



Mr. William R. "Bill" Appler

March 13, 1934 - January 6, 2023

WHITESBORO - Mr. William R. "Bill" Appler, age 88, went home to the Lord on Friday, January 6, 2023.

Born in Utica, New York on March 13, 1934, William was the son of the late William and Mary (Perry) Appler. He was a graduate of Utica Free Academy High School. A proud veteran, Bill served his country with honor as a member of the United States Army. On May 20, 1967 he married the former Elaine F. Abrams, resulting in a loving union of 55 years, and many beautiful memories. He was a patient, warm spouse who tended to his wife's every need and did everything to show how much he loved her.

Bill was the owner and operator of the West End Liquor Store located on Whitesboro Street in Utica. He was later employed by the Utica Water Board until he retired.

A wonderful, gentle, generous man, he was very involved in the activities of his children and grandchildren. He could be found at the baseball field as the little league coach or at the elementary school picking up his grandkids. He was the perfect patriarch, graced with a great sense of humor and a remarkable inner strength. He was always ready for a laugh, and even jokingly asked the nurses to sneak him some "pizza and beer" while he was in the hospital. In his free time Bill enjoyed working outdoors and always took great pride in the appearance of his home. Since the age of 18, Bill enjoyed owning and driving convertible sports cars, and loved the excited looks on his children's and grandchildren's faces when he took them for a spin. He was an

avid fan of the New York Giants and the New York Mets, and loved his canine companions, “Bo” and “Ike”. Best of all, he enjoyed a peaceful walk with his loving bride.

Bill was a parishioner of the Catholic Community of Whitesboro at St. Paul’s Church.

William is survived by his wife, Elaine; two daughters Amy (Michael) Scaccia, and Kelly DeHimer (Mark Slawson); two sons William J. “Bill” Appler, and John (Isabelle) Appler; and 12 grandchildren; Michael Scaccia, Sydney Scaccia, Lexi Scaccia; Brianna DeHimer, Brittany DeHimer; Katie Appler, Maddy Appler; Jake Appler, Max Appler, Brooke Appler, Luke Rhoades, and Amelia Rhoades. He also leaves behind nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many special friends. He was predeceased by several brothers and sisters.

The family would like to thank the staff of MVHS at St. Elizabeth Medical Center for their care and compassion.

The family will honor Bill’s life with a private mass and memorial. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Interment will take place in Mt. Olivet Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

Whitesboro, NY

Tribute Wall

FP

“ Elaine, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your husband. My sincere sympathy to you and your family

Frances Timpano Pavia

FRANCES MARIE PAVIA - January 22, 2023 at 12:17 PM

NS

“ Elaine and family my deepest sympathy for your loss. Bill was a wonderful person.. Keeping all of you in my prayers

Nora Shahoud - January 16, 2023 at 03:53 PM

DW

“ Elaine (cousin) so sorry for the loss of Bill. Our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Many fond memories of all the gatherings and times we spent together ❤️💕❤️. Sending prayers of comfort to you all. Sending love and hugs. Jim and Dawn Winston ❤️



Dawn Winston - January 15, 2023 at 06:38 PM

MS

“ Elaine sending sincere Sympathy @ caring to You @ your family. GOD bless

Marsha H. Shahoud - January 15, 2023 at 06:29 PM

VB

“ *Elaine and family. So sorry about the loss of your husband. Treasure the years together In sympathy Virginia orsino boehlert and family*

vboehlert - January 15, 2023 at 04:46 PM

RH

“ *Our deepest sympathy to you, Elaine, and your family on the loss of your husband, Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad and difficult time.*

Ron & Elaine Hawley

Ron Hawley - January 15, 2023 at 01:17 PM

KS

“ *My deepest sympathy and love on the loss of your husband dear Elaine ,and to your family as well. You are in my thoughts as you cope with your sadness.*

kathy sanger - January 15, 2023 at 11:34 AM

TC

“ *So very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was exactly as you described, a truly kind and gentle man. Bill will be remembered fondly by all of us who had the pleasure of knowing him. May the hand of God be upon him. Terry Miller and Denise Cannon.*

Terry Miller, Denise Cannon - January 15, 2023 at 08:29 AM

PY

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this difficult time.



Patrick & Amanda Young - January 14, 2023 at 07:16 PM

LT

“ Amy & Mike so sorry to hear about the loss of your Father and Father in-law. May you find comfort in the the presence of the Lord always, especially during this time. Prayers to all of your family.
Brian & Lynn Tillson

Lynn Tillson - January 14, 2023 at 08:13 AM

JC

“ Elaine, Amy, Kelly, Billy and John. I was sad to see that Bill had passed away. My heart goes out to all of you. I know you will all will miss him. When Janet always saw him he always had a smile on his face. That is what I will remember about bill - his smile. My prayers go out to all of you. John F. Caruana'

John F. Caruana - January 13, 2023 at 11:53 PM

VV

“ Elaine and children: so sorry to read about Bill's passing. I remember all of you with fond memories.

Vincent Vendetta - January 13, 2023 at 10:40 PM

KC

“ Kelly C lit a candle in memory of Mr. William R. "Bill" Appler



Kelly C - January 13, 2023 at 07:22 AM

KC

“ Kelly C. purchased a sympathy card for the family of Mr. William R. "Bill" Appler.



Kelly C. - January 13, 2023 at 07:21 AM

KA

“ I send my sincerest condolences to Elaine, Amy, Kelly and the rest of the family. Mr. Appler was the absolute best: he was funny and kind. He was so good to me, driving me home in the rain so I wouldn't have to ride my bike, taking my along on family trips and events. I will never forget him. Love, Kathy Feeley

Kathy - January 12, 2023 at 02:16 PM



“ so sorry to hear of Mr. Appler's passing. He was a very kind man, as I remember as a child. All my best to the family as we send our prayers from Argentina.

Michael Kahn - January 12, 2023 at 07:31 AM

MM

“ *My sincere condolences of sympathy on the loss of your dad! I lost my dad when he was 24 horrifying and my mom just two years ago! All the best Appler family. Prayers.*

Michele Maio Morawiec - January 11, 2023 at 09:15 PM

LP

“ *So sorry for your loss. Prayers for your family at this time.*

Linda Puleo - January 11, 2023 at 11:12 AM

KH

“ *Sending prayers & comfort during this difficult time!*



Kelly Hodkinson-Amado - January 10, 2023 at 08:14 PM

SS

“ *So sorry for your loss, Elaine and family. I am going to miss seeing him when I come to pick the Avon and drop things off to you. Prayers are with you at this time. Love Sandy and George Salem*

Sandy Salem - January 10, 2023 at 07:29 PM

EP

“ *Sorry for your loss our prayers are with you and your family*

Elaine Hoffman and family

Elaine Pelnik-Hoffman - January 10, 2023 at 02:41 PM

JG

“ So sad to hear of this. I will miss seeing him at Panera's each morning sharing coffee with his lovely wife. Although they arrived in separate cars (loved his convertible) they sat and started the day together. He will be missed. Rest in Peace Judy Galimo



Judy Galimo - January 10, 2023 at 01:44 PM

PC

“ Pastor Angela U. Carter lit a candle in memory of Mr. William R. "Bill" Appler



Pastor Angela U. Carter - January 10, 2023 at 11:39 AM