



## William Kovacs

May 5, 1947 - April 5, 2012

Mr. William J. "Bill" Kovacs, Sr., age 64, of Westmoreland, passed away on Holy Thursday, April 5, 2012 at the Albany Medical Center with his loving family by his side after a brief illness.

William was born in Utica on May 5, 1947, the son of the late Carl and Gladys (Rakowski) Kovacs. He was raised and educated locally, a graduate of Utica Free Academy. A proud veteran of the United States Air Force, he honorably served his country during the Vietnam War. On April 4, 1970 he married the former Barbara A. Olsen with whom he shared 42 years in a union filled with beautiful memories.

Bill built his career as a Correctional Officer at the Midstate Correctional Facility, an occupation he loved. He would have celebrated his 30th anniversary of employment there this June. His longtime co-workers agree that he was always pleasant in a very demanding occupation, and he never had a bad word to say about anyone. He handled his job gracefully, didn't want to retire, and was an all-around good guy who considered his co-workers his extended family. At home, he enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. All of his children were proud of the traits and values that he passed down to them. A known "gadget man", he was a Mr. Fix-It who could fix a car or anything around the house and had a compulsion to purchase "As-Seen-on-TV" products. Bill had a good supply of batteries on hand to power his extensive flashlight collection. During his spare time, he enjoyed target shooting, and fishing.

Bill is survived by his wife, Barbara; his daughters and son-in-law, Carla and Peter Burnham of Utica, Jennifer Davies, Georgeanne Kovacs, Kaitlyn Kovacs, and Gabrielle Kovacs, all of Westmoreland; his son, Will Kovacs, Jr. of Westmoreland; and his grandchildren, Madison Burnham, Alex Burnham, Lia Davies, Philly Davies, and Nicholas Mizerak. In addition, he leaves his "adopted" sister, Jan McClean; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl and Barbara Kovacs, and Gary and Susan Kovacs, all of Utica; in-laws, Patricia Bailey of Hornell, NY, Sharon and James Jacobs of Deerfield, Candie and Walter Sienczenko of Vineland, NJ, Lola and Richard Houle, Deborah Olsen, and G. Stuart Olsen, all of Utica, Michael Olsen and Lori Stauring of Whitesboro, and John (his fishing buddy) and April Olsen of Deerfield; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, and "the special cousins." The family greatly appreciates the professional care, patience, and compassion of the doctors, nurses, and staff at the Albany Medical Center Medical Intensive Care Unit and Surgical Intensive Care Unit, especially acknowledging Anatoliy.

Visitation will be held Tuesday at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes from 2:30-5:30 at which time the family will prepare for Bill's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence at 6:00 p.m. with his Mass of Christian Burial with Full Military Honors offered by Rev. Lucas Koslowski. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave.

# Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Kovacs



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - April 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ Rich Stine lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Rich Stine - September 05, 2025 at 09:46 AM

GA

“ Gabbiee lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



gabbiee - April 02, 2014 at 01:04 AM

GA

“ I miss you daddy and love you, theres never a second that goes by that i dont think about you! your always in my heart forever! i think of all the memories we had and i wish you were still here today to make many more, but i promise you i will keep my head up and stay strong for you as much as i can, save a spot up there in heaven for me. ill see you soon. love you and miss you so much </3

gabbiee - April 02, 2014 at 01:03 AM



“ lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



April 13, 2012 at 01:01 PM



Going fishing with you was a major memory embedded in my mind even to this day. It was a pleasure to share a canoe and a day with you Sir.

April 13, 2012 at 01:02 PM



“ Jessica Proulx lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Jessica Proulx - April 12, 2012 at 09:26 AM



*I can say i was truely blessed to have him as one of my uncles,,i will never forget all the memories from the get togethers we share god diffently gained a great man who will truely be missed by all who he had the chance to meet him!!!*

**Jessica Proulx** - April 12, 2012 at 09:31 AM

CM

“ *Cathi Metzgie* lit a candle in memory of *William Kovacs*



**cathi metzgie** - April 11, 2012 at 07:43 AM

AO

“ WE CAN NOT FIND THE WORDS TO COMFORT YOU AT A TIME LIKE THIS, BUT PLEASE KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE FOR YOU ALL .TO CRY WITH WHEN YOU THINK THAT YOU ARE ALL ALONE, AND TO BE HERE FOR YOU TO LAUGH WITH WHEN A SPECIAL MEMORY FILLS YOUR HEART WE LOVE YOU ALL. MAY GOD BE WATCHING OVER YOU ALWAYS.JOHN AND APRIL

**APRIL F OLSEN** - April 10, 2012 at 12:53 PM

AO

“ *APRIL F OLSEN* sent a virtual gift in memory of *William Kovacs*



**APRIL F OLSEN** - April 10, 2012 at 12:41 PM



“ *lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs*



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April 10, 2012 at 07:39 AM



“ *Barbar Ann, Carla, Jennifer, Georgeanne, and Bill's entire family...We have you all in our thoughts and prayers... "Uncle Bill" I will always hold a special place for you in my heart...*



*Love, Dickey*

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**Richard Barney II** - April 09, 2012 at 07:12 PM



“ *Georgeanne, Take comfort in knowing that you have a special guardian angle to watch over you. My prayers and thoughts go out to you and your family. Deepest sympathy*



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**Sandy Tedesco** - April 09, 2012 at 06:55 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss Bobby Ann and children Bill and all of you are always in my thoughts.*

*Love Auntie Gail*

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**Gail Barney** - April 09, 2012 at 06:47 PM

RB

“ Bobby Ann so sorry for you loss God Bless you all

Richard Barney - April 09, 2012 at 06:46 PM

GB

“ Gail Barney lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Gail Barney - April 09, 2012 at 06:43 PM

RB

“ Richard Barney lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Richard Barney - April 09, 2012 at 06:43 PM

GB

“ Gail Barney lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Gail Barney - April 09, 2012 at 06:34 PM

CS

“ So sorry for all of your loss! I am thinking and praying for you and may the healing process begin! I love you all!!



Crystal Barney Sawyer - April 09, 2012 at 05:20 PM

GS

“ Billy, RIP brother. You will be missed. From your coworker, G. Wishart



Gioia Saporito-Wishart - April 09, 2012 at 05:00 PM

JO

“ John Olsen lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



john olsen - April 09, 2012 at 04:30 PM

SC

“ God Speed Brother...it was an honor working with you. Your tour is over...we'll take it from here bro...

Scott Carpenter - April 09, 2012 at 11:51 AM



I love this comment, Scott.. Of all that I have read, this one really touched me.. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for such kind words toward my father.

April 13, 2012 at 09:19 PM

NI

“ Pa you will be greatly missed! I will always be your Troll!



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**Nicholas** - April 09, 2012 at 11:31 AM

JB

“ Jon & Susie Barney lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



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**Jon & Susie Barney** - April 09, 2012 at 10:25 AM

GK

“ Uncle Bill used to call me "Greggy!" I often think about the stories my father used to tell about him from when they were kids.

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**Greg Kovacs** - April 09, 2012 at 09:53 AM

MO

“ Marcia Olsen lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



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**Marcia Olsen** - April 09, 2012 at 04:28 AM

JC

“ Uncle Bill,  
*Im grateful I was able to know someone as geniune as yourself. You were a role model for all, and your good qualities were passed to so many. The Heavans were really lucky to get and Angel like you ..*  
*Love John Patrick*

John Cieplenski - April 09, 2012 at 03:18 AM

M(

“ *Mary Lou (Pebbles) lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs*



Mary Lou (Pebbles) - April 08, 2012 at 09:59 PM

LO

“ *LOLA OLSEN sent a virtual gift in memory of William Kovacs*



LOLA OLSEN - April 08, 2012 at 09:51 PM

LO

*Bill was loved by everyone who met him.He was a kind and loving man. I had the pleasure of having him as a brother in law for 42 years. Whenever someone had a problem , Billy could always be counted on to try and fix it. His dry humor was endearing and he was famous for his jokes. I know mom was waiting to guide you home. Love u Bill*

LOLA OLSEN - April 08, 2012 at 09:56 PM

PB

“ Patricia Bailey lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



patricia bailey - April 08, 2012 at 06:37 PM

BL

“ Beth Lyon lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Beth Lyon - April 08, 2012 at 06:17 PM

SK

“ Susan Kovacs lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Susan Kovacs - April 08, 2012 at 06:06 PM

GK

“ Gary Kovacs lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs



Gary Kovacs - April 08, 2012 at 06:03 PM

CL

“ *Cindy Lafler lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs*



**cindy lafler** - April 08, 2012 at 05:55 PM

KK

“ *Everyone that knew my father keeps saying the same thing. My father was an all around genuine simple kind hearted man. His memory will always live on in his children and grandchildren. They say God only takes the best, and I couldn't agree more. My family lost a tremendous part of us thursday when we set him free to become our guardian angel. You may be gone daddy but you WILL NEVER be forgotten.. Dum invicem rursus occurremus ( until we meet again)*



**Kaitlyn Kovacs** - April 08, 2012 at 04:38 PM

LO

“ *Lola Olsen lit a candle in memory of William Kovacs*



**Lola Olsen** - April 08, 2012 at 04:19 PM

UU

“ *Bill was an enjoyable human being.. he would bring out good feelings in you even when you were not feeling too good..he will be missed for this quality and many others. Ulysses Upshaw*

**Ulysses Upshaw** - April 07, 2012 at 09:49 PM



“ *Bill was one of the nicest people I have ever had the pleasure of knowing. He never spoke a bad word about anyone and would do anything for you, truly a man of principles. My deepest condolences to the family.*



April 07, 2012 at 03:16 PM

MR

*I have had the pleasure to work with Billy for the last twenty three years and I am very proud of considering him not only a co worker but also a friend. My deepest sympathy to his family and may his soul rest in peace with the Lord. I will always remember you. Miguel.*

**Miguel a Rivera** - April 07, 2012 at 09:02 PM

RB

*Bill will always be remembered as a soft spoken, loving person. Our deepest sympathy is extended to all those who loved him, he will be missed. Love Uncle Bob and Aunt Gin*

**Robert Virginia Barney** - April 08, 2012 at 11:12 AM

WR

*I have enjoyed working with Bill as a co worker, friend for many years and especially in the last few months before his illness. I am glad that I had a chance to work with him. I will always remember him. My deepest symathy goes out to your family.  
William Rueger*

**william rueger** - April 08, 2012 at 08:56 PM

DD

*Bill was a great family man and loved his grandkids. He will truly be missed by everyone that came into his life.*

**Debbie & Kent Davies** - April 09, 2012 at 01:10 PM

CM

*Uncle Bill You will be greatly missed.... you were a loving husband, father, uncle, grampa...etc.....you were loved by so many. You will NEVER be forgotten but only remembered as your spirit lives on as your wife, children & family cherish all the wonderful memories they have you. xoxoxoxo moonie*

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**cathi metzgier** - April 11, 2012 at 07:43 AM