



William Christopher Carney

February 23, 1933 - December 20, 2025

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2/23/1933 – 12/20/2025

William (Bill) Carney, born in Haverhill, Massachusetts in 1933, passed away peacefully at home at the age of 92 on 12/20/2025. He was predeceased by his wife, Maura (Fitzgerald) Carney. Bill is survived by his five children: Kathy (Warwick), Chris (Teresa), Michael (Janice), Kevin (Mary), and Jim (Julie). He also leaves behind 15 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren.

Bill proudly served in the United States Army in the 1950s. Upon returning home, he met his beloved Maura, and three years later, after graduating from Merrimack College in Andover, Massachusetts, they were married. In 1962, Bill and Maura moved to Rochester, NY, purchasing their family home in Chili. Within seven years, their family had grown to seven members.

Bill was deeply committed to giving back to his community. For over 40 years, he and Maura were active members of St Pius X Church in Chili, volunteering in many areas such as Boy Scouts, Bingo, the annual church fair, and the 'Aching Arms' group. In 1969, Bill helped found Chili's 'Little Guy Soccer', furthering his dedication to the local community. Later, when Maura resided at the Friendly Home, Bill served as a dedicated volunteer at the nursing home's café. Bill has been a member of the Avon Lions Club since 2019. He found strength and community as a devoted friend of Bill W., and he shared his experience and guidance by chairing a local meeting for several years.

Maura was diagnosed with Multiple Sclerosis in the 1980s, but together they

continued to live full and rich lives, including several trips to Australia. As Maura's condition progressed, Bill became her devoted caregiver and managed all household responsibilities, making the most of his skills as a very capable cook.

As Bill's health declined later in life, he faced changes with remarkable grace, usually responding to inquiries about his well-being with 'I can't complain'. For nearly seven years, Bill lived with Jim and Julie in Avon, NY, where he received exceptional care. He frequently expressed his gratitude for their support and love. Bill remained with their family until his passing, surrounded by the love of family both near and far.

Bill will be fondly remembered by his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren for many things. He could have a detailed conversation regarding just about anything. He loved reminiscing about his growing up in Haverhill, his time in the Army, and the many friends made along the way. His general knowledge was exceptional and even in his last week, he was able to awaken and answer the final Jeopardy question!

Bill will be deeply missed. His legacy of compassion, caring for others, resilience, grace, and strength in the face of adversity will proudly be carried on by his family. His loved ones remain forever grateful for the examples set by Bill and Maura, who created a home that was loving, nurturing, and welcoming to all.

The family is deeply thankful to The Livingston County Hospice for the kindness and care shown during his final weeks, with special appreciation to his nurses, Brandi and Paula, and social worker, Serena, for their unwavering support.

Family and friends are invited to Bill's Funeral Mass Saturday, January 17th at 10am at St. Pius Tenth Church, 3000 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624. Private interment.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JAN 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius Tenth Church
3000 Chili Ave
Rochester, NY 14624

Tribute Wall



“ I am forever grateful for having Bill Carney and his family in my life. He was a good tired and will be missed by many...but let us rejoice and dance in his honor every time we hear Proud Mary! In peace & love, Mindy

Kathy Chin - January 11 at 08:43 AM



“ Clay & Kathy (Mindy) purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Christopher Carney.



Clay & Kathy (Mindy) - January 11 at 08:33 AM



“ Clay & Kathy (Mindy) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Christopher Carney.

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“ Amy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Christopher Carney.

Amy H. - January 01 at 10:34 AM

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“ *Katie S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Christopher Carney.*

Katie S. - December 30, 2025 at 01:42 PM