



William G. Fenton, Sr.

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William G. Fenton, Sr., 92 of Liverpool, passed away on April 12, 2023 in Largo, Florida.

A lifetime resident of Syracuse, he was born in this city on August 17, 1930, the oldest son of Frank D. Fenton and Gertrude L. Ashley.

He spent his youth on the North Side and in Eastwood. As a young man, he would do a variety of jobs to help support his family like running muskrat trap lines and delivering newspapers before school and delivering ice. After high school he worked for Gulf Oil Company.

One of Bill's stories from his youth was about the time he got a job working at a horse stable with another kid near the town of Lyndon. The owner convinced the two boys that they could take out parties on horseback and would be a great opportunity to meet "chicks". In the beginning, all the work involved cleaning out the stables of horse manure. They did eventually get to take groups out riding and actually meet "chicks".

He attended and graduated from St. John Evangelist Academy. During his high school years and was a member of the football team and was editor. It was during his senior year that he met his future bride, June A. Beach. At the time, he referred to June as "his sophomore girl". They married on April 28, 1951 after her graduation. She passed away on November 11, 1984.

After serving in the United States Army as a medic during the war in Korea, Bill and June moved to Liverpool and raised and educated their children. He worked in the trucking industry working for Pilot Motor Freight, Eazor, Express and Axe and Arthur and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Union and the American Legion. He also worked part time for Slotnick Enterprises at their drive-in movie property in Liverpool.

Bill was involved in the Scouting in Galeville and Holy Name Society at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. He was an avid fan of Syracuse University sports teams as well as the New York



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Yankees. He enjoyed reading and learning about history, especially the Civil War. Watching old “cowboy” movies and television shows gave him great joy.

He enjoyed camping with his family with trips out west to visit South Dakota, Wyoming, and New Mexico as well travelling to Civil War sites closer to home. He would see something like an antelope out in the distance and the family car and camping trailer would take the next turn and off we would go on an adventure.

After retirement, Bill began spending his winters in Largo, Florida. He enjoyed the warm weather where he could play golf more often than he could in Syracuse. The availability of new social activities in Florida kept him very active. He also began volunteering with Hospice and Meals on Wheels back in Syracuse.

He met new friends everywhere he went. There was always some new activity that Bill tried out. Besides his game of golf, he was also heavily involved with his bowling league, helping with neighborhood BBQs and block parties and special holiday celebrations. Friends he met in Florida would get together at times in Central New York.

He was predeceased by his first wife, June A. Beach in 1984 and his partner, Emelia “Sue” Beagle in 2000 as well as his young daughter, Patricia A. Fenton in 1959, his sons, Gary S. Fenton in 2010 and Mark K. Fenton in 2018. Bill was also predeceased by his parents; a brother, Kenneth R. Fenton in 2004 and a sister, Mary Ellen Pieklik in 2017.

Bill is survived by his wife, the former Barbara Randall; two sons, William G. Fenton, Jr. (Patricia) of Fresno, California and Michael D. Fenton (Catherine) of Brewerton; two daughters, Mary Beth Fenton (Tzion Simchy) of Canastota and Theresa M. Gridley of Liverpool; a sister, Margaret A. Barbato of Syracuse; and a sister-in-law, Martha Fenton of Camillus. Also surviving are grandchildren: Bill III, Patrick, Kimberly, Nicole, Brandy, Shaun, Tiffany, Brandon, Ross and Maura; 10 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends may call from 4:00 – 6:00 pm on Monday, April 24, 2023 at the THOMAS J. PIRRO JR. FUNERAL HOME, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.) North Syracuse, NY. A Funeral Mass in celebration of Bill’s life will be held at 9:30 am on Tuesday, April 25, 2023 at Epiphany Parish at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 425 Beechwood Ave, Liverpool. A graveside service will follow in Assumption Cemetery.



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In lieu of flowers, the family has requested donations may be made in Bill's memory to Hospice Foundation America, 1707 L. Street NW, Suite 220, Washington DC 20036.



Events

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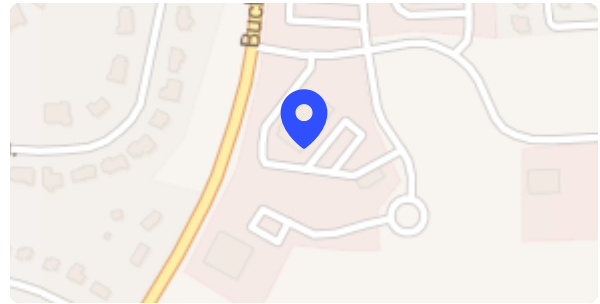
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Visitation

Monday, April 24, 2023

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home
3401 Vickery Rd, Syracuse NY 13212



Funeral Mass

Tuesday, April 25, 2023

9:30 AM ET

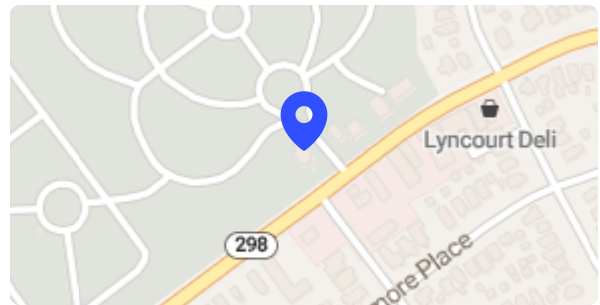
Epiphany Parish - Immaculate Heart of Mary Church
425 Beechwood Avenue, Liverpool NY 13088



Cemetery Details

Assumption Cemetery
2401 Court Street, Syracuse NY 13208

454-3841





Tribute Wall

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.



April 24 at 6:00 AM



Bob Sobolewski posted:

My condolences to all of Bill Fenton's family. I just read of his passing. I worked with Bill at Axe and Arthur Motor Express from 1983 until Bill retired. Bill was more than willing to share his experience in trucking with me. We both drove double trailers to Rochester. Bill was a very kind and caring guy. It was very nice to see the memory video in Bill's honor. Bob Sobolewski

November 16 at 9:34 AM



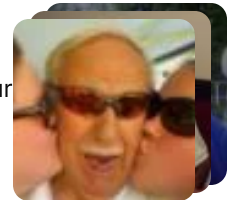
Chris posted:

We were asked to describe Bill in one word. I went home and pondered this and finally came up with two words. He was John Wayne. He rode in on his horse and saved the day many times, for many people. When I was young, he took my mother and I in on two occasions when we had no place to go. I know he did other acts of helping for others throughout his life. He will be remembered by all of us. With love to his extended family. Chris

April 27 at 11:34 AM



Brandy Fenton shared 3 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.



Grandpa you had the best smile (when you chose to show it). I'm going to miss your silliness and your stories. And that low chuckle that accompanied that twinkle in those mischievous blue eyes. There's not going to be another gentleman like you. You were truly one of a kind. It was and is an honor to have known you and to be your granddaughter. I love you. Love, Brandy Lee (you never called me anything else ❤️❤️)

April 19 at 8:02 AM



Anonymous sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Fenton, Sr. family.



April 22 at 7:35 PM



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Carol Cleveland posted:

With deepest condolences to the entire Fenton Family. Bill always made our family feel so welcome when we visited in Syracuse. He was one in a million and he will be missed. Love, Carol and Lenny Cleveland and Family

April 22 at 11:09 AM



Anonymous sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Fenton, Sr. family.



April 21 at 7:04 PM



Cheryl Miller posted:

Bill always helped my mother quite a bit after my father died. He mowed her lawn and cleared her driveway of snow without being asked. I know my mother was more than grateful for his kindness. So was I. As the Fenton family gathers together, may they find comfort in the loving memories of their father, husband, uncle and grandfather. With much love and sympathy, Cousin Cheryl

April 21 at 9:58 AM



Fenton Family sent a Sweet Tranquility Basket to the Fenton, Sr. family.



April 21 at 5:32 AM



Nicole shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I was truly blessed with be best son anyone could ask for. On this day the last Father's day we were all together my son wanted a photo with both his grandpa's. I love both these wonderful men more then anything. I love you more then words can ever express grandpa Bill and will always be your Nikki-cole. You ment the world to so many. And life will never be the same. Thank you for always being good to me and my son. We love you.



April 19 at 7:31 PM



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Bill Fenton posted:

Dad as I think about your life, you always said you were a survivor. How do I even think about writing about your life with so many chapters. There are some parts that were shared with me, while my brothers and sisters had many of their own chapters. You had your childhood chapter that probably only a few outside your brothers and sister knew about. My mother shared a different chapter with your times with her in high school and raising a big family. There probably isn't anyone but you who knew about your chapter and time spent in the war in Korea. You always told everyone that you grew up with your children. I think that was true. You were always proud of the job you had for so many years driving tractor trailers. I inherited your love for the road as I still love my own road trips out in California. There is so much more I want to write and share about your long life and people you met along the way and places you traveled. I want to thank you, which I have over the years for helping with my mother's family as I explore my ancestry and family history. Even if information you told me turned out not to be exactly correct, that information pointed me in the right direction. As I sit here at your kitchen table, so many memories come to mind. Some that I haven't thought of in years. Thank you for the life you gave me. Love Bill Jr

April 19 at 10:55 AM



Donna Condlin sent a virtual gift in honor of William.



April 19 at 9:46 AM



Donna Condlin lit a candle in honor of William.



April 19 at 9:44 AM



Anonymous sent a Serene Retreat to the Fenton, Sr. family.



April 19 at 9:27 AM



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Mary Beth Fenton posted:

Daddy I miss you so much. This is so hard. I love you ❤️💙 RIP 🙏

April 19 at 9:05 AM



Coleen M Dietrich lit a candle in honor of William.



April 19 at 8:55 AM



Coleen M Dietrich posted:

To All My Fenton Family, Billy, Mike ,Marybeth, Terry and kids. I'm Sending you all my Sincere Sympathy. This is such a Great loss in your lives. I'm so sorry and know your hearts are sad. I know what a great father he was to all of you. My Uncle Bill was such a sweet man. He has amazing children. And he also was a very handsome man his entire life. I love looking at all his pictures and thinking WOW he is so good looking. That's my Uncle Bill. My Aunt June was a very lucky lady to have him as her man. And knowing he's up there with her and his kids now and the rest of our relatives brings some comfort to my heart. His struggles are over now. I have a lot of great memories from my childhood that I will cherish forever and I will never ever forget them. #1 greatest memory I have is getting to go for a ride with my Uncle Bill in that big truck. I was a little girl and so excited that I was going with him in that big truck. My heart is sad that he's gone . I know he's in heaven celebrating with his family now. And looking down on all of us. We have another angel in heaven. My Dearest Uncle Bill , You can now RIP. And Until we meet again you will remain in my heart, thoughts and prayers. I will never forget you. Love your Niece , Coleen Weber/ Kelly Weber Dietrich.

April 19 at 8:52 AM



Virginia Latz April 20 at 3:41 PM

I am a cousin of Bill, Jr. his grandmother Leila was my aunt. I remember Bill and Mary when they were little. I have gotten a lot of information from Bill, Jr. I am sorry that I lost touch with the family. My deepest sympathy for the family. Ginny Latz.



Cheryl Miller April 19 at 3:41 PM

Bill always helped my mother after my father died. He always mowed her lawn and cleared her driveway of snow. I know she was always grateful for his kindness. I was grateful that he helped her in that way. Bill was a great man and will always be thought as a great and and giving cousin. With Love and sympathy Cousin Cheryl.



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Janet posted:

My sincere condolences to the family. I'm certain he will be missed.

April 19 at 8:16 AM



Anonymous sent a Full Of Love Bouquet to the Fenton, Sr. family.



April 19 at 8:02 AM



Media

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Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home shared a **Tribute Video**.

April 24 at 6:00 AM



Bill Fenton Jr April 29 at 9:12 AM

What a beautiful way to remember my father. Thank you Thomas J. Pirro Jr Funeral Home for doing a first class job from start to finish. Bill Fenton Jr



Peg Barbato April 27 at 11:14 AM

You are now Home! loved you yesterday Love you still Always have Always will Love Peggy



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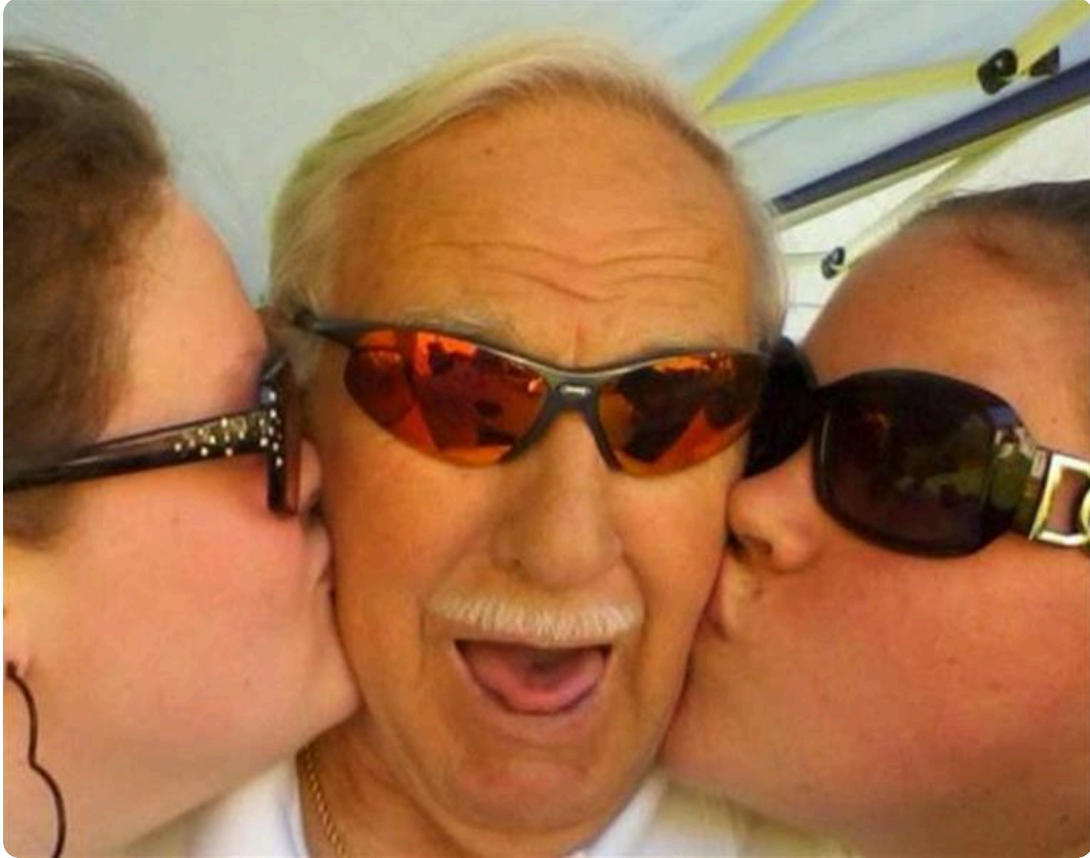
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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