



William P. Shelsy

October 3, 1936 - August 20, 2019

Mr. William P. Shelsy, of Pittsfield, passed away on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Born in Pittsfield, MA, on October 3, 1936, the son of the late Patrick and Mary Resse Shelsy, he graduated from St. Joseph Central High School in 1955 and also attended St. Michael's College in Vermont.

Bill worked for the Berkshire Eagle and was the Circulation Director for Miller Newspapers for 27 years. He was also the owner and operator of Shelsy's Restaurant in Lanesborough for 15 years.

Bill was very active in his community. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, and a member and past President of the New England Association of Circulation Executives. He was a member of the Pittsfield Licensing Board and was on the Pittsfield Bicentennial Commission.

Besides his beloved wife, Marie Hurley Shelsy, whom he married on August 12, 1961, Bill is survived by his daughters; Christine Pratte (Ric) of Bedford, NH., Terri Clark of Scotia, NY, Tracie Shelsy of Pittsfield, MA; and his son, Eric Shelsy (Jennifer) of Lanesborough, MA. Bill also leaves behind nine adored grandchildren; Laine and Paige Chiaretta, Carly and Catherine Clark, McKensie Saldo, and Courtney, Jackson, Katherine, and Jacob Shelsy.

Bill also enjoyed watching endless hours of TV, especially when the Red Sox were on. He enjoyed golfing at "The Hills," vacationing at the beach, and dancing polka with his daughters and granddaughters. Bill was known for his voracious appetite – he loved Italian food, cooking and his chocolate ice cream (or... anything chocolate at all). Along with cooking he enjoyed making

homemade dandelion wine and grappa for his friends; partying and entertaining were his favorite pastimes. He was a devoted and loving husband, father and grandfather. The family would like to thank his Hospice nurse Carm and the staff at Craneville Place who are truly angels on earth.

Funeral Notice:

Funeral services for Mr. William P. Shelsy will be Saturday, August 24, 2019, at 8 a.m. from the Dwyer Funeral Home with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9 a.m. at St. Agnes Church, celebrated by the Rev. Christopher Malatesta, Pastor. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery. Calling hours will be Friday afternoon, August 23, 2019, from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the Dwyer Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Susan Kellar, Craneville Recreation Fund in care of the Dwyer Funeral Home, 776 North St., Pittsfield, MA 01201 in his memory. Donations CANNOT be made online, but may be made through the Dwyer Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Cemetery

222 Peck's Rd.
Pittsfield, MA 01201

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Service

AUG 24. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Agnes Church
489 Main St.
Dalton, MA 01226

Tribute Wall

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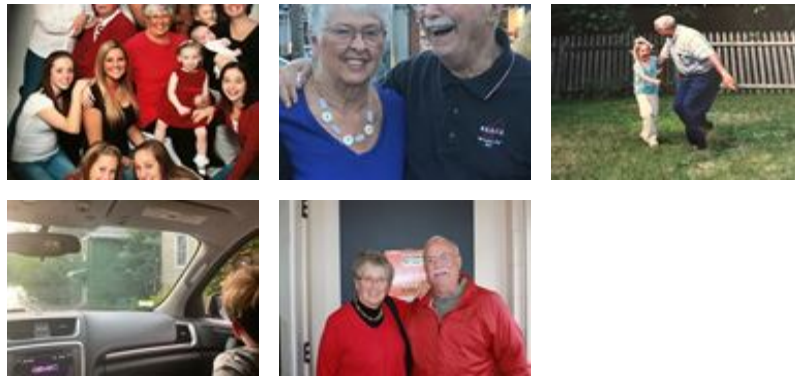
“ Marie and family, I was sorry to learn of Bill's passing. My deepest condolences. He was a great guy and true gentleman.

Ann Norton

Ann Norton - August 24, 2019 at 08:22 AM



“ 83 files added to the album Life Tributes



Dwyer Funeral Home Inc. - August 23, 2019 at 05:46 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William P. Shelsy.



August 23, 2019 at 10:14 AM

CP

“ 1 file added to the album *Memories Album*



Chris Pratte - August 23, 2019 at 06:55 AM

CP

“ 1 file added to the album *Dad*



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 Linda
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“ *Will miss you Mr. BILL. R.I.P*



Linda Yarmey - August 22, 2019 at 09:28 PM

TB

“ *Marie and Family,*
We were so very sorry to read about Bill in today's Eagle. We haven't spent a lot of time together in recent years but we sure did for a while there and it was excellent.
It was always good to know that Bill was nearby and that, being Bill, would be ready if we called. Of course, Marie, if you or the kids need anything that we can come close to providing...Don't forget we are only a phone call away. We won't be able to be there for calling hours or the funeral as we have to head off to Merrimack, NH, early tomorrow morning for a Saturday wedding. Son #1 is getting hitched to #2. Not as traumatic as it sounds. We'll give you a call once things settle down to exchange updates.
Tom

tom bleezarde - August 22, 2019 at 09:28 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



August 22, 2019 at 08:58 PM

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Tom Bleezarde - August 22, 2019 at 08:39 PM

CH

“ 1 file added to the album Bill



Chris - August 22, 2019 at 08:06 PM

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Chris - August 22, 2019 at 08:05 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



August 22, 2019 at 06:58 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



August 22, 2019 at 05:51 PM



“ *We cannot help but smile when we think of Uncle Bill and his sense of humor and his laugh and his love. His legacy of love and laughter most certainly lives on in his children and grandchildren and is a joy. Our thoughts are with you. Love, Chris and Linda Sorauf*

Linda Sorauf - August 22, 2019 at 01:05 PM



“ *Chris and Linda Sorauf and family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



Chris and Linda Sorauf and family - August 22, 2019 at 01:02 PM

JB

“ *Jacqueline Berger purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



Jacqueline Berger - August 22, 2019 at 12:45 PM

JB

“ *With great sadness in my heart, I send my Deepest Sympathies to the family of such a great man and person, Bill Shelsy. There are no words one can say to give you comfort, but please know you are all in my thoughts and prayers. I only wish I could be there for you. You are all loved and missed so very much, as Bill will be loved and missed by all. Thank you for the honor and privilege of knowing you all. I hold you very close to my heart for all time.
Rest in Peace Bill. Godspeed
Jacqueline Berger*

Jacqueline Berger - August 22, 2019 at 12:21 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



August 22, 2019 at 10:49 AM

MT

“ *Much love, Donna, Dave and Tim purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



Much love, Donna, Dave and Tim - August 22, 2019 at 10:48 AM

TJ

“ *Thomas J. purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William P. Shelsy.*



Thomas J. - August 22, 2019 at 09:24 AM



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August 22, 2019 at 09:12 AM