



William "Bill" Rosbrook

October 8, 1941 - January 31, 2023

William Burke Rosbrook (Bill), age 81, finished his work on earth and departed peacefully on January 31, 2023 after several days of prayers, stories and music with his family. Born on October 8, 1941 in Utica, NY to Walter and Genevieve (Burke) Rosbrook, Bill graduated from Kings College in 1963 and attended Albany Law School. He and his beloved wife, Janice, relocated to Syracuse for his first job with Melvin and Melvin Law Firm. Bill and Janice raised their four children in Camillus and Skaneateles. He practiced law in Syracuse for fifty years. He was partner in Melvin and Rosbrook, general counsel for Omega Acquisitions, incorporated Omega Wire Inc., and became president of Auburn Wire Division. He later served as Town Justice for Skaneateles and was a sole practitioner until his retirement. Bill was known to be a resourceful family attorney and an advocate for the underdog.

Bill found joy in conversations with family and friends about everyday encounters and experiences. He enjoyed a full life of many interests. He was a friend of Bill W in the local community. His humor, his gentle manner, and his strong faith brought comfort to many.

Bill was a fervent volunteer for many civic associations. He enjoyed being engaged in his community and held various leadership and board positions. He looked forward to volunteering at his children's swim meets and ski races, and he was an annual volunteer at the Skaneateles Rotary Club's pancake

breakfast. Bill found great joy in his pursuit of the 46 Adirondack High Peaks. He loved baseball and was a long-time fan of the Chicago White Sox. He preferred to walk when he played golf and was a member of Skaneateles Country Club. He loved his time with the James Joyce Club, the Green Gaters Running Club and the downtown Syracuse YMCA where he spent many lunch time hours making lifelong friends. In recent years, he loved to spend time at the Skaneateles Recreation Center. He and his wife shared their faith teaching religious education at St. Joseph's and St. Mary's. His passion for outdoor activities and the arts was passed along to his children and grandchildren.

Bill adored his wife, Janice (Truax) of 58 years. They met in eighth grade and Bill knew Janice was the one. He cherished being involved in his children's lives, and he couldn't wait to hear updates about his grandchildren's pursuits and adventures. He loved to make them laugh with playful anecdotes. With love, Bill leaves behind his children Kathleen Hayden, Bexley, OH, Timothy (Joan), Rome, NY, Jonathan O'Brien (Suzanne), Bristol, RI, and Rebecca Battleson (Jay), Bend, OR; grandchildren Meghan, Peter, and Hannah Hayden; Kathryn, Benjamin, and Nicholas Rosbrook; Burke, Bryce, Margaret, and Lucienne O'Brien; and Kora Battleson. Bill loved his four sisters Mary Mondi (John), Gail Gorczynski (Daniel), Carol Jones (Willard) and Anne Lewis (Robert). He also loved his eleven nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his niece Laura Anne Lewis and his parents Walter and Genevieve.

Calling hours are 10:00 to 11:00 on Saturday, February 4 at St Mary's of the Lake Catholic Church, Skaneateles. A funeral mass will follow calling hours. Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Father Champlin's Guardian Angel Society, 259 E. Onondaga Street, Syracuse, NY 13202 or online at ww.guardianangelsoc.org or Mission Hill Missionaries, 222 West Hartsdale Ave,

Hartsdale, NY 10530 or online at www.millhillmissionaries.com/americas-mission

Please sign the guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary's of the Lake
81 Jordan St
Skaneateles, NY 13152
(315) 685-5083
<https://www.stmarysskaneateles.com/>

Mass

FEB 4. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Janice and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. I was in Florida with John Fox who provided this sad update. I wish I could have come to the service to personally extend my condolences. He was a distinguished person. Jim O'Connor*

James OConnor - February 14, 2023 at 01:03 PM

JV

“ *It was so great to get to know Bill over the years. He was a great inspiration. Janice I'm sorry I missed the calling hours.*

Joseph Viscomi - February 07, 2023 at 08:36 AM

CM

“ *Dear Janice, I was saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I will keep you and Bill in my prayers. Love, Carol H. Malloy*

Carol Hosey Malloy - February 06, 2023 at 11:54 AM

LM

“ *Dear Rosbrook family
Our prayers are with all of you as we recollect warm and fine memories of Bill. He was truly a light in the darkness. “The just man is a light in darkness to the upright “, ps112
I recall numerous kindnesses to myself and my family. Celeste, Ken, and Anthony offer their condolences as well.
May you find peace and lovely memories going forward.
Sincerely
Lorraine and Robert Markley*

Lorraine Markley - February 05, 2023 at 02:21 PM

AC

“ I'm sorry to hear of Bill's passing. As a young lawyer, I do remember the firm of Melvin & Rosbrook and their stellar standing in the legal community. I worked with Bill on various matters over the years..he was gracious, a zealous advocate and easy to work with. He's one of the "old guard" and there aren't many left like him! I'm sure that he will be missed by all who knew him.
Alicia Calagiovanni, Syracuse

Alicia Calagiovanni - February 05, 2023 at 08:35 AM

MS

Sorry to hear of Bills passing, he helped me lead classes to help residents retain their memory skills, and look forward to helping others in need. Always interesting and a pleasure to work with. Sincerely,
Mary Ellen Steele retired Director of Recreation Services at St. Camillus

Mary Ellen Steele - February 05, 2023 at 02:49 PM

LF

“ I was lucky enough to have met Bill at the Skaneateles Community Center/YMCA. I was blessed by his encouraging words and spirit. He was a wonderful person and I am a better person for having met him!

Lisa Finucane - February 04, 2023 at 10:40 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Memories Album



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - February 04, 2023 at 01:45 PM

CS

“ Dear Jan and Family, I was saddened to learn of Bill's passing. He cherished his family, fought for the underdog, and supported his community in numerous capacities. "Well done my good and faithful servant".
Wishing blessings, healing and peace to the entire family.
With love,
Carol Sweet

Carol Sweet - February 04, 2023 at 09:32 AM

PB

“ Awe, My deepest condolences to all Bill's Family, Friends and his dear wife Janice. I love the beautiful loving tribute. What a legacy he leaves within his loving family and to his communities. What an accomplished and dedicated family man. Heaven gained another angel. May you all be comforted knowing Bills' finally days were spent surrounded by his loving wife, children, and grandchildren.

Patrice Baranowdki - February 03, 2023 at 09:25 AM

KO

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts go out to you and your family during this difficult time. Our deepest condolences, Greg & Kay Opsal, Kalli Opsal, Bailey & Adam Wallenta

Kay Opsal - February 02, 2023 at 03:57 PM

TC

“ We are so very sorry to hear of Bill's passing .It's been years but we still have many wonderful memories of the times in our youth that we shared with Bill, Janice and your family. We pray for God's loving comfort to the family as He welcomes Bill home.



Theresa and Frank Carbone - February 02, 2023 at 03:43 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Rosbrook.*



February 02, 2023 at 01:18 PM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Rosbrook.*



February 02, 2023 at 12:41 PM



“ *The Opsal's, (Greg, Kay, Kalli, Bailey) purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William "Bill" Rosbrook.*



The Opsal's, (Greg, Kay, Kalli, Bailey) - February 02, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ *Carol Sweet lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Rosbrook*



Carol Sweet - February 02, 2023 at 11:09 AM

RB

“ *ReBecca Bremer lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Rosbrook*



ReBecca Bremer - February 02, 2023 at 10:36 AM

RB

What a friend Bill always was to me

ReBecca Bremer - February 02, 2023 at 10:41 AM

LK

“ *Tim and family, I'm very sorry about the loss of your Dad. I know it has been a tough couple of years for you and your family, still its always hard to loose your Dad. Condolences and comfort. - Lee*

Lee Klosowski - February 02, 2023 at 09:27 AM

HC

“ *Bill was always such a love; so caring, with a genuine interest in people. And so proud of his children and their accomplishments. I will always fondly remember Bill for many things, but what stands out is swimming mile after mile next to him in the Auburn YMCA pool! Quite the athlete!*

Heidi H Cross - February 02, 2023 at 07:53 AM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Rosbrook.*



February 02, 2023 at 07:45 AM