



William "Billy" Kapanek

June 18, 1953 - August 10, 2024

Aug 10, 2024, Age 71, of Buffalo, NY. Billy was born in Cheektowaga to Henry "Hank" and Emily "Millie" Kapanek on June 18, 1953. He went to Bishop Turner Highschool in Buffalo and graduated from Canisius College. He married Antoinette "Toni" Hammer on November 11, 1989, in Queen of Martyrs Church. He was a Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist at the Buffalo VA Medical Center. Billy is survived by his wife, Toni Kapanek; his three children and their spouses, Alexis and Justin Ferrentino, Billy Kapanek Jr., Kyle and Marissa Kapanek; his granddaughter, Lola Ferrentino; Beloved son of the late Henry and Emily Kapanek; devoted brother of Norma Jean Burgstahler and the late Andrea Rybak; dear in-laws of Audrey and Robert Hammer; also survived by nieces and nephews. The family will be present to receive relatives and friends on Thursday August 15th from 4-8PM at the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME, 2510 Union Rd., Cheektowaga (2 blocks south of William St.). A funeral service will be held on Friday August 16th at 10:30AM in Williamsville United Methodist, 5681 Main St. Please assemble at church. Flowers gratefully declined. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **15**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (est)

Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home - Cheektowaga
2510 Union Road
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

Funeral Service

AUG **16**. 10:30 AM (est)

Williamsville United Methodist Church
5681 Main St
Williamsville, NY 14221

Please assemble at church

Tribute Wall

CA

“ I am so sorry to hear this. Mr. Kapanak was one of the very first people I met at the VA when I started working there over 15 years ago. He was my go to person if I ever needed to vent, to laugh, to cry or to tell a secret to if I just couldn't hold it any longer! 😭 sad when he retired but even more sad that he passed. Sending love and light to his family in this very dark time.

Cara - August 13, 2024 at 12:09 PM

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“ To all of Toni's family,

Paul & I and the rest of us Hammer cousins are very sorry for the loss of Bill. Paul & I & my brother Ed were very fortunate to have met him 5 yr. ago. at Uncle Bob & Audrey's house. He was a very kind & caring person and was very loved. May you be comforted by each other, your memories, and your faith. God Bless, Peace & Love, Paul and Linda (Hammer) Demler, Jamestown.

Linda Demler - August 12, 2024 at 08:13 PM

MR

“ Toni and Family we are sorry for your loss. Our hearts are with you during this difficult time. Matthew & Barbara Rounds

Matthew Rounds - August 12, 2024 at 04:03 PM