



## Mr. William "Bill" Mara

November 4, 1935 - March 12, 2024

William "Bill" Mara, 88, of Pittsfield, passed away on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, after a short illness. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on November 4, 1935, son of the late Bernard Mara and Margaret Callahan Mara, he graduated from St. Joseph High School with the class of 1953.

For the majority of his career, William was employed by General Electric. He graduated from GE's apprentice program and moved on through other positions and completed his career as a computer analyst. It was from there he retired after 40 years of dedicated service.

Among many things, he enjoyed spending time with family and friends, golf, racquetball, and football officiating which was his passion for many years. He served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the Berkshire County Football Officials Association (BCFOA) and the Eastern Association of Intercollegiate Football Officials (EAIFO).

William is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, the former Elena Provenzano, whom he married on May 4, 1957. He leaves behind his son William Mara (Jean), daughters Nancy Ennis (Robert) and Susan Curran (David), and his six grandchildren, Jill Ennis, William Mara, Kaitlin Mara, Christopher Mara, Sara Ennis and Erin Curran. He is also survived by his brother Bernard Mara (Sharon), and sisters Jane Gable (Clark) and Margaret

Mary Harris (Greg).

Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter Marilou and his sister Jacqueline O'Gara.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for William B. Mara will be Monday, March 18, 2024, at 12 noon at the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North Street, Pittsfield MA 01021.

Burial will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home will be directly prior to the service, from 10 am to 12 noon.

In lieu of flowers, donations in William's memory can be made to the American Cancer Society, in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.  
Pittsfield, MA 01201

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 18. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Dwyer Family Funeral Home  
776 North Street  
Pittsfield, MA 01201  
(413) 442-5094  
info@dwyerfuneral.com  
<https://www.dwyerfuneral.com/>

## Service

MAR 18. 12:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill,  
Thoughts and prayers are sent to you and your family.*

*Bob Guarente*

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**Robert Guarente** - March 20, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.*



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March 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *Woody Bastien & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.*

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**Woody Bastien & Family** - March 18, 2024 at 11:34 AM



“ *BGC (Colleen, Shelly, Tom, Dave, Mike) purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.*



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**BGC (Colleen, Shelly, Tom, Dave, Mike)** - March 17, 2024 at 09:01 PM

BM

“ BGC (Colleen, Shelly, Tom, Dave, Mike) planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.

BGC (Colleen, Shelly, Tom, Dave, Mike) - March 17, 2024 at 09:01 PM

PR

“ Fond memories of Bill playing softball at the GEAA .Paul,Robinson NC - Left Pittsfield in 1980.

paul robinson - March 17, 2024 at 03:27 PM

EM

“ EAIFO, METROPOLITAN CHAPTER! Bill Moran purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.



EAIFO, METROPOLITAN CHAPTER! Bill Moran - March 17, 2024 at 01:48 PM

EM

“ EAIFO, METROPOLITAN CHAPTER! Bill Moran planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.

EAIFO, METROPOLITAN CHAPTER! Bill Moran - March 17, 2024 at 01:48 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 15, 2024 at 01:51 PM



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Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - March 15, 2024 at 11:04 AM



“ *Hilton & Rosemary Perez purchased the Gourmet Gift Basket for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.*



Hilton & Rosemary Perez - March 15, 2024 at 10:50 AM

HP

“ To The Mara Family: Please accept my sincerest condolences regarding the passing of Bill. I had the good fortune of first meeting Bill when we established the WNE Football Chapter back in 1986. I maintained contact with Bill over all of these years, even after I retired from collegiate officiating at the end of the 2008 season. In my opinion, Bill is a football officiating legend not only in the WNE Chapter but in the EAIFO as well. Bill helped develop me and many other officials, in becoming better at our craft and we all owe him a debt of gratitude. God Bless You Bill and your family, love you brother, Hilton Perez

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Hilton Perez - March 15, 2024 at 10:40 AM

WW

“ Western MA Football Officials WMFOA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.



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Western MA Football Officials WMFOA - March 15, 2024 at 08:53 AM

WW

“ Western MA Football Officials WMFOA planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.

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Western MA Football Officials WMFOA - March 15, 2024 at 08:53 AM

DM

“ I had many good times over the course of 40 plus years of football officiating with Bill. He was the glue that held the Western Mass chapter of officials together. He officiated until he was 70, which set the bar for me; one I couldn't reach. He has had a major impact on hundreds of working and aspiring football officials and won't be forgotten for a long time. Rest in peace, my friend!!

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**Dr. Tom Mawhinney** - March 15, 2024 at 08:33 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Mr. William "Bill" Mara.



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March 14, 2024 at 03:36 PM