



William H. Clarke Jr.

September 18, 1947 - June 28, 2022

Obituary for William Clarke – 74 years old

Born September 18, 1947.

William “Bill” Clarke, Jr. of Clifton Heights passed away at home peaceably surrounded by his family on June 28. After a short stint at Westinghouse, Bill worked tirelessly for 44 years as a heavy equipment operator and equipment transporter for 2 companies in the construction industry, the last 10 years as a school bus operator for the Upper Darby School District.

In addition, Bill played 5 years of semi-professional football for the Aston Knights of the Seaboard Semi-Professional Football League. He played alongside several teammates who were college stars and who ultimately made it into the NFL. He was also a board member of the Clifton Heights Swim Club for many years.

Bill was a dedicated husband, father, grandfather, and brother to his family. He believed that each of these were a gift to him from God and that was reflected in the way he provided and cared for each of them. If there was a need, he was always quick to respond; always ready to find a way.

Along with his wife of 48 years Carmella, Bill was successful in keeping his

family and siblings closely connected long after his parents (Bill and Fran Clarke) had passed away. His house was always open to family Sunday dinners, holiday family gatherings, and spur of the moment visits by his family and friends. He made sure that it was known to them that his house “was always open.”

Bill is survived by his wife Carmella; daughters Annamarie and Nicole; his grandson Cole; his brothers Bob (Marie) and Ron (Pam); his sisters; Jacquie (Jim Blood) and Helene (Ralph Menichini); his numerous nieces and nephews; his favorite fur grandbaby Leehigh.

Bill deeply missed his granddaughter Amber who passed away in 2012. Being a believer in the gospel of grace through faith in Jesus Christ, Bill is now reunited with his family members who believed the same.

Burial is private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to:

Michael Menichini Scholarship Fund
c/o Jim Tucker
412 Sumner Way
West Chester, PA 19382

Cemetery Details

Private

Tribute Wall



“ *William H. Clarke Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 05:57 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Bill was a great coworker. Thoughts & prayers to his family. 🙏🙏🙏*

Laurie Hoffman - July 02, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Bill had a wonderful sense of humor and could always make me laugh on those hard days at the garage. God Bless*



Karen Sgro McDonough - July 02, 2022 at 12:42 PM



“ *My Uncle Billy was very special to me !!!! He always made me laugh , and always had kind words to say to me. Uncle Billy also was very supportive to my mom and Dad with difficult “medical” challenges I always face. As Uncle Billy was a Christ follower, he has left a testimony to you and I to love Jesus and have a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father. Please pray for the comfort and peace , as my Family goes through a very difficult situation. We know that our life here on Earth is short, But eternity is forever! We love you Aunt Mel, Annamarie Nicole and the rest of the family!
Scott and Lisa Byerly*

Lisa Byerly - July 01, 2022 at 08:08 PM

LV

“ Carmella and family—So sorry for your loss. I remember your family well having lived next door to you many years ago. My thoughts and prayers to all of you. Linda Hober Vonfraenkel

Linda Hober Vonfraenkel - July 01, 2022 at 07:52 PM

DS

“ We will always remember the great times with Bill and Carmella at our adult splash parties at the pool. The laughing and fun at their house during swim team season getting ready for next day meet. I could always go to him for advice. Bill was a kind and gentle man always there to help. He will be missed

donna & Jim Salzmann - July 01, 2022 at 07:31 PM



“ Bill will be missed by the Kirby Family dearly. I loved seeing him daily when we were both driving our bus to pick up at Drexel Hill Middle School. Knowing he was there in case of a problem always gave me comfort. Eugene and I loved how much he loved our grandchildren, especially his buddy Baize. All those dollars added up to extra fun for Baize. Thanks for the love and friendship over these last 16 years. Eugene enjoyed their talks all the way up to the end. Semper Fi Rest In Peace from Eugene. 🙏❤️

Vanessa Kirby - July 01, 2022 at 06:28 PM

LS

“ There’s not enough words to express what growing up on Berkley Avenue was like! It was a very special place! The neighbors were like family! There are many great memories of Mr Clarke but one that really stands out is how hard he worked for his family. We thought he was the coolest when he came home and parked some massive construction vehicle on the street! He & his whole family were always so welcoming to all us kids! He truly will be missed. Sending lots of love and prayers to his family during this difficult time.

Lauren McNamee Sing - July 01, 2022 at 04:56 PM

RM

“ Mr. Clarke was a great neighbor who has left fond memories from my childhood on Berkeley. Growing up on our block was some of the best times. It’s with sorrow to lose a great guy.

Bob McNamee

Robert McNamee - July 01, 2022 at 09:19 AM