

## William J. "Bill" LaBella

June 16, 1919 - August 17, 2009

Mr. William J. "Bill" LaBella, age 90, of Utica, passed away peacefully on Monday, August 17, 2009 at the Masonic Care Community of NY.

Born in Utica on June 16, 1919, William was the son of the late Moses and Theresa (Leone) LaBella. He was raised and educated locally, and attended Utica Free Academy. A member of the Greatest Generation, he was a proud veteran of World War II, serving his country as a Staff Sergeant in the U.S. Army from 1941-1945. On June 24, 1945 he married the former Pauline Angerosa with whom he shared 47 blessed years prior to her passing on August 21, 1992.

An energetic entrepreneur, Bill established Nationwide Vending Systems in Utica, a company that is still in operation today. He was endowed with an extraordinary work ethic, and ran his enterprise until he was 89 years old; a trait he instilled to his children and grandchildren. At home, he was a loving provider and the most important aspect of his life was caring for his family. He had an appreciation for the outdoors and nature, and in his younger years, he was an avid hunter and was able to enjoy fishing with his family into his later years. Bill was also a colorful storyteller.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Sharon LaBella of Utica and her children, William J. Lints and fiancée Kari Clive, and Dr. Sherry Anne Lints, all of Utica; his son and daughter-in-law, William M. and Marjorie LaBella of Remsen and their children and families, Shana LaBella Thompson and Jamie Thompson of Utica, Dr. Tiffany LaBella of Philadelphia, PA, Aaron and Jenni LaBella of

Remsen, Alana LaBella of New York City, Shane and Lori Duus of Columbia, SC and Crary and Nathan Brouhard of MN; his great-grandchildren, Kaiya Thompson, William Duus, and Jackson LaBella . Survivors also include his sister, Carmela M. Mallozzi of Utica; his many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws. He was predeceased by twenty brothers and sisters.

Visitation will be held Friday from 9:00-11:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. Bill's funeral service and Celebration of Life will commence on Friday morning at 11:00 from the funeral home and at 12:00 noon at the Tompkin's Memorial Chapel at the Masonic Care Community of NY campus with military honors. Pastor David Green will officiate the services. Interment will take place in Calvary Cemetery at the convenience of the family.

# Previous Events

## Service

AUG **21**. 12:00 PM (ET)

Masonic Care Community of NY  
2150 Bleecker Street  
Utica, NY

# Tribute Wall



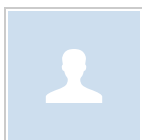
“ We had the pleasure of meeting Mr.Labella through our brother Frank Hernandez and sister in law Brenda Hernandez. We enjoyed our visti with him,his company, humor and kindness. This unique gentlemen will be missed dearly. God Bless his family.

*The Hernandez Family*

*Corpus Christi, Texas###imported-begin##The Hernandez Family from Corpus Christi Texas###imported-end##*

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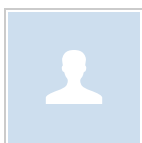
August 27, 2009 at 03:04 PM



“ Pop, I can't tell you how important it is to me that we were "back together" like you said so many times. I am so proud that you were able to meet, and welcome Kaiya into our family and your heart. Although there were many lost years, I am so happy that we were both able to move past our differences, and appreciate each other again. I never stopped loving you, and never will. I know you are back with Nanni now, and in peace once more. You will both always be in our hearts and we miss you both so much.###imported-begin##Shana LaBella-Thompson###imported-end##

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August 26, 2009 at 10:20 AM



“ Pop, I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!!! I know I told you I would be strong and I am because I hear your voice telling me that all the time, but I really do miss you and please know that I love you so much!

*P.S. How are things with Jesus? Is it all that I told you it would be?*

*Save a spot for me Pop.###imported-begin##Cissy###imported-end##*

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August 25, 2009 at 10:46 PM



“ Uncle Bill we will all miss you. We loved visiting with you every summer, sitting around laughing with my father as well. My boys always thought of you so fondly and will miss you very much. Our thoughts and prayers are with all the family. We love you, Lucinda, Noah and Aidan###imported-begin###Lucinda LaBella###imported-end##

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August 24, 2009 at 08:49 PM



“ Sharon, I was so sorry to hear of your father's passing. We both know that he is in heaven. I just want you to know that I remember him as a very wonderful person. I always enjoyed visiting with him in the office. He was a true delight and I also remember so well, when I went to his house on Jay street when he interviewed Elizabeth Harrison (then Velasco)before he would rent her the house across the street.I went to support her and vouch for her integrity. He was very sweet. I feel lucky to have met him. God bless you and your family. Sincerely, Maggie Cheron.###imported-begin###Margarita Perez-Cheron, M.D.###imported-end##

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August 21, 2009 at 11:44 AM



“ Each life is a miracle that changes the world and leaves it a better place than it was before. That's how I feel about your Dad, Poppy as he was known to all of us. His presence always brightened the room. I am honored to have someone so special in my life. All my love and sympathy to his family.###imported-begin###Ann Marie###imported-end##

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August 21, 2009 at 02:50 AM



“ My sympathies to the family as you mourn the loss of your Poppy. My prayers are with you all. May you remember him fondly and think often of the precious memories you have of your lives with him. God Bless you.##imported-begin##Janet Adams##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 04:00 PM



“ As a young boy growing up in East Utica I will always remember a good neighbor especially "The Potato Chip Man" I remember his smile and his wit most of all. My most sincere condolences to the LaBella families. Paul Mangano##imported-begin##Paul Mangano##imported-end##

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August 20, 2009 at 09:53 AM



“ To the LaBella Family:  
My deepest sympathy to you all. I have been employed with Pepsi-Cola company locally for 23 years, and I can remember Bill calling here on different occasions, I would always sing his name to him and that made his whole day. I think I have only met him a couple of times, but always spoke with him on the phone.. I will surely miss singing his name to him.. He will be missed...##imported-begin##Carla Mondy-Kolwaite##imported-end##

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August 19, 2009 at 11:52 AM



“ Sherry and Billy and your families,

*I am so sorry I will not be able to make the funeral given that I will be away ..Uncle Bill was a special uncle to me and a very special brother to my Mom. She (and I) will miss him dearly but we will focus our grief on remembering many of the good times and joy he shared with us. Our prayers are with you and your families and of course Uncle Bill who will no doubt join his brothers and sisters, his wife and others in restful peace.*

*May God bless,*

*Ronni and Cos Mallozzi and our kids David and Karen##imported-begin##Cos Mallozzi##imported-end##*

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August 19, 2009 at 06:41 AM



“ We miss you and love you Poppy. We are so proud to have our son, Jackson Moses, carry on the LaBella family name. With a great-grandfather so wonderful, he'll be proud to share the LaBella name too. You are in our hearts always.##imported-begin##Jenni LaBella##imported-end##

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August 18, 2009 at 09:52 PM



“ Uncle Bill, you were special in so many ways -- always upbeat and happy, gentle and generous, kind and caring, loving, and always laughing. You lit up every room you walked into and brought joy to every person you encountered. You had a million dollar personality and we will never forget you because of it. You lived a beautiful, full life for 90 years, but the world would have been better if you could have lived another 90. My Dad looked up to you and admired you his whole life, and we've always felt exactly the same. Thank you for being a wonderful uncle.  
Love, Gary and Jeanne###imported-begin##Gary and Jeanne LaBella###imported-end##

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August 18, 2009 at 09:36 PM



“ I miss you and I love you Pop!###imported-begin##Aaron LaBella###imported-end##

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August 18, 2009 at 09:17 PM