



Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr.

April 9, 1941 - October 27, 2013

Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates, Jr., age 72, passed away on Sunday, October 27, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer.

William was the son of the late William and Pauline Minkel Gates. He was raised in Scranton, Pennsylvania and attended North Scranton and Central High Schools. He graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Business Administration. After college, Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force and served in Vietnam where he was exposed to the toxic warfare chemical, Agent Orange. On October 5, 1968 he married the former Gloria Jean Gramigna. They lived in Frankfort, NY, Coconut Creek, FL, and Pleasant Lake, Stratford, NY during their 42-year union. His beloved Gloria preceded him in death April 10, 2010.

Bill was an energetic man and an excellent sales representative who had a varied work career. He worked first for Nestle Corporation and later Combined Life Insurance and the Federal Reserve Bank. In addition, he had several business ventures of his own initiative. He was an avid sports fan who enjoyed watching and attending ball games with his wife, son, father, grandchildren, and brothers-in-law. He loved his family and the many traditions they instituted like taking the Polar Express train every Christmas from Utica, and rooting for the Buffalo Bills and Detroit Tigers.

Survivors are a son, Billy and Kathryn Gates of Athens, NY; his daughter Renee Gates of Newport; and the joys of his life, his grandchildren, Emily Tracey Gates, Brandon Tyler Gates, and Alexis Gloria Jean Ellsworth.

Additional survivors include a sister, Florence Konosky of Carbondale, PA; his mother-in-law, Bobbie Gramigna; five brothers-in-law, Victor, Marty, and Ronnie, all of Scranton; Gary of Framingham, MA, and Frankie Allen of Morrisville, VT; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and cousins. Bill and Gloria's many friends in both NY and PA who visited him in his final days also survive him and will all miss him.

The family is grateful for the care rendered to Bill by the nurses and staff of Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc., and the entire staff of Dr. Alicia M. DeTraglia's medical office.

Visitation will be held Sunday from 1:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Bill's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Monday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at Historic Old St. John's Church officiated by Rev. John Buehler. Flowers are accepted, but please consider a memorial donation in William's honor to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc.; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. Committal services with Military Honors will take place in Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum at Holy Trinity Cemetery with entombment to follow.

"I feel happy. I feel healthy. And I feel terrific!"

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Chapel Mausoleum

Champlin Ave.
Utica, NY 13501

Tribute Wall

AL

“ Alyson lit a candle in memory of Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr.



Alyson - November 06, 2013 at 05:59 PM

ST

“ Bill was such a sweet man and i only knew him for a few months. To all of the family i am so sorry for your loss.
Stevana Hanna

stevana - November 04, 2013 at 04:36 PM

TV

“ Todd and Ellen Vargo purchased the Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers for the family of Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr..



Todd and Ellen Vargo - November 03, 2013 at 03:33 PM

DE

“ Renee & Billy Your Dad was a gem. Always greeted you with a smile and a story. His Love of Life, Family, and Friends is what I will miss.
Love Debora Moroney



Debora - November 03, 2013 at 12:38 AM

JO

“ A donation will be made to Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. in Bill's name, from Bill's basketball teammates and friends at North Scranton Junior High School. Bill was an excellent basketball player and a valued teammate and friend.

Mr. William Gerrity, Coach

Nick Forsette

Jack O'Malley omalleyj1@scranton.edu

Tom McIlwee

Family of Charles "Chick" Harte

Doug Reeser

Steve Vacendak

Ed Manziano

Tom Lewis

Tom Quinn

Tom Smith

Jack O'Malley - November 02, 2013 at 11:16 AM

BM

“ Dear Renee and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Your Dad was a very special man to me and my family. He will be missed by all. Love "Mrs. M"

Barbara Moroney - November 01, 2013 at 08:29 AM

LP

“ Love, CJ, Jenn, Hunter and Payton purchased the White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr..



Love, CJ, Jenn, Hunter and Payton - November 01, 2013 at 06:51 AM



“ You're in our Thoughts Sympathy Gift Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr..



November 01, 2013 at 01:18 AM



“ Frank Gramigna lit a candle in memory of Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr.



Frank Gramigna - October 31, 2013 at 05:43 AM



“ Renee and Billy:

*I will remember your great Dad with great fondness.
I will remember him for all the good times he gave me when we visited him all those hot 1980s summers.
For the great times and the great hospitality he always showed me I will be eternally grateful.
Though I am unable to be there in person you are in my thoughts and prayers this next several difficult days.
God Bless you all!*

Frank Gramigna - October 31, 2013 at 05:43 AM

NJ

“ *Renee, Bill & family.
I'm very sad to hear about Bill's passing. You all have my sincere condolences. Bill was a old friend of mine from the Food Broker days. Then he became a loyal employee of my company. We shared many laughs together. Bill will be greatly missed. May he rest in peace.*

*Nick Mariano Jr.
Priceless Rent A Car*

Nick Mariano Jr - October 30, 2013 at 06:21 AM

RG

Thank you Nick he enjoyed his days at priceless and they now are very priceless thank you

renee gates - October 31, 2013 at 08:47 AM

ID

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss, Mr. Gates was a very sweet neighbor and will be missed by all of us. Our heartfelt condolences to your family.*

Gene and Ilse (Russo) Dubiel

Ilse R. Dubiel - October 29, 2013 at 02:46 PM

MS

“ *Michael Sacco lit a candle in memory of Mr. William C. "Bill" Gates Jr.*



Michael Sacco - October 29, 2013 at 07:56 AM