



## Rev. William "Bill" Furey

August 6, 1947 - February 21, 2025

Rev. William David Furey, 77, of Cheshire, who, through his ministry and friendship, helped countless families cope with the loss of loved ones, went home to be with his Lord and Savior, on Friday, February 21, 2025. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on August 6, 1947, son of the late Howard and Geraldine Davis Furey, he attended Cheshire and Adams Schools, and graduated from Pittsfield High School with the class of 1966.

Bill lived a life of service, always dedicated to helping others. In 1968, he enlisted in the United States Navy, where he proudly served his country as a Senior Corpsman in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. In 1974, he was honorably discharged with ribbons acknowledging: Combat Action, Navy Unit Commendation, Navy/Marine Achievement (star and valor), Meritorious unit commendation, Vietnam Cross of Galantry, National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, Navy Reserve.

Bill worked at GE in Pittsfield for twenty years, from 1970 to 1990.

He was an Ordained Baptist minister, serving as Pastor of The First Baptist Church in Cheshire, MA, from 1974 until 1998.

At the time of his death, Bill was the Pastor of Berkshire Union Chapel in Lanesborough, MA. Reverend William D. Furey just completed his 50th year

in the ministry of Jesus Christ.

For 9 years Bill also worked at Whitney's Farm Market in Cheshire, MA, where he made the salads, salsa and guacamole. He loved his time working in the kitchen with all the "young people."

Bill also served on the Cheshire Board of Health in the 80's and served as Cheshire's Veterans Agent in the late 90's.

In 2005, God called Bill to Burkina Faso West Africa to help escort and transfer young children with medical conditions to USA hospitals. This led to another 10 trips to Burkina Faso to assist children to get medical help here to the USA. Bill started African Integrity Missions, a 501C3 Non-Profit mission.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife and best friend, the former Anne Marie Drummond, whom he married on August 11, 2007.

He leaves behind his beloved children and grandchildren; Wyatt D. Furey and his significant other Donna Krutiak, Timothy W. Furey and his wife Angela, Luke H. Furey and his wife Amy, and their 3 children, Alexander Furey, Robert Furey and Jonathan Furey. Bill is survived by two step-daughters, Ayla A. Carr and her husband Jordan, Annie L. Sumner and her husband Zackary, and their children, Amelia Sumner and Annabella Sumner.

He also leaves his beloved sister, Carol A. Francesconi and her husband Richard, niece, Maria Francesconi and grand nephew, Dominic Puntin, nephew Thomas Francesconi and his wife Michelle and grand nieces, Mia and Sofia Francesconi. He also leaves his sister-in-law, Patricia Furey and niece, Kimberly Furey.

Additional, Bill is survived by his African family of 20 years, Henri Bienvenue

Nacko and his parents, Gustave and Sidonie Nacko, as well as Ikwuyatum Ijegwa Owoicho, Philomene Apouho Owoicho, Tutilo Manuel Ijegwa Owoicho, Adejo Gideon Ernest Owoicho and Galahad Oche Daniel Owoicho, and Pastor Philip and his congregation.

He also leaves his former wife, Kathleen J. Furey.

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his brother Robert V. Furey, as well as his 3 beloved canines, Zeusboy, Nakota and Gretchen.

To know Bill was to know of his lighthearted spirit, his honest generosity, his loving kindness, and his heart of gold. While he will be sorely missed by those who were blessed to have known him, we take solace knowing that Bill has completed the race and has gone to his Eternal Home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services with full military honors for Rev. Willam "Bill" Furey will be Friday, February 28, 2025, at 11am at St. Mary's Church in Cheshire, MA, officiated by the Rev. Donald Gray former pastor of Adams Baptist Church and Bill's lifelong friend. Burial will be in the late Spring in Cheshire Cemetery. Calling hours will be Thursday, February 27, 2025, from 3pm to 6pm at the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home in Pittsfield, where Bill was thought of as family, 220 East St, Pittsfield MA 01201.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory can be made to Cheshire Volunteer Fire Dept or Berkshire Union Chapel or African Integrity Missions, in care of the Dwyer-Wellington Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Cheshire Cemetery

West Mountain Rd  
Cheshire, MA 01225

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 27. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer -Wellington Family Funeral Home - Pittsfield  
220 East St.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 445-4064  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Mary of the Assumption  
159 Church St  
Cheshire, MA 01225

# Tribute Wall

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“ *annie i am so sorry for you lost he is lo*

**bryce simken** - April 05, 2025 at 03:26 PM



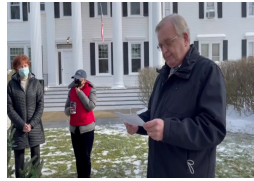
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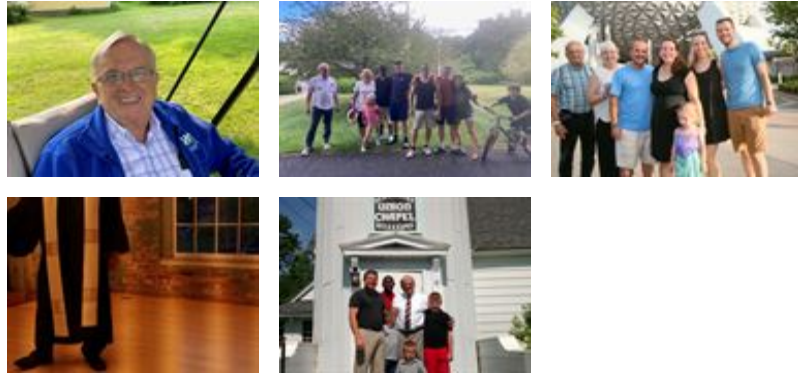
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**Dwyer Funeral Home Inc.** - February 27, 2025 at 11:32 AM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - February 27, 2025 at 10:06 AM



“ *Paster Bill married us almost 35 years ago. He was a family friend for years and will be greatly missed. Condolences and peace to his family. - Love DJ and Jessica Stansfield*



DJ and Jessica Stansfield - February 26, 2025 at 08:46 PM



“ *RIP! Prayers to his family and friends.*

AArma d and Arlene Barrett Pero - February 25, 2025 at 06:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. William "Bill" Furey.*



February 25, 2025 at 01:03 PM

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“ I know what it's like to lose a parent (not fun) we love you Tim hang tough... Doug and your southshore family.

Douglas Elliott - February 25, 2025 at 10:04 AM

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“ Billy and I grew up together in Cheshire, and he was the brother I never had. So many memories of fun times. I didn't get to say goodbye but he knew how much I loved him. Bless you, Bill. Much love, Leslie

Leslie LaPlante - February 25, 2025 at 09:45 AM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Rev. William "Bill" Furey.



February 25, 2025 at 07:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rev. William "Bill" Furey.

February 25, 2025 at 07:50 AM

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“ To Rev. Furey’s Family,  
Please accept our prayers and sympathy at this time. We always looked forward to hearing Rev. Furey give a prayer at the Christmas Tree Remembrance Service at Dwyer’s Funeral Home. His prayers came from his heart with sympathy to all who were there remembering their loved ones. I always enjoyed speaking with him after the service. Now we will remember him at future services. Rest In Peace dear Rev. Furey.

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**Patrick & Marie Gormalley** - February 25, 2025 at 07:49 AM

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“ Bill was always a presence in my life since I can remember. He spent many hours in our home as well as in our church, he was part of our family, he followed in my dad’s footsteps. He will be sorely missed by all who were fortunate enough to know him. “Well done, good and faithful servant”

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**Carolyn Gawron** - February 24, 2025 at 06:55 PM

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“ Bill’s smile was always such a calm, happy man. We are blessed to have gotten to know Bill. Our thoughts and prayers are with Anne and their family. May your memories comfort you.

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**Tom and Kim Taglieri** - February 24, 2025 at 06:37 PM