



## William H. Schmutzler

August 21, 1959 - April 4, 2016

William H. Schmutzler, 56, of Camillus, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Monday. Bill was born in Syracuse, and grew up in Camillus. He was a graduate of West Genesee High School and Syracuse University, where he obtained a degree in Communications and Management. Bill worked for many years as a disc jockey and announcer on radio and in entertainment clubs in Syracuse, Dallas and Denver, and in later years provided entertainment at weddings and private parties. He utilized his announcing skills most recently as the public address announcer at Skaneateles scholastic football games.

In addition to his career as a disc jockey and announcer, he worked as a sales consultant for QOSS Consulting LLC, Lujan USA, and Pete Kitts Automotive Sales and Service. Bill also particularly enjoyed working as a referee for youth basketball and as an umpire for little league baseball games. He was many patrons' favorite bartender at the Inn Between and Green Gate Inn in Camillus. When he wasn't working, Bill enjoyed boating on Skaneateles Lake, water skiing, snowmobiling and spending time with family and friends. He loved listening to music, watching music videos and going to concerts. He was devoted to his dogs, Bella, Milo and especially Chloe. Maybe most of all, he enjoyed rooting for and agonizing over SU sports. Bill was predeceased by his beloved sister Patty.

He is survived by his parents, Lester F. and Ann M. Schmutzler, of Camillus; his brother Thomas (Erminie Izzo) Schmutzler of Rochester; his sister Susan (Thomas) Smith of Syracuse, his step daughters Nicole Dempsey and Marissa Dempsey, and nieces and nephews J.P. Geiss, Gianna Geiss, Gregory Geiss, Helen Ann Schmutzler, Stephen Schmutzler, Alexandra Smith and Timothy Smith.

Calling hours will be Sunday, April 10th from 1 to 4 at B.L. Bush & Sons, 10 Genesee St, Camillus. Services will be held Monday, 10:30 am at Fairmount Community Church, 4801 W. Genesee St, (corner of Whedon Road) Syracuse. Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery, Warners.

Bill spent many hours assisting his mother cope with diabetes. Contributions may be made in honor of Bill to the American Diabetes Association, 2nd Fl, 6390 Fly Road, East Syracuse, NY 13057 . <http://www.diabetes.org/in-my-community/local-offices/syracuse-new-york/>

Please sign the guestbook at [www.BLBUSH.com](http://www.BLBUSH.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home  
10 W. Genesee Street  
Camillus, NY 13031  
(315) 672-3400  
info@bushfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.bushfuneralhome.com/>

## Service

APR 11. 10:30 AM (ET)

Fairmount Community Church  
126 S. Terry Road  
Syracuse, NY 13219  
(315) 487-8521  
fccuccoffice@gmail.com  
<https://www.oneworshipingcommunity.org>

# Tribute Wall

BM

“ *Beth L McDermott lit a candle in memory of William H. Schmutzler*



**Beth L McDermott** - March 25, 2017 at 12:02 PM

BM

*Aunt Ann, Uncle Lester, Susan and Tom, I was just thinking back to the memories of our family (Niece Connie, Mike, Scott, and Beth) visiting at your camp on Skaneateles Lake for the yearly reunion picnic's when I was young. I happened to put in your last name, and saw that your son William passed away almost a year ago. (While reading Bill's Obituary, I saw that your daughter Patricia also passed away, and how sorry we're for your loss. Our thoughts and prayer's to all of you.) How very sorry we're for the loss of your son at such a young age. Bill was in between Mike, and Scott's age. Scott lives in South Carolina, he comes to visit every November during the Thanksgiving holiday for two weeks, and this last time we chatted about our memories on the lake. Scott said, he always had a crush on the older girls as they were so beautiful looking! We always had a great time at your camp. Love from our family to yours, Beth~*

**Beth L McDermott** - March 25, 2017 at 12:54 PM

JU

“ *Just wanted to say we're very sorry for your loss. Both of my boys (who are now almost out of college) remember him quite clearly as their favorite basketball ref. Please know he's remembered and will be missed.*  
*The Ulrich's*

**Jeanne Ulrich** - April 14, 2016 at 06:36 PM

VD

“ *Our deepest condolences to Ann & Les and family. My heart breaks for your pain. Know that he is with Patty and our dear Lord & that you will see them again.... God help you in your sorrow.*  
*From Vicki & Bob DeLorenzo*

**Vicki DeLorenzo** - April 13, 2016 at 08:27 AM

LS

“ I never knew my cousin Billy very well. He was much older and lived quite a distance away.  
In December 2015 my husband died suddenly and unexpectedly. Billy reached out to me to make sure my daughter and I were okay. He told me how much he loved me and cared about me. He called me several times after that. His love and compassion means so very much.  
I am very sad we didn't have more time to keep in touch, but I will be forever grateful for the time we did have and the chats that we shared.  
Love you and miss you cousin.  
Lori Schmutzler Sulger

Lori Schmutzler Sulger - April 11, 2016 at 09:58 PM



“ 4 files added to the album LifeTributes



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - April 11, 2016 at 01:51 PM

MC

“ I only knew Bill briefly as a referee for my son's CYBA games but he always took the time to talk with the boys and explain the game to them. He was a class act and will be missed.

Matt Cerio - April 11, 2016 at 10:30 AM

MM

“ Dear Mr. and Mrs. Schmutzler, my deepest sympathy for your loss. Memories came flooding this a.m. when my mom called me in Buffalo to tell me of Billy. He stole my heart in HS and have wonderful memories of your family and our close friends like Bart and driving everywhere in that blue mustang. Sweet treasured memories always. You always treated me like your own. Billy had such sparkle when he entered a room and I'm sure he will be missed. Please know that he was special to me and have passed on many memories to my daughters about the beautiful and fun times we spent on the Lake. Skaneateles Lake is still a very special spot when I'm in town. Sincerely, Mary Mulderig

Mary Clare Mulderig - April 10, 2016 at 03:52 PM

KW

“ I am very sorry to hear about William. I am a friend of Tommy's from the Hitching Post Restaurant back in the 70s owned by Les and Dawn Wells. Please know I am praying for the Schmutzler family. God bless you, Keith Wells

Keith Wells - April 10, 2016 at 03:50 PM



“ 130 files added to the album Life Tributes



B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home / Monuments - April 10, 2016 at 12:54 AM

LL

“ To the Schmutzler Family, My deepest sympathies to all of the family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

lisa loguidice - April 09, 2016 at 03:25 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William H. Schmutzler.



April 08, 2016 at 03:13 PM

MA

“ Wow... where to start...

*Billy was a very close friend as we grew up in the old neighborhood. Countless hours spent listening to music (Bread, Jim Croce, etc) playing table-hockey, riding snowmobiles, bicycling out to The Lake, so many times out in the boat on Skaneateles Lake, climbing the cherry tree in the back yard and gorging on cherries until we could barely move, the wonder that was Lester's shop in the basement, pestering Patti as only a little brother (and friend) could, kick the can on summer nights, on the trampoline behind the Dent's home. We had an incredible time together for so many years... I so wish I knew the man that Billy became.*

*The words in his obituary speak volumes about his life, his loves, and how important it all was to him.*

*My heartfelt condolences to all of the Schmutzler Family... I cannot tell you how sorry I am to hear of all that you have endured.*

*I'll dearly miss him... he will always be my friend, Billy.*

*I wish you peace, and less heartache... as time presents them.*

*Sincerely,  
Mark Afforde*

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**Mark Afforde** - April 08, 2016 at 02:04 PM

KT

“ *I am so sad to hear of Billy's passing, he was a great man and always so kind. God bless.*

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**Karen Tamutus** - April 08, 2016 at 10:10 AM

TA

*I am so sad to hear of Bill's passing .I considered him one of my few good friends.Bill had a great sense of humor and an infectious smile.For a while in the past when Bill was a DJ at some radio station I would call him up and give him some trivia on the next record he was about to play.We always had great talks and he was sharp as a tack.I will truly miss him.I am so sorry that he is gone.Rest in peace my friend.  
Tim Anthony*

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**TIM ANTHONY** - July 06, 2016 at 03:07 PM

CS

“ *Ann, Lester and family,*

*We are deeply saddened by the news of Billy's passing. God bless all of you.*

*Love,*

*Cici and Dusty*

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**Cici Sauda** - April 08, 2016 at 08:17 AM

DD

“ *So sorry to hear about Billy. My prayers to his family,*



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**Diane DeGroff** - April 07, 2016 at 08:40 PM

 Steven  
Bumpus

“ *I'm so sorry to learn of Billy's passing. It really give us pause to reflect on the great memories of life. I met Billy and Bart Bush the summer of 1975 on Skaneateles Lake and the three of us enjoyed the next three or so years raising hell in the beauty of Upstate New York. From Skaneateles to Camillus and back, we had a great time.*

*What was best is that each of our sets of parents always made the friends part of their extended family. My deep sympathies to the Schmutzler family and I will always remember Billy with a great big smile.*

*Steve Bumpus  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL*

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**Steven Bumpus** - April 07, 2016 at 07:02 PM

BB

“ To Mr. and Mrs Schmutzler, Susan and Tom and the entire Schmutzler Family-

*I was so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. As I thought back over the years and times we all spent together I came to realize how fast life moves. From soccer in middle school, to boating on Skaneateles Lake, to those shorts at graduation, those memories seem like yesterday. I can see Bill's smile, feel his personality and appreciate his warmth and concern for his family and his friends. Bill was there for all who were around him and he will be remembered as such a caring person. Life is too short, and not having Bill in my life has made mine feel even shorter. Bill will be missed but the memories are as vivid as the day they happened with Bill by my side.*

*Bart*

**Bart Bush** - April 07, 2016 at 04:22 PM

TW

“ I remember the day Bill was born, our families have lived across the street from each other for 60 years. I am deeply saddened and shocked by the news of his passing. We would see each other every several months and talk for an hour. We would promise to get together soon and walk away smiling. We never did seem to get that done and that makes me even sadder. I hope you are in a better place because you were taken much to soon. Rest In Peace Bill, I will miss you.

**Tim Wheeler** - April 07, 2016 at 03:29 PM

SS

“ I was just talking to the girls about you last weekend, Billy. You sure did leave early. I'll never forget the years we had together in the good old days my old friend and love. You'll always be in my heart. May you rest in peace. My condolences to the family. Love always, Sherry Holland, Dallas, Texas.

**Sherry Sanchez** - April 07, 2016 at 12:18 PM



“ As one of Billy's older cousins, Billy will always be my little Willy Lump Lump. I also remember his joy and his shorts at high School graduation and his incredible voice on the radio. My love and condolences to his family who have lost too many members in the last few years.

**Marilyn Kulkarni** - April 07, 2016 at 10:18 AM

LC

“ Billy was a very special person in my life. I will always hear his amazing voice and carry it with me in my heart. I loved to listen to him DJ on 93Q back in the day. Years would pass from seeing one another, yet we'd pick up our last conversation like it was yesterday. He always made me smile. He will never be forgotten. I will miss him dearly. My thoughts are prayers go out to Mrs. Schmutzler, Susan, Tom, Gerry, his nephews, nieces and family. Always in my heart, Linda Schmidt Crossett



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**Linda Schmidt Crossett** - April 06, 2016 at 08:17 PM

MS

“ I met Bill at West Genesee High School in the Fall of 1974 and for the next three years shared home room and some classes and lots and lots of laughter. We would run into each other now and then, since then and it was always fun catching up with each other. Bill was the type of person that you always felt good around and I was glad I had the opportunity to tell him that. My only regret is I didn't get the chance to spend more time with him. He was a great person and I'll always carry fond memories of him.

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**Mike Sims** - April 06, 2016 at 09:07 AM