



William D. Koehler PhD

June 1, 1950 - March 6, 2023

William D. Koehler, PhD

of East Amherst, NY, Age 72, passed peacefully on March 6, 2023. Loving husband of Susan (nee Proehl); proud father of Matthew (Kathryn), Travis (Michelle) and Gretchen; adored Papa of Joshua, Mason, Ashlyn, Graycen, Quinn, Gabriel, Julien and Bodhi. Bill was a Purple Heart recipient who served in Vietnam as a sergeant in the US Marine Corps, was a Native American Sundancer and leader, and friend and mentor to all he met. The family is grateful to have shared his brilliance and his humor. No prior visitation. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a future date. Arrangements by the DANIEL R. SMOLAREK FUNERAL HOME. Memorials may be offered to Sundance, c/o Matt Koehler, 6050 Whitegate Crossing, East Amherst, NY 14051. Please leave condolences online at www.SmolarekCares.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William D. Koehler PhD.*



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George Campana - March 09, 2023 at 07:45 AM



“ *My heartfelt condolences to Susie, Matt and all those touched by this huge loss. Bill's belief in 'the Ways', the Sundance, was unparalleled. He trusted the process, believed in it and saw the powerful results. Many of you know what this means. There was no turning back after that, it was full steam ahead. The 'Piercing Song' (his favourite) best describes it all. Happy travels Bill, and thanks for all that sacrificed for the Oyate.*

George from Kanada

George Campana - March 09, 2023 at 07:27 AM



“ Grateful to know Uncle Bill. Clearly I remember early in morning at the arbor watching the beautiful Summer Sun come up as the dancers make their way into the Sundance ground, and stop at the East Gate before entering the Arbor. Uncle Bill is standing with us next to the tree. He has his fan and looks at us, dancers at the Tree and ask, "Are you ready?" He definitely help us feel ready. He is a big part of my Sundance Road. My most heartfelt condolences to all in the Kohler family and the Honor Our Mother Sundance family.
--Al Marengo, Batavia, NY

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