



## Mr. William E. Michaels

December 29, 1933 - September 27, 2017

William E. Michaels of Cheshire joined his wife to make their new home in Heaven on September 27, 2017. He passed at home in the arms of his loving family after a short battle with cancer.

Born in North Adams on December 29th, 1933, he was the son of the late William and Albena ( St. Pierre) Michaels. After graduating from St Joseph's High School in 1951, Bill honorably chose to serve our country in the US Navy Submarine Service from 1951-1955. After leaving his military service, he quickly entered and graduated from the GE Apprentice Program and began a successful 36 year career with GE, retiring as a Manager of the Power Transformer division in Pittsfield in 1991. Over the years, he served as a President of the former Cartier Cub Auxiliary & Adams Turn Hall. A former Eagle Scout, he served as a Scout Master for 13 Years - Troop 36 North Adams.

On May 5th, 1956, he married the late Theresa C. Clairmont. Together, their family grew as they added 5 children. Bill and Theresa's life priorities focused on children, parents and family. (His mother came from the St. Pierre family – 17 children). Dad valued relationships with family and stayed in contact with many. In the end, what he valued came back to him in his final weeks as his children, siblings, aunt, cousins and grandchildren made visits and calls.

Parties were a regular event, and both family and friends loved to meet at the Michael's pool, socialize, eat barbecue and just have fun. The children treasure many memories from growing up with family. During his employment

at GE, Bill had numerous opportunities for promotion, but they required him to leave the area. He repeatedly chose to keep his family rooted in the Berkshires. Bill and Theresa celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary shortly before her passing in September of 2016. He was deeply saddened by her passing and ultimately wanted to join her in Heaven. With his "bigger than life" personality, Bill was a joker who loved to make people laugh. He never met a stranger, was interested in each person he met, and always made new friends. Most importantly, he was always available and was a wonderful friend to his children and grandchildren. His wonderful sense of humor remained with him, and us, throughout his final days.

Bill is survived by his children: William (Emelia) of Washington, DC, David (Clarisse) of St Petersburg, FL, Kenneth (Linda) of New York City, Linda Michaels- Negri (Domenic) of Cheshire, and Gary (Mark Lee) of Pensacola, FL. He leaves three siblings: Thomas (Dorothy) of New Smyrna, FL, Barbara (James) Quinton of Sanford, ME, John (Susan) of Saco, ME. He is predeceased by his brother Robert of North Adams who passed in 1966. Bill is also survived by 10 grandchildren: Jessica, Jay, Philip, Jennifer, Jacob, Corey, Christopher, Cody, Matthew and Carrie, as well as five great grandchildren: Gavin, Sienna, Sage, Flynn and Colton. He was predeceased by his grandson, Joshua.

In his final days, he cherished the care and compassion that he received from his family. The family would like to thank Hospice Services of Western Massachusetts and Bill's special caretaker Wendy Trotter, as well as his special friend Father Steve Montesanti.

The funeral will be held on Saturday October 7th at 10am at the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac Street, Adams, officiated by Rev. Steven Montesanti, Pastor of the Parish of St. John Paul II, Adams.

Burial will follow in the family lot at Southview Cemetery, North Adams. Calling hours are Saturday morning from 9am until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Flowers in care of funeral home or in lieu of flowers his family requests that donations be made to the Notre Dame Memorial Fund, 21 Maple Street Adams, MA 01220.

# Tribute Wall

BB

“ Dearest Linda & Family Our deepest condolences on your Dad's passing. May God and his angels comfort you during this difficult time. It was a pleasure to meet your Dad this summer. Barb & Tom

Barbara Bessette - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

JL

“ I worked with Bill for many years at GE. He always had a smile on his face, a joke to share and a passion for getting the job done. He was a people person through and through. My most heartfelt condolences goes out to his family.

John Lipa - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM



“ Our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you all. Love, John and Elaine Daniels

June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

FA

“ Very sorry to read this. May God bless Bill and his family. We spent many a New Years Eve with Bill and Terry, as well as functions at the Cartier Club. His smile was contagious.

Fran Alarie - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

KM

“ Linda and family, deepest sympathy to all! I had no idea he was so ill. I pray for you and all you have been through this last year! Linda, if there is anything I can do please call on me. You were there for me when my mom passed! Anything at all....deepest condolences to you and your family. Kryssie Massaconi

Kryssie Massaconi - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

SS

“ A life well lived. He gave each and every individual his full attention and a genuine smile. Some might call that charm, but in his case, it was better called unspoiled goodness. This world's loss is Heaven's gain. Deep condolences to those he loved.

Susan and Ed St.Pierre - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

KM

I often come back just to read comments and only now am able to reply. Thank you for your kindness and fond memory of my Dad. It was such an honor to have his "charm" all the time in my life and his love of life. His joking style to just about everything made me laugh my entire life. My very best always to you.

Ken Michaels - January 18, 2019 at 02:08 PM

SL

“ My condolences to the entire Michaels family. While I never met Mr. William Michaels, I have known his son Ken for many years and so can claim acquaintance with those wonderful traits of boundless enthusiasm, sense of humor, commitment to ideals and loyalty to family, friends and colleagues. The apple doesn't fall far, so his spirit lives on.

Scott Lubeck - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

PP

“ He was the life of every StPierre party, in fact, people would wait for him to show up so the fun would really begin. I remember when he and Terry just got back from their honeymoon and they visited my parents. It was the loudest most fun night in our house as my brother and I spied on them from upstairs. We are very grateful to both of them for lighting up our lives many, many, times.

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**Peter Pilot** - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

LN

“ Dearest Linda and brothers...I am so sorry for your loss. We can only be comforted knowing that dad is with mom now and forever watching over the exceptional family their love created. Keep treasured memories fondly in your hearts. You are in my thoughts and prayers

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**Laurie Nichols** - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

BD

“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on William's passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for William's service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother we say, Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country." "Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way." 2 Thess 3:16. William E. Michaels, US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol. Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate. Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

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**Bill Dixon** - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

KT

“ Linda, My condolences to you and your family. I only knew your dad for a short time, but he was so full of life and fun to be around. Now he is at peace with your mom . Lots of hugs , Kelley Taylor

Kelley Taylor - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

KM

“ I would like to thank the Paciorek Funeral Home and Tom in particular for superb support and professionalism. All the friends and family who were in attendance and those who couldn't that were offering prayers, love and support. And a special thanks to Father Steve whose special divine guidance, love, and support to my father and the family will never be forgotten.

Ken Michaels - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM

NN

“ To the Michaels Family, On behalf of the Charleston Base SUBVETS and Swamp Fox Chapter SUBVETS WWII, I offer you our sincere condolences on William's passing. We grieve with you on the loss of your loved one and our shipmate. The SUBVETS will have your family in our thoughts and prayers. There is no expiration date on the back of our dolphins and William will always be remembered as a Brother of the Phin and a great Patriot.(SS) William E. MichaelsUS Navy Submarine Veteran Now on Eternal PatrolSailor Rest Your Oar Your Shipmates Have The WatchFair Winds and Following Seas ShipmateCharleston Base Submarine VeteransNick Nichols, MTCM(SS) USN Ret.Base Chaplain

Nick Nichols - June 07, 2018 at 11:01 AM