



Mr. Francis William "Bill" Fullem

September 27, 1939 - April 23, 2026

SAFETY HARBOR, FL/UTICA – Mr. Francis William “Bill” Fullem, age 86, passed away peacefully on April 23, 2026.

Bill was born in Utica on September 27, 1939, the son of Francis Donald “Don” and Margaret (Jones) Fullem. He attended Our Lady of Lourdes Elementary School and graduated from St. Francis DeSales High School in 1958.

Bill married his high school sweetheart, Donna M. (Martin) Fullem on September 27, 1958. The blessing of their union brought three sons and three grandchildren.

Bill worked as a milk man for one year until becoming among the first hires at the Utica hub of United Parcel Service. Bill was a delivery driver for 38 years and took great pride in his job and everything he did, being honored for 37 years of driving without an accident. He served as the Union Delegate for UPS and balanced his work life as the announcer of Notre Dame HS basketball, coaching all three of his sons at the Cornhill Little League where he also served as President. Bill and Donna volunteered a lot of time to the Blessed Sacrament Parish with Bill coaching the Blessed Sacrament High School CYO basketball team for more than 10 years including winning a city title.

Bill and Donna loved to go camping and traveled all over the U.S. as well making trips to Ireland and Hawaii, their two favorite places. They wintered in Hollywood, Florida for many years in order to see their sons and grandchildren who lived in Florida.

Bill is survived by his sons, Mark J. Fullem, and Dr. Brian W. and Annemarie Fullem; along with three grandchildren, Kenny Fullem, Aidan Fullem, and Erin Fullem; sisters-in-law, Patrica Carrol, Mary Martin, and Cathy Fullem (wife of the late James J. Fullem). Bill held close to his heart the memories of his son, Kevin P. Fullem; three brothers, Donald, James J., and Paul Fullem; as well as his brother in-law, James M. Martin and his wife Philomena M. "Phyllis" Martin who preceded him. He was also predeceased by his nephew, Kenneth Fullem, who gave his life to his country while serving in the United States Marine Corps.

Inurnment will take place in St. Agnes Cemetery on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

This obituary was lovingly written by Bill's family

Cemetery Details

St. Agnes Cemetery

601 Arthur Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 732-8588

Previous Events

GRAVESIDE

MAY **28**. 10:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dear Mark and Brian,
We were so sorry to read of your Dad’s passing. Unfortunately it has been a while since we had seen him last. Your mom and dad always spoke with such pride and love when talking about you all. May your memories bring a smile to your faces and comfort in the days ahead.

Love and prayers Bob and Mary Byrd

Bob and Mary Byrd - May 02 at 05:13 PM

BF

Thank you Bob and Mary. My parents loved you both

Brian William Fullem - May 13 at 03:37 PM

CD

“ My sincere condolences to Mark and Brian. Your father was a great basketball coach to me and many others .He put a lot of time and effort into youth sports and was very much appreciated. Chuck Doran

Chuck Doran - May 02 at 09:03 AM

BF

Thanks Chuck, we appreciate it. Your family were always such great neighbors

Brian William Fullem - May 13 at 03:39 PM

RL

Dear Brian and Mark, your dad was a real gentleman and a hard worker. He was a supporter of both UFA and Proctor running programs. He listened when you talked and always responded appropriately . He will be missed but never forgotten. RIP 🙏 Bill

ralph lupia - May 24 at 09:51 AM

JB

Condolences to the Fullem family, Bill was my Little league coach, he was a great guy and a friend to all in the cornhill area...

Jim Burns - May 24 at 10:05 AM