



William Kulp

January 3, 1945 - July 27, 2023

Chili: Bill was predeceased by his parents, Milton and Faith; brother, Michael; and sister Sandra Greening. Survived by his children, Jeremy (Liz), Melissa and Joshua (Franki); grandchildren, Alexander, Madison, Christopher, Elliana, Mia, Brielle and River; sister, Denise (Daniel) Cavallaro; special friend, Nancy Churnetski; and several nieces, nephews and dear friends.

Bill was born January 3, 1945 in Rochester, NY to Faith and Leo Bahr. Faith later re-married to Milton Kulp who legally adopted Bill and his older siblings Michael and Sandra. Faith and Milton went on to have one child together, Denise. Bill was a graduate of Rush-Henrietta High School, Class of 1962. Bill was an avid runner who was on the track team and cross-country running team.

In 1967 Bill began working as a Probation Officer for the Monroe County Office of Probation. Bill was drafted into the United States Army in May of 1968 and served in Vietnam for a little over a year before returning home to Rochester and receiving an Honorable Discharge. For his service, Bill received the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, 2 Bronze Stars, and an Army Commendation Medal. After returning home, Bill resumed working as a Probation Officer where he remained until his retirement as a Senior Probation Officer and Coordinator of Community Service Sentencing Program in 1999.

In 1973 Bill starting dating Jan Schmitt who he met while they were working together for the Office of Probation. Bill and Jan were married in April of 1975 and later had 3 children together, Jeremy, Melissa and Joshua. In 1978 Bill received his Masters Degree in Community Services from the University of Rochester. Bill was a devoted, loving husband and father. The family took yearly trips to the Adirondacks for many years and made many happy memories together. Sadly, Bill and Jan's marriage ended in 2011 but they remained friends until the end, seeing each other often and talking on the phone almost every day. During his last days, Jan visited Bill at the hospital every day; reminding him that he was surrounded by family that loved him very much.

12 years ago, Bill reconnected with Nancy Churnetski who he had first met in 1960 when they attended High School together. Nancy has been a constant source of love and support for Bill over those past 12 years. Bill and Nancy spent countless hours talking on

the phone with multiple phone calls a day. They were able to make many cherished memories together. Nancy would visit with Bill weekly during his time in Assisted Living and was with him every day during his most recent hospital stay.

Bill was immensely proud of all of his children and celebrated every one of their accomplishments no matter how big or small. He would brag about his kids to anyone who would listen. Bill was also a proud and loving grandpa to Alex, Madison, Chris, Ellie, Mia, Brielle and River. Bill cherished every minute that he was able to spend with his grandkids. His grandkids brought joy to his heart even on the darkest days.

Bill's humor and sarcasm were an acquired taste for many, but those that were closest to him wouldn't change him for the world. He loved music, travel, lighthouses, crossword puzzles and was a trivia enthusiast. One of Bill's favorite places to visit was the Charlotte-Genesee lighthouse. Bill also loved to sing songs from TV shows and jingles from commercials, especially the Bumblebee Tuna jingle. Bill overcame many obstacles in his life but he was a fighter until the end.

Bill passed away peacefully on the evening of July 27, 2023 at Hildebrandt Hospice Care Center after fighting a brief but devastating illness. He was surrounded by love and photos of his grandkids at the time of his passing. Bill was loved by many and will be deeply missed by all. We take comfort in knowing that he is at peace and his suffering has ended. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the staff of Unity Hospital INCU (2400) and Hildebrandt Hospice Care Center.

Family and friends may call at the Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home, 2771 Chili Ave. Rochester, NY 14624 on Thursday, August 3rd from 3-6pm. Funeral Service Friday 10am at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hildebrandt Hospice Care Center (Lifetime Care Hospice) 3111 South Winton Rd. Rochester, NY 14623.

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 3. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 67 files added to the album LifeTributes



Leo M. Bean and Sons Funeral Home - August 03, 2023 at 08:41 AM

HE

“ I will remember and love my Uncle Bill always. I can hardly think of a childhood memory of a holiday or summer weekend sleepover with my cousins without him part of it. Always teasing us and making us laugh, truly never a dull moment. He put a spark in life that no one could deny. For me, he lives on through his 3 incredible children, my cousins who mean so much to me. We will see you again Uncle Bill, at your home in paradise 💙

Heidi - August 02, 2023 at 09:53 PM

GT

“ I had the pleasure of working with Bill at Probation for 21 years. I loved his brand of humor & do remember his recall of tv themes & trivia! Fill your hearts with happy memories of Bill.

Gail Turzillo - August 02, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Kulp.



August 01, 2023 at 11:01 AM

JB

“ *May you rest in peace. It was a pleasure to know you and have dinner at Nancy's many times.*

Janice Barnum

Janice Barnum - July 31, 2023 at 06:37 PM

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“ *Nancy Churnetski (Friend) lit a candle in memory of William Kulp*



Nancy Churnetski (Friend) - July 31, 2023 at 02:54 PM

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Nancy Churnetski (Friend) - July 31, 2023 at 02:33 PM

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“ *To Bill's fortunate family ~ Bill expressed the love he had for all of you very often. He always kept his promises and did all he could possibly do for you. I offer sympathy to all who were close with Bill and those who suffer because of the loss of a marvelous man.*

I was fortunate to have had Bill as a very sincere dear friend of mine for the past twelve years. He was a genuine individual, extremely kind, loving and a joy to be with. We made shared moments daily for all of those years, and I will cherish those memories forever. I pray Bill is now comfortable and free of any suffering.

The heartache I feel today is because of my loss of his being. Knowing daily that Bill was a part of my life, that his voice would be heard and his touch would be felt, I am now at a loss I have never experienced in my life. Our relationship was amazing. I am thankful for my life and to have been special enough to have had Bill as an enormous and valued part of it.

I love you.....

Nancy Churnetski (friend) - July 31, 2023 at 02:16 PM

AB

My sympathy to you and his family and friends. My heart hurts once again with the passing of yet another coworker I enjoyed knowing. I'm glad he had a good friend like you and that you will have good and funny memories. He could be quite a cut-up, yet serious at other times. I'm happy he's no longer in pain that seems to have been long endured.

Anita M Boehl - July 31, 2023 at 06:53 PM

SF

Jan, Jeremy, Melissa, Josh and families We were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing and hope that your treasured memories will always live strong in your hearts as he starts his new eternal life. He will be remembered as a great guy who loved his family and friends and always had a smile on his face!

Sue Steve Fish & Family - August 05, 2023 at 02:32 PM

 Mark
Mink

“ *Bill and I worked together at Probation for 25 years, and he always had a ready smile and was a true gentleman.*



Mark Mink - July 31, 2023 at 01:37 PM