



## William "Bill" K Filiatreau

April 9, 1937 - May 13, 2020

William "Bill" Kenneth Filiatreau 83 passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at his residence.

Born in Clifton Springs, NY, he was a son of the late Francis and Bernice Filiatreau. Bill graduated from St. Lawrence College with his undergraduate degree in Education and went on to receive his master's degree from Colgate University. Following graduation with his master's he entered the Army and was honorably discharged as a Captain. While in the army, he married the love of his life, Cathy Bates in 1961. He received his doctorate from Syracuse University. For most of his career, Bill was a Special Education Director in New York, Michigan and West Virginia. He retired from his career in education after 30+ years of dedicated service. He was an avid basketball player in high school and college. He was also a licensed pilot, renewing his pilot license at age 78 and flew his Tecnam P2008 until January of this year. Bill enjoyed golf and had been a club champion at Heritage Plantation.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy Filiatreau; daughters, Jeanette and husband Jeremy Wilmerding, Stephanie and husband Aron Welk and Sara and husband Michael Gurion; grandchildren, Oscar and Clark Wilmerding, Jake Welk and Megan and Lauren Gurion; brothers, Tom Filiatreau of Clifton Springs, Frank Filiatreau of Murrells Inlet and a sister, Barbara VanKirk of Seneca Falls.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Sign an online guestbook at [www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com](http://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

WU

“ Thanks for your service Soldier !!!  
Wayne Williams  
United States Marine Corps



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Wayne Williams - USMC - May 18, 2020 at 11:56 AM

BM

“ My deepest condolences to Bill`s family. I had the great pleasure of working with him at BHSD. Such a bright kind man without self importance who displayed kindness to all. I regret not having more years of memories with him. I feel sincere sadness knowing that he is gone.



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Barbara Millsap - May 17, 2020 at 04:52 PM

NH

“ Our thoughts are with you during this painful time. May your hearts soon be filled with wonderful memories of joyful and loving times together as you celebrate Bill`s full and happy life.  
With sympathy, Nathalie and David Humphreys

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Nathalie Humphreys - May 17, 2020 at 08:57 AM

CK

“ Sending love & hugs to the family.



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**Carol Kohler** - May 16, 2020 at 06:29 PM



“ America the Beautiful was purchased for the family of William "Bill" K Filiatreau.



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May 16, 2020 at 04:17 PM

PR

“ Sincere condolences to Bill's family in this sad time. I was a neighbor, classmate and friend of Bill's in Phelps. We share many “growing up” memories. Rest In Peace, Bill.

*Pat Glass Rittler*

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**pat glass rittler** - May 16, 2020 at 10:22 AM

AS

“ It was my good fortune to share college years with Bill. We played basketball together at St. Lawrence and were members of the same fraternity. We both chose careers in Education which provided a common interest and allowed us to keep track of one another over the years.

*Being in Bill's presence always led to interesting discussions. His passion for golf and produced good stories. I will miss his friendship very much.*

*My wife, Marilyn, joins me in extending our sympathy to Cathy and family.*

*Allen Splete*

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**Allen Splete** - May 16, 2020 at 10:15 AM

CR

“ Our heart felt sympathy to Cathy and her family during this sad time. I joined up with Bob a couple of times during his walks around the neighborhood. He was a gentle, kind man.

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**Cathy and John Rafalowski** - May 15, 2020 at 04:52 PM

FS

“ Bones (his college nickname that a few of us still use) and I were fraternity brothers at St Lawrence and lived together at Colgate. I remember the time that he trained secretly for a long distance run (800 meters) in the SLU track intramurals. He was in such great shape that no one was close to him. The rest of us said "What just happened?" and he just stood there laughing with that big smile. All of my sympathies to his family. I hope I can make it to whatever service you have in his memory.

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**Frank Stritter** - May 15, 2020 at 03:18 PM

SC

“ Our sympathy and virtual hugs go out to Cathy and the family. May your memories be a blessing going forward. We will miss seeing Bill in the neighborhood. Su and Tom Cowieson

Su Cowieson - May 15, 2020 at 01:14 PM

ES

“ Our deepest sympathies to Cathy and all the Filiatreau family. Hoping that the caring and prayers from friends and neighbors give you some solace.  
Eva and Hal Scharfstein



Eva Scharfstein - May 15, 2020 at 12:35 PM

RP

“ Saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was a friend and a golfing buddy. He will be missed.  
Condolences to all family and friends.

Richard Pallonetti - May 15, 2020 at 11:21 AM