



Mr. William E. "Bill" Simonik

May 11, 1933 - January 29, 2019

N. UTICA - Mr. William E. "Bill" Simonik, age 85, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Tuesday, January 29, 2019.

Born in Saratoga Springs on May 11, 1933, William was the son of the late Andrew and Maria "Mary" (Indracek) Simonik. He was a graduate of Saratoga Springs High School. A proud veteran of the United States Navy, Bill honorably served his country stateside as a communication technician. Upon completion of his military service he relocated to Utica where he graduated from Utica College of Syracuse University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. On June 1, 1957 he married the former Theresa Christiano with whom he shared 61 years. They were a stunning couple, very suitable and compatible. Indeed, they were a perfect match.

As an engineer, Bill worked for various area companies including UNIVAC as a Technician promoted to Engineering, MDS, and Par Technology Corporation as a Computer Programmer and Troubleshooter, a position that involved traveling all over the world. In retirement, he remained with ParTech for 12 years as a Consultant. Bill's professional demeanor and intelligence was respected in the workplace.

Bill was a generous, old school gentleman when it came to morals and virtues of living a good life. As a husband, he was loving and thoughtful, and he and Theresa trusted each other with their hearts. It has been said by his family that he was "a saint", and by definition, his gentle soul always prevailed. Bill was not a man of many words, unless you were talking to him about his

favorite pastimes of boating on Oneida Lake or photography. He really was adept in his avocations. He was the official shutterbug for all family functions. He was a fisherman and was proud of his catch. He was also a finish carpenter, and because Bill was blessed with a creative and analytical mind, he was an innovative problem-solver. And if a problem was electrical in nature, he could fix it! He was meticulous in his personal appearance, his home, and his vegetable garden, the fruits of which he shared with his family. He enjoyed the company of his in-laws and he loved his mother-in-law and father-in-law.

Forever young, Bill enjoyed his life to the fullest. He loved being a dad, a grandfather, and an uncle to his nieces. Always gracious and gentle, he was a good listener and gave helpful advice. Bill was steady and calm, beloved by all. His gentleness extended to all God's creatures, and Bill tended to his pets with love. Many memories were made at Bill and Theresa's home when relatives gathered for holidays and special occasions to celebrate and share good cheer. He was a member of the Greenfield Fish & Game Club and enjoyed target shooting. A parishioner of St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church, he held close his love for his God. Bill was a handsome, affectionate, blue-eyed, memorable man, ...a beautiful person, inside and out.

Bill is survived by his wife, Theresa; his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Charles "Chuck" Trascritti; his grandson, Aaron Trascritti; and his brother and sister-in-law, Allen R. and Doris Simonik. He also leaves his nieces, especially Phyllis M. Christiano and Rick Trinco; nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins; and Pat Trimboli, Theresa's best friend who has been so much a part of the family. He was predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Philip and Christina Christiano; his in-laws, Angelo and Marie Christiano, Louis D. and Grace Christiano, Margaret and Dominick Greco, Joseph F. and Philomena "Fannie" Christiano, Arthur and Anna Christiano, and infant brother-in-law, John Christiano; and his niece, Marie "Mimi" Arcuri.

The family extends their appreciation to Marie Melnick, a neighbor who assisted and comforted Theresa during Bill's untimely passing.

The family honored and commemorated Bill's life at a private time. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Bill's funeral service and Celebration of Life which will commence on Monday morning at 10:30 at St. Anthony & St. Agnes Church where his Mass of Christian Burial will be offered by Rev. Mark Kaminski with Military Honors conferred by the U.S. Navy. The family will receive visitors at the conclusion of Mass. In lieu of floral offerings, memorial contributions in Bill's honor may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital online at <https://www.stjude.org/donate>. Envelopes will be available at the service. Entombment will follow in Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Christ Our Savior Mausoleum at Calvary Cemetery

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

Tribute Wall

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“ *My name is Don McDonald. Bill was a good friend. We worked together for many years, for PAR at the last. We worked on getting government approvals for safety and environmental regulations on electronic equipment. We traveled a lot to different test sites around the East Coast and got to know each other well. We did a fishing trip up into Canada one summer. One of those fly into a remote lake and stay in a cabin with 2 other men for a week. We had a great time! Caught and ate a lot of fish maybe drank some beer too. One bad thing happened to Bill on the way back to the float plane base. As he stepped off of the float to the dock he slipped and ripped his knee open. A big cut. There was no hospital or any other place to go so we bandaged it up and headed for home. I always felt bad about that, but I think more than he did. I am glad that I got to see him at the annual PAR lunch before Christmas. I will miss him!*

Don McDonald - February 03, 2019 at 04:53 PM



“ *Deepest Sympathy*
Susan DeCuffa Langlais

Susan DeCuffa Langlais - February 01, 2019 at 05:38 PM

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“ *with my Deepest Sympathy.....many prayers for you all at this difficult time ...may you find comfort and peace in the days to come ...God Bless his soul....* ❤️
Sherry DeGrace 🌹

Sharon DeGrace - January 31, 2019 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Such a kind, wonderful, gentle soul. He will be missed by all who knew him. With deepest sympathy from Kim and Betty*

Kim Lloyd - January 31, 2019 at 04:50 PM