



William F. Tank

November 24, 1949 - January 24, 2026

William F. Tank passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of his family on Saturday January 24th, just seven days after the passing of his beloved wife of 54 years, Lois.

William (Bill) was born on November 24th, 1949 to Roy Francis Tank Jr. and Marie Elizabeth Clark in Syracuse, New York. He was raised in Fairmount, while also spending time at his family's camps in the Adirondacks and at the St Lawrence River. He attended West Genesee High School where he met Lois, before studying at Paul Smith's College. Bill and Lois were married in 1971 and initially lived in Camillus while he began working for New York Telephone Company. They moved to Skaneateles Lake in 1975, where they renovated a camp into a beautiful family home based on his vision. He and Lois later enjoyed retirement in Venice Island, Florida and with dear friends at the Red Jacket Yacht Club on Cayuga Lake.

Bill was deeply social in nature and cherished summers in the Skaneateles Lake cove (in the water, surrounded by friends, always with a great tan), barbequing his famous chicken for as many friends as possible (a process that required several Coors Lights to complete), cooking giant breakfasts (including his home fries made from leftover Salt Potatoes), and traveling with friends and family anywhere with sunshine and sand. Bill enjoyed nature; fishing for trout, hunting deer, watching birds, and raising raccoons. He

meticulously and lovingly maintained everything he ever owned including his homes, lawns, boats, Corvettes, Harley Davidsons, guns, campsites and even tractors.

Bill is predeceased by his parents, brother Roy Tank, III, and wife Lois. He is survived by his daughter Heather Niland, son Trevor (Stacey) Tank, grandchildren Tobey Niland, Jackson Tank, and Crosby Tank, as well as several nieces and nephews.

He'll always be remembered for pouring his heart into everything he did, and his welcoming smile and fantastic stories will be deeply missed.

A joint celebration of life for both Lois and Bill will be organized this summer.

Arrangements by B.L. Bush & Sons Funeral Home, Camillus. Please share memories and sign his guestbook at www.BLBUSH.com

Tribute Wall

Jl

“ I stopped by Bill and Lois’s beautiful lakefront home and property on the east side of skinny lake many times. I always remembered receiving a nice warm smile and welcome their daughter. Heather graduated with my daughter Denise my condolences to all of you.

joseph iscomi - February 11 at 03:05 PM

DP

“ Too soon, Lois and Bill. Bedrock family when our families were growing up. A pleasure being with them. Strong internal drummer - they sensed something - riding motorcycles before it was cool.

Don Plath - February 04 at 11:54 AM

RM

“ Heather. Tracey and I share your sympathy. Lous and Bill wonderful people. They will be missed

Rick Morris - February 01 at 11:43 AM

DA

“ My friend Bill, And beautiful Lois. Friends since high school. I will miss running into you guys every now and then. Rest well my old compadre.

Dave Akkoul - January 29 at 08:59 PM

PE

Play some good lacrosse when you get there bill,,see ya from Pete martin

Peter - February 12 at 11:03 AM

MQ

“ *My dearest friends Bill and Lois.*

How swiftly go the days, our friendship and work together seems so far away now. I can only hope that Lois can arrange for a Bunko group, (Martha is available). And Bill will see you at the eastern gate.

Mike and Martha Quigley

Michael Quigley - January 29 at 01:48 PM

SM

“ *Bill took every opportunity to enjoy life and his family and friends. Living life to its fullest was modeled for everyone who knew Bill. Thanks for the memories!*

Sue Moreau - January 29 at 09:11 AM