



William M. Kianka

May 3, 1938 - December 28, 2015

William M “Bill” Kianka, 77, of Camillus died suddenly on Monday. Born in Syracuse, he served in the US Army and worked at Camillus Cutlery before going to General Motors; retiring from there in 1991.

Bill was an avid golfer, giving everyone tips on how to hit the ball correctly, “keep your head down”. He spent endless hours every winter in the backyard making an ice rink for his children to practice their hockey skills. He enjoyed making wine and knew his wine choices well, “just the one”! He was always at the grandkids sporting events cheering them on, Josh’s racing and Maggie’s volleyball. A hard worker - there wasn’t anything he couldn’t fix. The family wants to give a special thanks to Tina, Jeanne, and Margaret for their loving care and devoting the time from their lives to help care for Bill, "Oh Jesus Christ".

They would also like to thank the staff at Silver Fox Senior Center for their dedication to caring not only for Bill, but other elderly people as well. Bill was predeceased by his daughter Karen (Kianka) McConnell in 2008 and his loving wife of 46 years, Diane, this past June whom he missed terribly.

Bill is survived by his son Michael (Lynda) Kianka of Marcellus; daughter Kristen (Richard) Powell; two grandchildren Joshua and Maggie Kianka; a step-grandchild McKenzie Powell; two sisters Jeanette Kianka and Mary

Elaine Cox both of Syracuse; and several nephews.

Calling hours are Saturday, January 2nd, from 5 to 7 pm at B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, 10 Genesee St., Camillus. Services will follow at 7 pm at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to Silver Fox Senior Center, 22 E Genesee St, Baldwinsville, NY 13027.

Please sign the guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home
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Camillus, NY 13031
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Service

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Tribute Wall



“ So sorry to hear about the loss of Billy. Helen and I were neighbors, friends and fellow "Ukes" from Tip hill. I watched Billy play ball when we were younger. The comments about his passion are accurate.

Ted & Helen Michaels

Ted Michaels - January 02, 2016 at 05:06 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - January 02, 2016 at 02:28 PM



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B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - January 01, 2016 at 11:21 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William M. Kianka.*



January 01, 2016 at 06:19 PM



“ *My parents, Bud and Dorothy Stone, were friends of Bill and Diane's when they lived on Elm St. I heard many remembrances of the backyard skating rinks and summer trips to Duck Lake. I hope they are all together in heaven.*

Both Bill and Diane were good to my parents. I am so sorry that they are no longer with us. May your memories bring you comfort in these difficult days.

Judy Stone Hyatt

Judy Hyatt - December 31, 2015 at 03:55 PM



“ *To the family of Billy, so sorry for your loss. I was a classmate of Billy starting in elementary school. I am sure he will be missed. Pat Petta Jonas*

Patricia Petta Jonas - December 31, 2015 at 11:39 AM

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“ Years ago; I got a call from Diane requesting the ambulance because Bill had fallen off the roof. Asked why she hadn't called fire control; her immediate reply was, "I know your number." Cathy called us Monday night after hearing about Bill's untimely death on the news.
Our prayers are with all of you.
Ray and Belle Brown

Belle Brown - December 31, 2015 at 04:06 AM

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“ Bill I lost count of the times I came across the road to borrow something from your sub terrainian hardware store and ended up staying for " just the one" from the wine cellar but we were never sure if it would be one glass or one bottle. We would talk about soccer and put the world to rights . You would fill me in on your continuing war against the neighborhood squirrels. You had a dry sense of humor which I will never forget.
I will miss the many family get togethers that you and Diane had when your eccentric sisters would entertain everyone.
You were great neighbors and Elm street will never be the same.

Nick ollis from the English side of the road

nick ollis - December 30, 2015 at 10:56 PM

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“ Dad and Jackie (Powell) purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William M. Kianka.



Dad and Jackie (Powell) - December 30, 2015 at 09:02 PM



“ *Bill, I am going to miss our nightly snacks and your funny comments. I'll miss standing at the bottom of the stairs and calling for you to come down and eat. I'll miss our occasional car rides and your "thank you's" when I left for the night. I'll miss tucking you in every night during the week. I'll miss you! Margaret*

Margaret Kordas Gerbsch - December 30, 2015 at 07:17 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William M. Kianka.*



December 30, 2015 at 06:28 PM



“ *Bill, I'm going to miss our mornings together and all your lovely but kind words you would say to me. It wouldn't be appropriate to write them here. Just know I will always be thinking of you! Rest in peace. Tina*

Tina Desso - December 30, 2015 at 05:03 PM