocean on Cape Cod with their children years ago and traveling with their extended family to Ireland. Bill was devoted to his family and always supported and took pride in their accomplishments.

Bill was one of the kindest people you could ever meet and he was always helping others. He was a very hard worker and loyal friend who always thought the best of people.

Bill began his career at Allegheny Ludlum. In the sixties, he and Ann operated the Merrie Shop, which became a local treasure, selling cards, gifts, toys, wedding invitations and beautifully decorated Christmas trees. Bill later worked for Sears Roebuck and Gardenway. For Gardenway catalogs, handsome Bill was photographed mowing lawns and demonstrating weedwackers. When Ann went to work at a local college and worked on her degree part-time, Bill proudly supported her endeavors and enjoyed attending college events, including the Saints basketball games.

Although Bill was a shy person, he had a tremendous sense of humor and was always the life of the party. For family occasions, he would surprise everyone with a carefully written speech that humorously highlighted the exploits of family members and made everyone laugh. He was known to appear in costumes (the Bishop, Nurse "Goosebottom" and a pregnant woman were a few) and entertained and surprised everyone with his wit and eloquence, particularly as this seemed so out of character with his otherwise reserved demeanor. When his children were little he played Santa Claus at neighborhood Christmas parties.

As a young boy, Bill enjoyed fishing with his father, who succumbed to cancer when Bill was ten years old. Shortly thereafter, Bill entered the Hillside School, where he helped out in the kitchen and bravely advocated for a classmate who had been mistreated. The Christian Brothers sent him to LaSalle Institute in Troy, which continued to nurture his strength of character and lifelong devotion to his faith. He later attended Hudson Valley, participated in a radio show with one of his best friends, Tom Cannon, and enrolled in the National Guard.

A devout Catholic, Bill was an active parishioner of St. Edwards' Parish for many years, where he was in the Knights of Columbus, served coffee and participated in many volunteer activities.

Bill is survived by his wife, Ann, his son, Kevin (Kathy), his daughter, Joanne, Bruce, his grandchildren, Rachel Field (Zack), Greg (Kirsty) and Bryan and his great-grandchildren, Annabelle and Nathan, his sister, Nancy Zeto (John), his brother-in-law, Tim Donovan, his sister-in-law Marge Marker (Richard) and several beloved nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. He is predeceased by his mother, Nora Coleman White, originally from Waterford, Ireland, his father, William A. White, originally from Belfast, Ireland, and his two sisters, Frances and Anastasia.

The family wishes to thank their wonderful aides from Attentive Care and Wesley: Alexandria, Elycia, Jonathan, Angelica and Farah, as well as the many individuals from Community Hospice who assisted them throughout their journey with Bill. You all became like family and we love you!

The family also wishes to thank the Clifton Park and Halfmoon Emergency Corps and 911 Dispatchers.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Bill's family Tuesday, April 29, 2025 from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at St. Edward the Confessor Church, 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065. His Funeral Mass will follow at 12:00 pm in the church.

Those who wish to remember Bill may make a donation to Community Hospice, 179 Lawrence Street, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866, The Clifton Park-Halfmoon Emergency Corp, 15 Crossing Blvd, Clifton Park, NY 12065 or The Knight of Columbus, 569 Clifton Park Center Road, Clifton Park, NY 12065 in his honor.

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Previous Events

Visitation

APR **29**. 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Edward the Confessor Church
569 Clifton Park Center Road
Clifton Park, NY 12065

Funeral Mass

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Tribute Wall



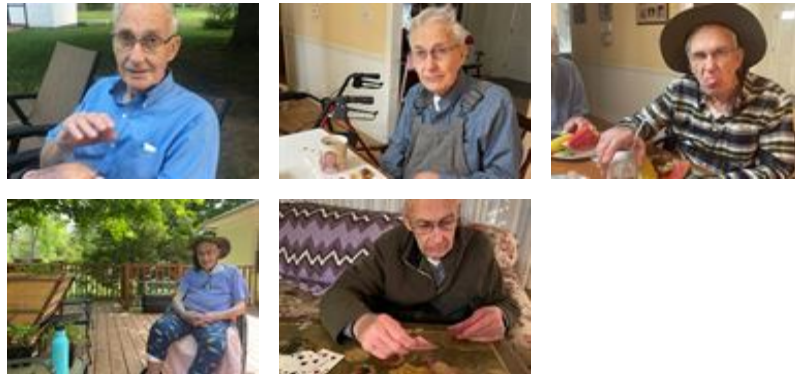
“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of William J. White*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 28, 2025 at 04:59 PM



“ *177 files added to the album LifeTributes*



McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 28, 2025 at 04:56 PM

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“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Rachel Field - April 28, 2025 at 07:10 AM

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“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Rachel Field - April 28, 2025 at 07:02 AM

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“ Greg and Kirstys wedding



Rachel Field - April 28, 2025 at 06:57 AM

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“ 42 files added to the album Memories Album



Joanne White - April 28, 2025 at 05:50 AM

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“ To know Bill was to feel his kindness, his sense of humor, his acceptance of our stories, his comfort, love and strength in the goodness in his life with Ann. We are sad in his passing but celebrate his full life, being thankful that we were part of this gentle man's embrace as he now is welcomed by the angels and the saints.

Ed and Judy Hughes

Ed and Judy Hughes - April 27, 2025 at 10:57 PM

BJ

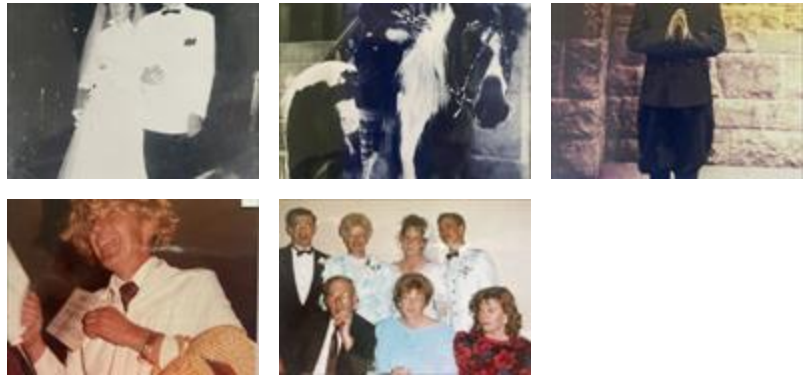
“ Brad and Jeannine purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William J. White.



Brad and Jeannine - April 27, 2025 at 05:34 PM

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Joanne White - April 27, 2025 at 05:31 PM

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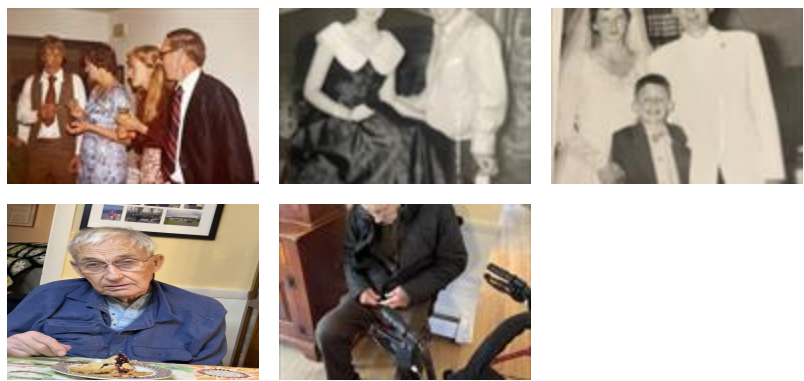
“ Francie and Frank Mary Ellen and Dave purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William J. White.



Francie and Frank Mary Ellen and Dave - April 27, 2025 at 02:36 PM

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Joanne White - April 27, 2025 at 11:15 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. White.



April 26, 2025 at 11:27 AM



“ Dear Ann, Joanne, and White family. My thoughts are with you all during this difficult time. I recall chatting with Bill and Ann when they were in Latham. He was a real gentleman and always easy to chat with.

Tino DeMarco - April 25, 2025 at 06:05 PM



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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. - April 25, 2025 at 05:01 PM



*Dear Ann, Joanne and Family,
So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Although I never had the pleasure of meeting Bill, I can tell by this beautiful tribute, that he was a dear husband, father, and grandfather (and gr. grandfather). You are blessed with wonderful memories of a long life, well-lived. May this good and faithful servant Rest In Peace.
Janet Derby (Florida)*

Dr. Janet Derby - April 29, 2025 at 08:25 AM