



William R. "Bill" Kelly

November 23, 1941 - December 10, 2008

Mr. William R. "Bill" Kelly, age 67, of Utica, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 in the comfort of his home with his loving family by his side.

Born in Utica on November 23, 1941, William was the son of the late Michael T. and Estella (Knicka) Kelly. Raised and educated locally, he was a graduate of Utica Free Academy. A veteran of the U. S. Army, he served his country honorably during the Vietnam War. On August 28, 1971 he married the former Linda M. Shires with whom he shared 37 years in a loving and devoted union. At one time, Bill was employed with the Utica City School District. A very outgoing and affable person, he shared his love generously. His life was dedicated to the happiness and well-being of his loved ones and his family was always the most important part of his life. Warm-hearted and mild-mannered, Bill treasured the time spent with his grandson. He loved athletics and sporting events, enjoyed bowling, played baseball and basketball (affectionately known as "Wild Bill"), and also had a passion for singing. He frequented Ambrosia's Bar to share in the comradery of his friends. He was a member of the Teamsters Union, and the Knights of Columbus, and he was a parishioner of the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Bill is survived by his wife, Linda; his daughters, Kimberly M. Kelly, and Kristin L. Kelly, both of Utica; and his grandson, Jesse Pittman, who was the apple of his grandpa's eye. Survivors also include his step-sisters and brother-in-law, Eleanor and Ernie Murawski of Marcy, and Dolores LaVentura of New

Hartford; his step-brother, Eugene F. Armata of Utica; his mother-in-law, Maryat Shires; and his in-laws, Antoinette Kelly, Joseph Shires, John "Randy" and Elizabeth Shires, all of Utica; Marilyn and Thomas Hemmerick of Nevada, Carol and Bruce Alden of Utica, Patricia Shires and Peter Augustowski, Sherry and Terrance Lipinski; his nieces and nephews, especially acknowledging Michael Kelly and fiancée Sandy; Steven and Diane Kelly who affectionately referred to him as "Uncle Billy Fa Così"; Joyce and Fidel Sanchez, Lisa Mott, Linda Kelly, Terrance Murowski, Thomas Murowski, George M. LaVenture, and Gail M. Beacham; great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and many friends especially acknowledging Francis Barberio, Tom Colluzzi, Paul Rizzo, Bob Loughlin, Matt Durr, Matt Worth, Ronnie Cousins, John Joswick and Joe Berretta. He was predeceased by his brothers, Michael T. Kelly, and John P. Kelly; his sister, Geraldine Hurd; his step-brother, Edward J. Armata; his father-in-law, Joseph Shires; and his friends, Frank Carbone, and Tony Barberio.

The family is grateful to Dr. Fayez Chahfe and his staff, Dr. Fred Talarico and his assistant Pat Rosati, and the nurses of 3B at St. Elizabeth Medical Center, for their care and concern; and Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. for their compassion and vigilance.

Visitation will be held Thursday (today) from 4:00-8:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The Knights of Columbus will join at the funeral home at 7:30 this evening for a prayer service. Bill's funeral service will commence on Friday morning at 9:00 from the funeral home and at 10:00 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment with Military Honors will follow at Calvary Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ Eannace Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William R. "Bill" Kelly



Eannace Funeral Home, Inc. - December 10, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ VUIHHX hfN2cnPosa82GhrpCayYr##imported-begin##paul##imported-end##

June 18, 2009 at 10:12 PM



“ Dad so it's me again...always thinking about you..I miss all of our time we spent together..##imported-begin##Kimmy##imported-end##

January 21, 2009 at 10:34 PM



“ Aunt Linda, Kimmy, and Kristy . . . My deepest sympathies to all of you. Uncle Bill will be missed so deeply. He has had such a huge impact on all of our lives. He will never be forgotten and will always be thought of with tenderness, love, and joy. I pray for family and friends to comfort each of you, faith to uphold you, and loving memories to help you smile again.

Love always, Diana

P.S. Charles wore his Syracuse shirt he got from Uncle Bill to school yesterday. And he wore it proudly!!###imported-begin##Diana Kelly###imported-end##

December 23, 2008 at 06:52 PM



“ While we worked together in the school system as well as chance meetings afterward, we shared pleasant times discussing our common interests of family, friends, and community. The enduring qualities Bill exhibited were highlighted by his unfailing and loving concern for his family. I truly miss him.###imported-begin##Bill Griffin###imported-end##

December 19, 2008 at 09:52 AM



“ Linda,kimmy,kristen and jesse: I was saddened to hear about Bill's passing...please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time..i know he will be greatly missed!

Love

Sarah###imported-begin##sarah hensel###imported-end##

December 19, 2008 at 08:41 AM



“ Linda, Kimmy, and Kristen;
Wow, the memories of sitting in the kitchen and yakking with Bill, so many years ago!
He was a big part of Christian's life for many years, and it meant a lot to me that he was so loving to a disabled child. I know you will miss him very much, and we will all pray for God to comfort you during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##Terry Marshall
##imported-end##

December 19, 2008 at 07:48 AM



“ Kim ,

Sorry for your loss . My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family .##imported-begin##Raul Marrero##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 05:56 PM



“ Linda, Kim, Jess & Krissy.... We're sorry to hear about your loss. Our heartfelt prayers go out to all of you. Kim, my most fond memory was with you walking hand in hand with your Dad down Fairfax as a little girl.....I always thought that was so special. Your memories will always keep him alive in your heart. God Bless and rest in peace Bill.##imported-begin##Gini & Tony D'Alessandro##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 03:00 PM



“ To the best Uncle that my kids can ever ask for, and a great brother-in-law you were there all the time for them. Your jokes will be missed and laughter that put a smile on everyone's face. You will always be in our hearts and memories. Now you are resting in peace with your brothers, and sister Micky, Johnny, and Geri. Your loving sister-in-law Antoinette....##imported-begin##Antoinette Kelly##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 02:48 PM



“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Kelly family. I never had the opportunity to know you Bill but the honor to be close to your family. RIP GOD BLESS!!!##imported-begin##Natacha(gina)##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 08:39 AM



“ to linda and family linda i'm so sorry for your loss. i can remember when you first fell in love with bill. you were so happy and very much in love. i know that he was the love of your life. you were such a wonderful wife, as you are also such a wonderful person. you took such good care of bill and he loved you so much. you are such a strong woman and i know that you and your family are going to be fine. bill will be watching over all of you. i pray that God keeps your family strong in your time of loss. you will be in my prayers always. God bless you and your family. marylisa##imported-begin##marylisa (lucenti)rimmer##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 07:34 AM



“ *Linda, Kim, Kris, and Jesse:*

Our prayers are with all of you during this difficult time. We know how hard it is to say goodbye to someone that you love so dear and hold close to your heart. Bill will always be remembered as a wonderful brother in law and a terrific uncle. We will miss all the wonderful times we have shared over the years and especially miss his singing at family parties. God has taken Bill from us at this time but he has better plans for him as he was needed for heaven's choir of angels. He will be watching over all of you from up above.

We know how hard the past few months have been on all of you physically and emotionally and just want to remind you that if you ever need anything that we will always be there for you.

Love,

Terry, Sherry and Lil Terry##imported-begin##The Lipinski's##imported-end##

December 18, 2008 at 01:29 AM



“ *Kelly Family:*

I'm so sorry for your loss. He was a good man and will be missed by many people. If you need anything don't hesitate to call me.

Love you guys!##imported-begin##Amy Palmer##imported-end##

December 17, 2008 at 09:12 PM



“ Linda Kim Krissy and Jes-

My heart is with you all! I sure wish I could be there to give you comfort and support. Please know that you are all in my prayers. When i think of Bill I re-live my childhood he definately has left me with some great memories! I know that your dad will be watching over you all and believe me he will find a way to let you know he is there. I love you all and hope you can feel my hugs in your hearts during this moment in your life. I am and will always be here for you no matter how many miles we have between us.xoxo

Love~ Jenny

RIP Bill and Thank you for the memories you have left behind!##imported-begin##Jenny Transou & Family##imported-end##

December 17, 2008 at 03:56 PM



“ *Although I never met Bill , my life has been blessed by knowing his family: There is nothing better after we pass than to be kept alive as we are remembered by those we have left behind. May God Bless your family and give them peace and joy knowing that he is forever with our Lord.##imported-begin##Rina, Jeff, Jeffrey & Hannah ##imported-end##*

December 17, 2008 at 03:33 PM



“ DEAR LINDA, KIM AND KRISTEN I JUST OPENED THE PAPER AND COULDN'T BELIEVE WHAT I SAW. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS GO TO ALL OF YOU AND YOU FAMILY. HAVING LOST BOTH MY FATHER AND MOTHER WITHIN PAST 3 MONTHS KNOW HOW DIFFICULT A TIME YOU ARE GOING THROUGH. BILL WAS A GREAT MAN ALWAYS FRIENDLY & KIND . HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED I STILL REMEMBER THE TIMES WE SPENT TOGETHER. AND HOW HE LOVED TO SERENADE . GOD BLESS AND IF YOU NEED ANYONE TO TALK TO YOU HAVE MY NUMBER. TAKE CARE TAMMY##imported-begin##TAMMY##imported-end##

December 17, 2008 at 11:42 AM



“ Dear Linda, Kim, Kris & Jesse

We're holding all of you in our hearts and prayers during your time of loss. Wish we could be there for you all. It's been a lot of years of good and not so good memories for all of us, but God gives us the strength to do the things we have to do.

I remember the first time you saw "HIM", boy did he turn your world upside down. You went "GaGa" over him and then your life began together. The kids came and grew and then the Granson you shared together. All the parties you had every weekend and all the people who came and enjoyed, Wow, all the memories, toooooo many to write down.

Of all the memories the best was how you loved one another, and Lin you proved it by how well you took care of him. No one else could or would have done the things you did for "HIM" and only because you loved "HIM".

Bill you had the best and now GOD has other plans for you. WE hope your party is a good one, the best you've ever had. WE love you and will miss you.

I'll always remember you because I was there when it all began, the day you turned her world upside down. Our Love and Prayers go out to all of you.

Love

Marilyn & Tom

Hemmerick

December 17, 2008 at 02:01 AM



“ To my greatest Uncle a nephew could ever ask for in a lifetime. The memories will always last forever, the days that you took me to the playground and hit me fly ball and told me that "Mickey Mantle would of caught that!" To the day you would come home during the Vietnam War with your GI bag and dressed in your fatigues, you were always my hero. I will always come home from Denver, and visit you, and crack open a cold one and continue the good times i shared with you my whole life. "YOU BE MISSED BUT NEVER BE FORGOTTEN!!!! I LOVE YOU!!!!##imported-begin##steve kelly##imported-end##

December 15, 2008 at 01:58 PM



“ Linda & Family;
I am so sorry for your loss. He will be missed so much. He was a wonderful man. God Bless you all.##imported-begin##Audrey Mackey (Dr. Chahfe Office)##imported-end##

December 15, 2008 at 10:56 AM



“ Dearest Linda and Family,

My cousin Connie sent me an e-mail and I just received it this evening. I am so sorry to hear about Bill passing on. I will always remember the wonderful times we had together in our earlier years when you two were first married. The fun times we had and all the laughter.

Seeing you two grow in love and then seeing you start your family. Love so many things but most of all, it is the sharing and caring of two hearts and lives. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time.

Love, your friend always,

Linda###imported-begin##Linda A. Rastani###imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 07:22 PM



“ Dad, hey i miss you so much and love you. I will make sure mom is doing well and taking care of. I will miss all the nagging you do and you bothering me every night in the room well i will see you again someday. Miss you and love you###imported-begin##krissy###imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 04:40 PM



“ Hey your sports teams are doin good I am watching all of them.....I will talk to you again later.... Love JeSsE###imported-begin##To the best granp###imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 04:33 PM



“ Dear Linda and Family.. I know that this is one of the hardest times that you will face in your life, but know that Bill will suffer no more, and that he is now your and your children and grandchildren's guardian angel. Linda, you were a wonderful wife and friend to Bill, and you always, stood by his side, through good and bad, and that is what Love and marriage is all about! He was blessed with a wonderful family, and now he will always bless and be with you and his family. God Bless you all and take care of you in your time of sorrow. Please let me know if there is anything I could do for you. Love, your friend Linda Sciortino##imported-begin##Linda Sciortino##imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 03:05 PM



“ To the best man in the world to me. You mean everything...We shared a lot of good times together and through all the difficult times we still loved one another..Through everything you were going through we still stayed strong and you were a fighter and never gave up and I LOVE YOU SO MUCH. You gave me the world unconditionally...You will remain WILD BILL in my eyes always and forever..Please get rest and we will be okay because I know that you are still beside me at all times and that you will always be watching over me and the kids.. I MISS MY HUSBAND FOREVER...Love your wife...##imported-begin##To MY Loving Husband##imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 05:07 AM



“ To the best father anyone could ask for..I watched you struggle through this difficult time and I now know that this was meant to be.. GOD was asking for someone as good as you to be with him and watch over us and I know that you will still take care of myself and Jesse every step of the way..I LOVE YOU and will see you soon someday DAD...Miss You Every Minute...Please watch over Me. REST IN PEACE this is not the end of our time.##imported-begin##Daughter Kimmy##imported-end##

December 14, 2008 at 04:56 AM



“ To the Kelly Family,
I am so sorry to hear about the loss of Bill, I met him through my dad while working for the school system. He was a great guy. My prayers are with all of you. Rest in peace Bill.##imported-begin##Debbie Barbero##imported-end##

December 13, 2008 at 03:15 PM



“ There's a party going on in Heaven!! You will be missed on 3B Bill. Lots of Love.##imported-begin##MaryAnne Smalls##imported-end##

December 12, 2008 at 08:20 PM