



Mr. Clarence W. "Bill" Bailey

May 28, 2015

Mr. Clarence W. "Bill" Bailey, age 91, was reunited with his wife, Marie, as he passed away on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Clarence was the son of the late George and Helen (Smith) Bailey. He was raised and educated in West Winfield. A member of the Greatest Generation and a proud veteran of the United States Army, Clarence honorably served his country during World War II and the Korean Conflict. On June 25, 1949 he married the former Marie A. Guido. During their 41 years of marriage, they enjoyed a wonderful life together and he missed her until the moment of his passing. Marie passed away on December 4, 1990.

Clarence worked in his profession as a mechanic for the United States Postal Service for 45 years. It was a perfect job for him because of his expertise in the intricacies of reassembling a motor with precision. He retired on July 1, 1985. In his retirement, he was employed by Bernie Bus Company for 10 years. He also operated an auto repair shop at his home for many years. He could rebuild, repair, and was a "Mr. Fix-It" rendering these talents to many customers and friends alike. Clarence was an honest and respectful man of integrity. He was also loyal, selfless, and independent. Caring and thoughtful, as well, he made it his business to be genuinely kind to others. His family could always depend on him for his guidance and advice, and they admired him as the "Rock" and the "go-to-guy". Clarence was a great listener and also a great story teller, vividly describing events with details. The family had many

memorable times camping together in the Adirondacks and the Cooperstown area. Clarence and Marie enjoyed traveling together, especially their casino trips. He liked the thrill of NASCAR races and enjoyed watching world-wide wrestling. He also held a special place in his heart for family canines.

Clarence was a parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church. Clarence lived his life to the fullest and was an excellent husband, father, and the very best Poppy in the world.

Clarence is survived by his devoted daughters, Mary Lou Smith, and Barbara Lynn Sowich, both of New Hartford. He was preceded in death by his sons-in-law, Roger E. Smith, Sr., and Michael D. Sowich, both of whom he loved as sons. His memory will live on in his grandchildren, Roger E. Smith, Jr. of New Hartford, David W. Smith of Clifton Park; and Lisa Marie Sowich of New Hartford; and his sisters and brother-in-law, Vera, Evelyn and Jacob. His extended family includes his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, in-laws, Richard MacRobbie, and Evelyn Guido; and his companion, Elaine Collins. He had a special bond of friendship with his neighbor Ray Mazza, and his neighbors, the Andelija family. Clarence was predeceased by his sister, Ruth MacRobbie; his brother, Earl Bailey; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Luigi and Maria (Balzano) Guido; and his in-laws whom he loved as his own, Felicia G. and Samuel F. Spatuzzi, Victoria and Frank Vennera, Congetta and George Swearer, Frank and Shirley, Dominick and Mary, Samuel and Ruth, Flamino and Josephine, Joseph and Felicia, Nicholas and Betty, and Carmen Guido, and Doris Guido.

The family extends their gratitude to Dr. Jerry Sloan for his compassionate and sensitive nature; the nurses and staff on the first floor of the Allen Calder Wing who truly were attentive. A special thank you to Father LaFache and Deacon Bill Dischiavo for their prayers and spiritual blessings.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 11:00-1:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Clarence's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Tuesday afternoon at 1:00 from the funeral home and at 2:00 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass

of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski with Military Honors conferred. Entombment will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

1500 Champlin Avenue
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 2. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Eannace Funeral Home, Inc.
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Tribute Wall

 Joanne
Paniccia

“ *Mary Lou, Barbara...it has been so long. I found out about Poppy Bill at work as my boss is Paul Lupia. I am so sorry for your loss and i am sorry I was unable to be there, but I did not know. Poppy Bill was a special guy in my childhood as you know. I remember the house, and sitting on your dad's lap at his rocking chair in the livingroom. and camping in Cooperstown!!! I have many pics of those days. I also still remember and miss your mom every single day! I hope you are all doing well in life. Now he is with Nonny Marie and my grandparents, Nonny Emily and Poppy Reco. xoxoxo my sincere condolences*
Joanne Dowdall (Paniccia)

Joanne Paniccia - June 12, 2015 at 09:24 AM

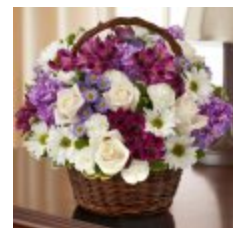
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“ *Mary Lou, Barb, Roger, and Lisa Marie- I am so sorry for your loss. Your father is a ONE OF A KIND individual. If anyone was looking for a role model to follow in life, it would be Clarence! I am so sorry I couldn't be there to share in your grief. I especially remember his love of family and how he looked at his sons in law as his own and by extension, their friends as well. Few people in life have such a lasting great impression on us and Clarence is one of those people! He will be a guiding light to all in heaven!*

Rick Gigliotti - June 03, 2015 at 05:51 AM



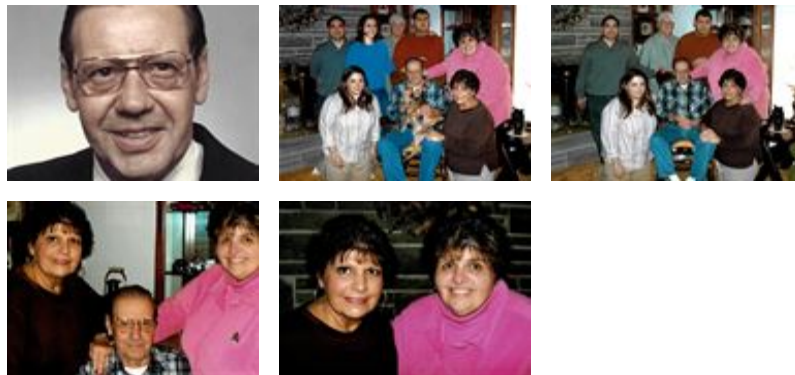
“ *Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence W. "Bill" Bailey.*



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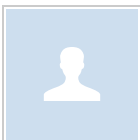
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“ *Judy and Steve purchased the Floor Plant for Sympathy for the family of Mr. Clarence W. "Bill" Bailey.*



Judy and Steve - June 01, 2015 at 04:18 PM



“ *Lavender & White Sympathy Floor Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. Clarence W. "Bill" Bailey.*



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“ *Mary Lou, Barbara and families, Our hearts go out to you. We will keep you in our thoughts and in our prayers. Uncle Bailey was such a good man. He always treated everyone with kindness and made people feel so comfortable. There was always laughter around when he was with you Mom. I know they are together in Heaven holding hands and smiling! Keep your memories close and always know that his family meant everything to him. He loved his girls. God bless, Love, Rod & Donna Lewis*

Donnamarie Lewis - May 31, 2015 at 07:37 PM