



Dr. William E. Forth

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Dr. William E. Forth of Baldwinsville, New York and Vail, Colorado, passed away on July 4, 2019 at the age of 86, surrounded by his wife and children. He was born to Emery and Susie Forth in Syracuse, New York on August 12, 1932. He was predeceased by his sister, Pauline Burr. Bill was a graduate of Onondaga Valley Academy. He was a proud alumnus of his beloved Hope College in Holland, Michigan, where he and his wife established scholarships and contributed to multiple capital improvements on campus. Bill was a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, School of Dental Medicine, where he served as a member of the dental school's alumni board.

After graduating from dental school, Bill was a Captain in the United States Air Force and served as a dentist at Eielson Air Force Base in Fairbanks, Alaska for two years. Upon discharge from the Air Force, Bill returned to Syracuse and established a general dentistry practice next to Sweetheart Corner in North Syracuse. For over 50 years, he skillfully and enthusiastically practiced dentistry and cared for generations of families in the course of his practice and considered many of his patients, friends. Throughout his life, Bill held several professional leadership roles, including past president of the Onondaga County Dental Society and past president of the North Syracuse Chamber of Commerce. As president of the North Syracuse Chamber of Commerce, he spearheaded a number of initiatives, including academic scholarships for local high school students. He was a longtime member of Pitcher Hill Community Church in North Syracuse.

Married to Marilyn (Torgersen) Forth, the couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary, only days before his passing. Marilyn was his constant companion, dancing partner, travel buddy, and best friend. Bill and Marilyn shared an amazing lifetime of adventure and were blessed with good health for many years.



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Bill was an avid runner, competing in 28 marathons, including the Boston Marathon and several Marine Corps Marathons. He completed his last marathon at the age of 78. Bill was most happy, however, on the ski slopes and relished laying the first tracks on a sunny, fresh powder day in the back bowls of Vail. He made his last trips to Vail this past winter.

Bill is survived by his wife Marilyn, as well as daughters Lynn Forth and Dr. Teri Forth-Tromblee (Dr. Brian Tromblee), and his son, Gordon Forth (Debbie Forth). He was the grandfather of six grandchildren, Paige and Ella Tromblee, as well as Abigail, Emily, Kathryn and Timothy Forth. He took great pride in each of his children and grandchildren. He is also survived by a niece, Judy Ellis and nephews, Keith McFall, Jeff Burr and their families, as well cousins and many dear friends in Syracuse and Vail.

The family wishes to thank those who cared for him at the Wilmot Cancer Center at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, NY and St. Joseph's Hospital in Syracuse, NY.

Calling hours are Friday, July 12, 2019 from 4:00 to 7:00 pm at Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home, 3401 Vickery Road, North Syracuse, NY. A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Pitcher Hill Community Church on Saturday, July 13, 2019 at 10:00am, 605 Bailey Road, Syracuse NY.

Donations in his honor may be made to Ronald McDonald House Charities of Central New York or a charity of choice.



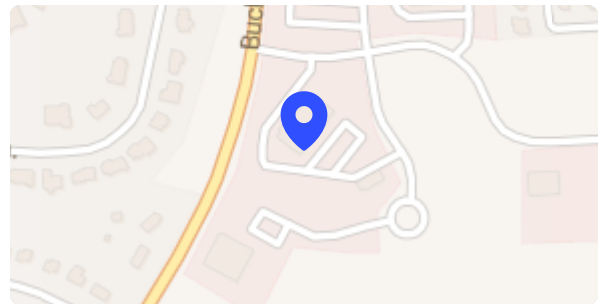
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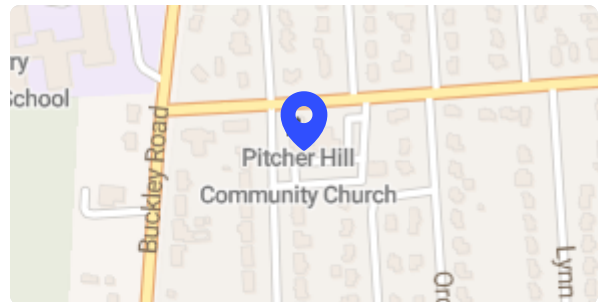
Visitation

- Friday**, July 12, 2019
- 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM ET
- Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home**
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



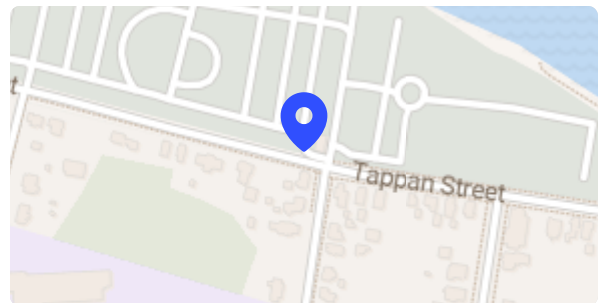
Funeral Service

- Saturday**, July 13, 2019
- 10:00 AM ET
- Pitcher Hill Community Church**
605 Bailey Road, North Syracuse NY 13212



Cemetery Details

- Riverview Cemetery**
70 Tappan Street, Baldwinsville NY 13027





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John Cannavino posted:

54 years ago I was the oldest son of an Air Force sergeant who could not afford dental care. I needed several fillings. Dr. Fort kindly treated me and allowed me to pay over the course of a year. I will never forget his kindness. John Cannavino

November 7 at 3:51 AM



Paul Wolansky posted:

Just learned of Bill's passing today. Words cannot express how saddened I was to hear the news. Bill and I spoke briefly earlier this summer and Im glad I had a chance to share with him how loved he and Marilyn are by the CWRU dental community. We will miss seeing his smiling face and "go get 'em" demeanor at our Alumni Board meetings and annual Homecoming events. To Marilyn, we are all thinking of you and hope to still see you out on the dancefloor at future CWRU dental Homecoming Weekends ...Paul Wolansky, Assistant Dean

August 19 at 2:16 PM



Angela Bristol posted:

Sending you our heartfelt condolences. Dr. Forth was a wonderful dentist and a very kind man. Prayers to your family with thoughtful fondness and respect. Bristol family

July 16 at 10:01 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Forth family.



July 11 at 7:57 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Forth family.



July 11 at 7:13 AM



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The Bonadio Group sent a Dawn of Remembrance Basket to the Forth family.



July 10 at 10:15 AM



From Tom And Heather Bonadio sent a Beautiful Whisper to the Forth family.



July 10 at 10:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Peaceful White Lilies Basket to the Forth family.



July 9 at 7:45 AM



Cathy Conroy posted:

I am saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I skied with him many times as part of Vail Club 50. He was always fun to be around enjoyed being a part of this ski group. Sending prayers of comfort to Bill's family. Cathy Conroy

July 8 at 12:18 PM



Nancy Dafoe posted:

I am so sorry for your great loss of your husband Bill, Marilyn. I know you shared a wonderful life of adventure and love. Nancy Dafoe

July 8 at 10:19 AM



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EL

Elaine Lape posted:

Dr Forth became our family dentist in the 1960's , and my family still goes to Forth and Tromblee Dental. I will always remember Dr Forth's warm smile as he entered the exam room, he was always gentle and his quality dental work still stands to this day !! He never tried to upsell you on anything, even if you wanted it! I recall asking about teeth whitening and he replied , " wear brighter lipstick" , LOL. he will be missed!

July 8 at 6:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Glorious Grace Bouquet to the Forth family.



July 7 at 4:18 PM

WC

Will Carter posted:

Bill one of the first dentists I met upon entering the private practice of periodontics in 1969 and was very gracious in his welcome. We had many mutual patients, all of whom respected and trusted him. He was a man of excellent skill and great integrity. Lois and I send our affection and condolences to Marilyn and family. Lois and Will Carter

July 7 at 8:08 AM

AM

Anne Marmon posted:

We share our deepest condolences to all of the Forth family. Dr. Forth provided such wonderful care, over several decades, to many of our family members. I will remember his unique laugh that often came at the end of an appointment. Thinking of you all at this difficult time.

July 7 at 6:34 AM

HP

Hal Philp posted:

I'm very sorry to hear of Dr Forths passing. I started going to him in the early 60's. He will be missed and always remembered. Hal Philp

July 6 at 12:42 PM



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SL

Steve Laws posted:

I am so sorry for your loss; I have lots of memories that come to mind so easily- but the essence of them is how easily Bill shared his humor, heart and humanity with all of us; Doctor Bill was truly one of a kind- and he was blessed with a one of a kind family; my prayers are with you all and I know Bill will always live on in your hearts

July 6 at 11:27 AM

VJ

Victor Jenkins July 12 at 6:16 AM

Bill always greeted me with a warm smile and some kind words, I will greatly miss those times. My prayers are with the family. They have many great memories to comfort them.
Vic Jenkins

KS

Kathy Sokol July 11 at 3:11 PM

My sympathies to the family on the loss of a great man. I was a patient of Dr. Forth's for decades and always asked to be remembered to him on my visits to Dr's Brian and Terri. I will always remember him as a kind and gentle person. Kathy Sokol

BK

Buckner & Kourofsky July 11 at 10:15 AM

Lynn, We extend to you our most heartfelt sorrow and condolences on the loss of your father. Words can't express how saddened we are because of your loss. May the soul of your father rest in peace and may our friendship and prayers ease you through this difficult time. Your Buckner & Kourofsky family

JF

Janet Fagal July 7 at 5:35 PM

My deepest sympathy to you Marilyn and to your children and grandchildren. A vital and active man until his last days, I know. Please know that you are in my thoughts and prayers. I will be away on Saturday but I will be thinking of you and hope we can connect soon. You have been on my mind since Joan let me know. I wrap my arms around you in a virtual hug of comfort and concern. You are a love and I know you were there for Bill through and through.

MT

Marcia Koehring Tschopp July 7 at 5:08 PM

We are so sorry to hear of Dr. Forth's passing. He was a great person and neighbor.

MT

Marcia Koehring Tschopp July 7 at 5:06 PM

RIP Dr Forth. The best dentist and great person. I remember when I was little and had terrible tooth pain but it was the weekend, he saw me in his house to make sure I was okay.





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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