



## Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry

June 4, 1929 - October 10, 2018

NEW HARTFORD - Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry, age 89, departed this life on Wednesday, October 10, 2018 and now knows the glory of heaven. At the time of his passing at MVHS at St. Luke's Healthcare, he was surrounded with the love of his family. Born in Utica on June 4, 1929, above the family market on Bleecker Street, William was the son of the late Michael and Ameena (Makames) Chanatry. He was educated locally at Blessed Sacrament Grammar School and Proctor High School. He continued his studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute where he received a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering. He began his working career as a Design Engineer on the strategic B-36 "Peacemaker" Program at General Dynamics in Fort Worth, Texas. He then enlisted in the Army Corps of Engineers during the Korean War serving in Japan, Okinawa, and the Far East command. Upon his honorable discharge, Bill joined the General Electric Aerospace Electronic's Division where he progressed to Program Manager for the United States Navy E-2C Surveillance Radar Team in Utica. He retired after 40 years as a professional Engineer and GE Executive. On September 3, 1956 he united with the former Janet T. Jweid with whom he shared 62 loving years. They were good partners, and shared similar core family values and virtues. Many people did not know that Bill had two careers. From a young age, he began working with the family concern, Chanatry's Grocery Store which was established in 1912 by his two uncles and his father. Upon retiring from General Electric in 1991, he became President of Chanatry's Hometown Markets and re-invented the store with improvements and modernizing the design to compete with the "Big Box" stores.

First and foremost, Bill was a family man and he always chose his loved ones and his community over career advancement opportunities away from Utica. He was fun-loving and decades of family gatherings are etched in the minds of his loved ones, especially times spent at Oneida Lake. He never stopped his search for knowledge. He was never afraid to learn; even well into his 80's he kept up with all emerging technology. He went everywhere with his iPad and iPhone. His mind, ever so keen, allowed him to humbly handle life with such dedication, conviction, and certainly much compassion.

Bill was a great man who had a generous heart. He was a silent giver to the community, always remaining behind the scenes. He was a man of unwavering strong values and

integrity and always held himself to the highest standards. Bill was a true humanitarian and a gentleman in every sense of the word. Also a philanthropist, his family and his hometown benefitted from his God-given grace. He lived a wonderful life, and he will remain in the hearts of many people.

Throughout his life he chaired many boards and councils, offering his strong business acumen and advice, and he served on many financial, advisory, social, and church committees. It was important to Bill's well-being to attend daily mass. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus 4th Degree and a pillar parishioner of St. Basil's Greek Melkite Catholic Church.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Janet; his children and their loves, Ameena and Kevin Copeland, Joanne and Richard Tehan, Michael and Terry Chanatry, Bob Chanatry, and Mark and Kristin Chanatry; his adored grandchildren, Kristen (Copeland) and Chris Walsh, Mark Copeland; Kara Tehan, Jessica Tehan, and Richard Tehan and fiancée Diana Pawela; Kelly (Chanatry) and Will Wright, Michael Chanatry, and twins Casey Chanatry and William Chanatry; Ashley Chanatry, and Mark Chanatry; and his great-granddaughter Summer Rose Walsh. He also leaves many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews, whom he loved as his own; his cousins, in-laws, Alex Murad, Teresa Chanatry, Lorraine Kawam, Karen Jweid, and Dolores Jweid; and his faithful friends, too numerous to mention. He was predeceased by his siblings and their spouses, Louis Chanatry, Nellie Chanatry, Mary and Anthony Murad, Edward and Mary Chanatry, Antoinette Murad, Dr. Joseph and Elizabeth Chanatry, Col. Fred Chanatry; as well as his wife's sisters and brothers who he loved as his own family.

The family extends their sincere thanks to Dr. Francis Constantine, Dr. Ashok Patel, and Dr. Sheila Lemke, these professionals were his confidants for which he was so grateful; the ICU staff at St. Luke's for their professional care and kindness; and Fr. Saba Shofany for his prayers and spiritual solace.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 3:00-6:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee Street, Utica. Those wishing to express an act of kindness in Bill's memory may make a contribution to The House of the Good Shepherd online at <http://www.hgs-utica.com> or The Arc Oneida-Lewis Chapter online at <http://www.thearc.org>; envelopes will also be available at visitation. Bill's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 11:00 at his home parish Saint Basil's Greek Melkite Catholic Church, 901 Sherman Drive, Utica, where his funeral service will be celebrated by Rev. Saba Shofany. Committal prayers and Entombment will follow at Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery where Military Honors will be conferred by the U.S. Army and the New Hartford Color Guard.

# Cemetery

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## Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street  
Utica, NY, 13501

# Events

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**OCT 14 Visitation** 03:00PM - 06:00PM

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Church of Our Lady of Lourdes  
2222 Genesee Street, Utica, NY,  
US

**OCT 15 Funeral Service** 11:00AM

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St. Basil's Melkite Catholic  
Church  
Madison Ave., Utica, NY, US,  
13501

# Comments

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“ I was very sadden to here Bill passed away. He was an outstanding leader at GE that I was privileged to work for. Mark Hartnett

**Mark Hartnett** - November 01, 2018 at 10:28 AM

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“ DEAR JANET & FAMILY,  
Please know that you are all in our thought and prayers at this time as you honor your beloved Bill. He was truly an honorable man and I thought the world of him. With our condolences, prayers and love. Dan & Cindy Klockowski

**Daniel A Klockowski** - October 15, 2018 at 09:53 AM

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“ Mark and family so sorry to hear about the loss of your father I know he was a great man you're in my thoughts and prayers God bless

**Michael Coppola** - October 14, 2018 at 09:31 AM

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“ It is difficult to express the essence of Bill Chanatry. He was so many things--an effective businessman, a caring employer, a pillar of generosity, a community-minded citizen, and, most of all, a man devoted to his Creator. But, simply, for me is was a good friend who will me much missed. To Janet, Mark, Ameena and the entire Chanatry family, our sincere sympathy. Malio & Dorothy Cardarelli

**Malio J. Cardarelli** - October 13, 2018 at 12:35 PM

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“ Linda and Mark Baron purchased the Your Light Shines for the family of Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry.



Linda and Mark Baron - October 12, 2018 at 03:56 PM

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“ Bill was a leader at GE and an example to both of us. Our sincere sympathy to Mike, Bob and the entire Chanatry family. We hope the many memories of a life well lived comfort each of you.

Linda and Mark Baron

Linda Baron - October 12, 2018 at 03:07 PM



“ I always remember Bill with a smile on his face, he was a kind thoughtful man. I will never forget the compassion that Bill showed towards my mother when she was sick. She loved him dearly. May he rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Jeannette, Michael Ameena, Joanne, Bob , Mark and all the families. You were so blessed and his memory will live on forever .

Jackie Betro-Mahassine - October 13, 2018 at 01:23 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry.



October 12, 2018 at 01:26 PM

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“ John Bowman purchased the Fall Fantasia for the family of Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry.



**John Bowman** - October 12, 2018 at 11:45 AM

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“ Uncle Bill...when I was about 8 years old living on James Street I put a baseball thru our window. Terrified I would be in trouble with Nellie and my Dad, you quietly replaced it and promised me you would not tell them. To this day I believed you had "my Back". You were a great inspiration and touched many lives. You were our rock...and will be missed. With much love, ....ed

**Edward** - October 12, 2018 at 11:26 AM

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“ To all of Bill's family, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Truly a great man that I had the greatest respect for. The nicest family I ever worked for. He is heaven bound for sure.

**Tony Simiele** - October 12, 2018 at 10:29 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album My Your Memory Be Eternal!!



**John Chanatry** - October 12, 2018 at 06:51 AM

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“ Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry.



October 11, 2018 at 10:43 PM

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“ I am sorry to hear that Bill is gone. I knew him from GE and again on the Water Board. He was a wonderful man. My condolences to the family.

**Cynthia S'Doia** - October 11, 2018 at 10:13 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry.



October 11, 2018 at 04:10 PM

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“ Fondly, Lori, Steve, Alexander and Nicholas Dowe purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Mr. William G. "Bill" Chanatry.



**Fondly, Lori, Steve, Alexander and Nicholas Dowe** - October 11, 2018 at 03:22 PM

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“ Bob - Deepest sympathy in the loss of your Father. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.  
Sincerely,  
Carrie Ruark Kupczyk

**carrie ruark kupczyk** - October 11, 2018 at 03:17 PM

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“ Bob, Very sorry for the loss of your father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

-Mike Buker

**Mike Buker** - October 11, 2018 at 10:48 AM

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“ Bill was a unique human being whose contributions to GE in Utica were substantial. It was a real pleasure to have known him. My thoughts and prayers go out to his family and loved ones at this difficult time. My wife and I will miss his daily soliloquies.

Al Horvath

**Alexander Horvath** - October 11, 2018 at 10:17 AM

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“ Bill was truly one of a kind, and I will treasure memories of working with him when we remodeled the store. I still have hand written notes from him that I will cherish, and memories of our many conversations. Please accept my sincere sympathy ...  
Chuck Gaetano

**Chuck Gaetano** - October 11, 2018 at 09:28 AM

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October 11, 2018 at 09:26 AM

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“ Janet & Family, You are in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. Bill was a great man and what a great legacy he leaves for us all.

Rich, Tracy & Garrett Pratt

Rich Pratt - October 11, 2018 at 09:23 AM

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“ May beautiful memories of a life lived to its fullest linger and the shadow of pain be lessened each passing day. The sadness of the passing of your loved one is felt by many. May the thought of knowing that friends share in your sadness be of comfort to you Richard & Mary Lynch



mary lynch - October 11, 2018 at 08:58 AM

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“ Dear Mrs.Chanatry, Mark ,Kristin and the entire Chanatry Family,  
Our deepest sympathy for the loss of this great man and kind human being. His kindness and legacy will live on forever.  
God Bless you all during this difficult time.  
Fred and Jeanne Castronovo

Fred and Jeanne Castronovo - October 11, 2018 at 08:52 AM



“ Dear Janet and family,

I are so sorry for your loss. Bill will be greatly missed. He was an inspiration to many. My Mom, Mary Murad Machis & I would always chat with Bill & Janet after mass at St. Basil's. Mom, always spoke so highly of Bill, Janet and all of the Chantry Family. Sending love and strength to your family.

Sincerely,  
Mary Anne Machis

**Mary Anne Machis** - October 11, 2018 at 08:33 AM



“ Tears clouded my eyes while writing. I meant to say, I am so sorry.

**Mary Anne** - October 11, 2018 at 08:37 AM



“ Mark and Family, Gone from our sight, but never from our hearts. Truly a Man's Man...



**Thomas J Saladino** - October 11, 2018 at 07:35 AM



“ I was fortunate to work with Bill on a white paper to convince GE to remain here after its Martin Marietta merger. He was a brilliant man particularly in his strategic thought process. It was an honor to become acquainted with his strengths. He was an invaluable member of our community. God bless him and his family.

**Rodger Potocki** - October 11, 2018 at 04:51 AM



“ to mark and family, so sorry for your loss may he rest in peace.

**sal barbero** - October 11, 2018 at 01:05 AM