



Mr. William T. "Bill" Mason, Jr.

January 7, 1937 - March 11, 2016

Mr. William T. "Bill" Mason, Jr., age 79, of Utica, passed away on Friday, March 11, 2016 at the Faxton-St. Luke's Healthcare Center with his loving family by his side.

Born in Hopkinsville, Kentucky on January 7, 1937, William was the son of the late William T. and Barbara (White) Mason, Sr. He was raised on the family farm and received his elementary education at Pembroke Elementary. He was a graduate of Hopkinsville High School. Upon graduation, Bill joined the United States Air Force and proudly pursued a 10-year military career. He was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. On October 14, 1961 he married the former Arlene D. Paciello with whom he shared 54 years. They were a perfect pair; they beautifully balanced one another and made the most of life together.

Bill began his career in the insurance industry where he worked for several years. He then found himself a 27-year career with the Mohawk Valley Psychiatric Center in the capacity of a Safety Officer. Bill was a dedicated husband and a devoted father and grandfather, supporting his children and grandchildren in all their activities. He took pride and care in maintaining his home and cherished all his roles as patriarch of his family. Well-versed and warm-hearted, he was a wise and witty conversationalist and a history buff. He knew how to be a good friend and found joy in forming those relationships. A man of simple needs, Bill was mannerly and hospitable; he was the epitome of a Southern gentleman. He was a lifelong Minnesota Vikings fan, and in his

youth, he was a talented football player. He enjoyed the rigors of hunting and the relaxation of fishing.

William is survived by his wife, Arlene; his son and daughter-in-law, Billy and Pamela Mason of Whitesboro; his cherished grandchildren, Erin, Jack, and Evan Mason; his sister and brother-in-law, Elaine and Nathan Brown of TN; and his brother, Neil Mason of Hopkinsville, KY. His extended family includes many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, Lucille and James Schremp, Sandra Paciello, Patricia Francis, and Jerry and Joan Paciello. He was predeceased by his sister, Dawn Askey; and his in-laws, John Paciello, and Douglas Paciello.

The family is grateful to Dr. Sultana Razia, and Dr. Wade Hunt, and the staff of the 1st Floor/Allen-Calder Wing for the dedicated care rendered to Bill.

Visitation will be held Sunday, March 20th from 2:00-4:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. In Lieu of floral offering, please consider donations to the American Cancer Society; envelopes will be available at the funeral home. William's funeral service and Final Blessing will commence on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 at the funeral home immediately upon conclusion of visitation with Pastor Carol Jubenville officiating the ceremony. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery with military honors at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 20. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

MAR 20. 4:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ ARLENE, BILL AND FAMILY, I AM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. I WAS SHOCKED TO SEE THIS MORNINGS PAPER. MY HEART GOES OUT TO ALL OF YOU. AS WE ENTER THIS FINAL WEEK OF LENT, LET US KNOW THAT BILL SUFFERED, AND WILL BE RAISED UP INTO HEAVEN WITH OUR LORD, JESUS. MAY EACH ONE OF YOU, FIND SOLACE WITH OUR LORD AND HIS BLESSED MOTHER MARY AND KNOW THAT YOUR FRIENDS GRIEVE WITH YOU. BILL HAS LEFT YOU WITH PEACE, AND NOW GO FORWARD AND REMEMBER HIM WELL. WITH GODS LOVE AND PEACE F. WILSON



F. WILSON - March 18, 2016 at 07:55 AM



“ *White Mixed Fireside Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William T. "Bill" Mason, Jr..*



March 17, 2016 at 09:02 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss..
Mary and Thomas McOwen*

Mary McOwen - March 16, 2016 at 07:22 AM

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“ I will always remember and hold on to the summers when MY Uncle Bill would come down to vist. He always took time for each and every one of us to catch up since his last visit. Even to this day if I walked in to my parents house and he was on the phone with my father, he wanted to talk to me and check on everyone. He was a very caring person. Big man with a even bigger heart. It's hard to believe you can love some one that lives this far away and you only saw ever so often. But then it's not hard to believe because the person he was. We will miss him as I know Aunt Arlene and Billy "Boy" will. I pray for this family daily and will continue in the days to come. Love Neil Jr

Neil Mason Jr - March 15, 2016 at 09:48 PM