



Mr. William "Bill" "Willie" Orlando

January 12, 1942 - January 1, 2022

NEW HARTFORD – Mr. William “Bill” “Willie” Orlando, age 79, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 1, 2022, with those he loved most in his heart.

Born in Utica on January 12, 1942 to the late Louis J. and Teresa A. (Bonarrigo) Orlando, Bill was a student at local schools and went on to graduate from T.R. Proctor High School/Class of 1960. He then studied at Utica College, an extension of Syracuse University, where he received his Bachelor of Arts degree. Bill was extremely committed to his education and was known for his dedication to his studies. Bill constantly strove for perfection and was never one to approach an endeavor giving it less than his best.

On November 3, 1962 he was joined in marriage to Roseann Biamonte and they have shared 59 wonderful years together. As Bill would say, they were two peas in a pod, meant to be together. The couple was blessed with three beautiful children. He was a very giving man who loved his family with all his heart. To Bill, family was the most important part of his existence.

Bill’s zeal for a “job well done” carried over into his professional life, where he invested his efforts into the NY Telephone Company that is currently Verizon. He would remain in their employ for many years until his retirement from a managerial position. Bill always gave loyal service and worked diligently throughout his career.

A man of many talents, Bill could fix or paint almost anything and was known

for offering his skills to improve whatever needed work.

At one time, Bill, who believed in the Catholic Creed, was a member of the Knights of Columbus. Additionally, Bill was a parishioner who practiced his faith at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Roseann P. Orlando; his cherished daughters and their husbands, Melissa and Timothy Miller, and Colleen and Peter Palleschi; and his treasured son, Dr. Greg S. Orlando and Mary. Bill held in his heart the memory of his precious grandson, Maxwell Louis Miller, who passed on June 12, 2020. He will be lovingly remembered by his grandchildren, Shelby, Jordan, and Grant Miller; Benjamin, and Madeleine Palleschi; and Julia Orlando and fiancé Benjamin Owens, and Matthew Orlando. Bill leaves behind his sister and brother-in-law, Veronica and Robert Aldi; his brother-in-law, George Pogact; and his sister-in-law, Geraldine and husband Charles Natale. Bill was predeceased by his brother, Greg Orlando and his sister, Bonnie Pogact.

The Orlando family would like to extend their gratitude to the entire staff of the Masonic Care Community of New York for their care, compassion. The family also wishes to extend thanks to their family and friends for their endless support.

In keeping with Bill's wishes, the family will honor his life privately. The Orlandos gratefully accept memorial contributions made in Bill's honor to a charity of the donor's choice. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Bill's Mass of Christian Burial and Celebration of Life on Saturday morning, January 8, 2022 at 11:30 at Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Church of Our Lady of Lourdes, 2222 Genesee Street. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of the Mass. Regardless of vaccination status, face masks are required to remain in compliance with the state and county mask order. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

Cemetery Details

Calvary Cemetery

2407 Oneida Street
Utica, NY 13501
(315) 735-2727

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 8. 11:30 AM (ET)

Mary, Mother of Our Savior Parish, Lourdes Campus
2222 Genesee St.
Utica, NY 13502
<https://www.motherofoursavior.org/CatholicChurch.php>

Tribute Wall

MB

“ DEAR, ROSANNE, GREG, MELISSA, AND COLLEN, MY SINCERE SYMPATHIES ON THE PASSING OF YOUR HUSBAND, AND FATHER! MICHELLE LYNN NATALE BARATTA



Michelle Baratta - January 09, 2022 at 01:15 PM

JB

“ One of the kindest people.....such a gentleman , a true “gentle man”. One of the best in “Ma Bell.... Always looked forward to see his smiling face at the Credit Union Parties. Sending prayers to the family.....Joyce Savicki Bojdak

Joyce Savicki Bojdak - January 07, 2022 at 10:13 PM

MC

“ Sincere sympathy Roseann and family, May Bill rest in peace.

My thought and prayers

Mary and Joe Corapi

Mary Corapi - January 07, 2022 at 04:54 PM

FD

“ To Bills family I send my thoughts and prayers. I knew Bill when we were in high school together and I dated his sister Bonnie. He always had something god to say about people and always ad a smile on his face. Rest in peace Bill.

Frank Domanico Tucson Az.

Frank Domanico - January 07, 2022 at 12:28 PM

RF

“ So sorry to learn of Bill’s passing. Your parents were great tenants!
Rita Rosato Flanders

Rita Rosato Flanders - January 07, 2022 at 10:47 AM

FD

“ Dear Roseann and children, Fred and I we’re so sorry to hear of Bill’s passing, may he rest in peace with the Lord.
*Roseann, you will be in my prayer.
God Bless you.
Always, Fred and Marilyn*

Fred and Marilyn Demma - January 07, 2022 at 09:48 AM

DL

“ Sorry for the loss of a 1960 graduate at Proctor. Bill was a great person to know. He will be missed. May he rest in peace. Prayers and condolences.

David V Lia - January 07, 2022 at 08:45 AM

GM

“ *Very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was one of NY Telephone's very best.*

I can't tell you how many times he helped us with his dedication to helping customers.

Gary Morgan

Gary Morgan - January 06, 2022 at 09:53 PM