



William Howard

February 23, 2014

Mr. William L. Howard, 78, of 154 Walker St. North Adams, passed away early Sunday morning, February 23, 2014, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, surrounded by his loving family, after a 13 year battle with Parkinson's Disease.

He was born in Lynn, MA on May 24, 1935, son of the late Clyde and Helen (Trainor) Howard. He moved to Williamstown at age 7, where he was raised by his foster parents, Louis and Vivian (Larabee) McLain. He attended Williamstown Schools, and graduated from the former Williamstown High School in 1953.

He was a Veteran of the Korean Conflict, serving with the US Air Force from 1954 until his Honorable Discharge in 1957.

Bill first worked for the former A & P Supermarket in North Adams for many years, until 1982. He then worked for Adams Laundry and Dry Cleaning Co. in Adams until retiring in 2000.

He was a communicant of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church, North Adams, and of the former Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Church. He was a member of Dr. George L. Curran Post 996 Veterans of Foreign Wars, North Adams. He was the ultimate family man who enjoyed every moment spent with his wife, his two boys, and his grandchildren. He was a lifelong New York Yankees and Los Angeles/St. Louis Rams fan.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, the former Denise A. Beauchemin, whom he married on Sept. 12, 1959 in Notre Dame du Sacre Coeur Church;

his 2 sons, Keith Howard of Adams, and Brian Howard and his wife Barbara of Manlius, NY;

his grandchildren, Kevin, Stefanie and Alexandra Howard;

a sister-in-law, June McLain of Williamstown; and several nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

He was predeceased by his foster brothers, Stewart and Ralph McLain.

Bill's family would like to thank the staff members at Berkshire Medical Center and at Williamstown Commons for the excellent care they provided to Bill in his final days.

The funeral will be held on Thursday, Feb. 27th, at 9:45 AM from the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth's Church, North Adams.

Burial will follow in Southview Cemetery, North Adams.

Calling hours are Wednesday from 4 to 7 PM at the funeral home.

Memorial donations may be made to HospiceCare in the Berkshires, 877 South St. Pittsfield, MA 01201.

Tribute Wall

DR

“ Denise,
I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I'm still in FL so will not be at the funeral. I'm sending prayers and many hugs to you and your boys.
I will be in touch when I get home.
Love, Denise

Denise Ricè - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ Denise, so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great man and will be truly missed at the luncheons. Our best to you and your family at this sad time. Red & Arline Richer in Ormond Beach, FL.

June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

AV

“ Keith and family, Sincere condolences, and wishes that fondest memories sustain you during this most difficult of times. Your Dad fought a long and brave battle, and now he is finally at rest in God's loving arms. PEACE be with you.

Alice Vigna - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

EH

“ Dear Denise and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Bill was very special to both Eddie and me. May happy memories comfort you as you adjust to life without Bill. Know he is no longer struggling against impossible odds and is at peace.

Esther Herrick - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

RS

“ Remembering Bill as a true family man with warmth and tender stories that we shared at holiday feasts and special times at Brian and Barbara's homes. The laughter over card games will remain special and dear to our hearts. He will no doubt be missed by all.

Rosalyn Synakowski - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

JC

“ Denise, Keith, Brian and the entire Howard Family, So sorry for your loss . Bill truly was a very great man, and when his obituary stated he was the ultimate family man, it could not be any more accurate .He was a wonderful Human Being and we both feel that we were so privileged. to have known him for all of these years . Keith and Brian, you are both great. and wonderful sons and its very easy to see how devoted you have been to both of your parents. It is very cliché, to say that great memories of happier times will help to sustain you through this very difficult time, but in this case we know it is true ! May Bill rest in peace, and may you all know that your new Guardian Angel will remain in your hearts , and will always be watching over you .

Joe and Dale cookis - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ Denise - we are so sorry about Bill's passing. He was always such a gentle person and very loved. Our prayers are with you. Love Bob & Barb White

June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

MR

“ Keith, Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. May he rest in peace.

Marian Roper - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

AH

“ *William Howard*

Ally Howard - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM



“ *Denise & family, I was fortunate enough to meet Pepe/Bill for the time I was with Kevin. He exemplified what it meant to be a great husband, friend and companion. I have some wonderful memories with Kevin and Pepe just watching Jeopardy and talking nascar or basketball. God be with you all during this time. Sincerely, Stephanie Chiera*

June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

DM

“ *Brian, Very sorry for your loss.*

David McKenney - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

GM

“ *Brian, Barbara and Ally, Sorry for your loss. Keeping you and your father/grandpa in my prayers. May he rest peacefully.*

Glen Martin - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM

BT

“ *Keith, Sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Thoughts and prayers to you and your family.*

Brian Tomkowicz - June 07, 2018 at 12:27 PM