



William J. Tutlewski

April 15, 1947 - March 8, 2020

If the testament to a life well lived is gauged on the yardsticks that measure what matters most, and balanced on a scale that considers how deeply one has touched others in ways memorable and meaningful, for Bill Tutlewski and those who loved him, life was, by all accounts - very large.

William J. Tutlewski, 72, of Dune Acres, Indiana died on Sunday, March 8, 2020. His passing was sudden, after an exquisite evening enjoying what he loved most, time with friends to savor sunset from his home high over Lake Michigan. He leaves a void in the small beach town he called home for the past 13 years, a place where he loved life and will be remembered as a good neighbor and a great friend whose signature saying was "Every day is Saturday".

He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Sharon (Frey) Tutlewski; son, William J. Tutlewski Jr.; stepdaughters, Lori Ann (Herb) Fitzgerald and Michelle (Eric) Hansen; grandchildren, Stephen, Lucas, Mikenzie, Lorraine, Kayla and Michael; brother, Robert (Delores) Tutlewski; and nephews, Robbie (Kaleigh) Tutlewski and John (Mandy) Tutlewski. He was preceded in death by his parents and niece, Jill Tutlewski.

Bill was born April 15, 1947 in Gary, Indiana to Walter and Donna (Wranish) Tutlewski. His Polish father and Serbian mother met at Chicago's lively east side polka lounge, the old Club 505, dancing with the Smith Sisters, whose last name was actually Dabalski. His parents' ethnic influences assured Bill's childhood home in Gary was always full with the 3 p's: Perch, Pierogi and Polish Sausage, along with Serbian strudel pie and Palatschinke for good measure. A lifelong resident of Northwest Indiana, Bill embodied the best qualities of the "Region Rat" stereotype, manifesting in a lifetime of hard work and an unwavering commitment to his friends and family.

His brother Bobby has said: "Sometimes you have the privilege of knowing a person who is truly unique, a rare individual who you always want in your corner. Bill was one of those people. He was someone you could look up to, and someone who was always there to

offer help and guidance when the chips were down. To the day he died, even when times were tough, you would never hear him complain. Bill was a family man, a restaurant owner, an accountant and much more throughout his life. But beyond all that, he was a genuinely great human being who will be sorely missed.”

A mass of Christian burial will be held Saturday, March 14, 2020 at 10 a.m. at St. Patrick Catholic Church, 638 N. Calumet Rd., Chesterton, Indiana 46304. Visitation will follow from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. at Edmonds & Evans Funeral Home, 517 Broadway, Chesterton, Indiana 46304. A light lunch will be served and an afternoon of memories shared at the Dune Acres Clubhouse between 2 and 4 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of William Tutlewski may be made to the University of Illinois at Chicago, Dr. Mary Strek’s Advanced (ILD) Lung Disease Research Fund, 5841 S. Maryland Ave, MC 6076, ATTN Elneda Boyd, Chicago, IL 60637. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.eefh.com.

Events

MAR **Mass** 10:00AM - 11:00AM

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St. Patrick Catholic Church

638 N Calumet Road, Chesterton, IN, US, 46304

MAR **Visitation** 11:30AM - 01:30PM

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Chesterton Chapel

517 Broadway, Chesterton, IN, US, 46304

Comments



“ Sharon our condolences to you and your family. We were so sorry to hear Of Bill’s passing. He was the first friend of Jeff’s I met as they were together the night Jeff and I met. In the last couple of years I would enjoy listening to Jeff and Bill on the phone talking about their grandson’s hockey. So many memories over the years. May he Rest In Peace. Marilyn and Jeff

Marilyn and Jeff Seamples - March 15 at 09:01 AM



“ Dear Sharon and family,

Bill was a true friend of the Pezzuto and Silverman family. He was a generous soul, a fabulous host and a great listener. His love for you Sharon, showed every time you walked into the room, his eyes twinkled with happiness.

I will never forget both you and Bill's kindness and support during my parents illnesses. I am a better person for having known him. Our family will miss him dearly.

Mimi, John, John-Henry, Elisabeth and Michael

mimi - March 14 at 06:05 PM



“ Sharon,

Lynda and I were fortunate to have you and Bill as some of our closest friends. Following Lynda's passing and my health problems, you and Bill were even a greater part of my life. Coping with the loss of your mate is difficult, but I have confidence in your strength to carry on.

Bill was an inspiration to me. His friendship was invaluable, and I envied his life experience stories. I only regret that my own health prevents me from sharing this message in person.

Howard Silverman

Howard Silverman - March 14 at 05:04 PM



“ Sharon,

Lou and I are saddened to hear of Bill's death. We will keep you in our prayers during this sad time for you and your family. He was a true gentleman and we are sorry we will not be home for his celebration of life.

Tom and Lou Roberts

Tom and Lou Roberts - March 13 at 06:54 PM



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Sharon and family:

Bill's leaving saddens us all. Rick enjoyed talking to Bill Sunday evening and we both remarked on how happy he was.

We trust your years of happiness and good memories will bring you smiles, not tears, whenever he comes to mind.

Remember--"I know a guy"...

love,

Rick and Michele

Rick - March 13 at 12:54 PM



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I had the pleasure of working with Bill back in the Riverdale- Interlake days.

Bill had this constant upbeat personality. He was a great storyteller and had the ability to

really connect with people. His life experience stories made me wonder why he wasn't

a novelist instead of an accountant.

Telling a story about mushroom picking or a story about avoiding confrontation with a road rage driver or the one about getting carbon monoxide poisoning from his car were just a few I recall.

He will be missed.

RIP Bill

John Giblin

JOHN GIBLIN - March 12 at 06:23 PM



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Sharon, Ben and I send our condolences to you and family. We are out of state and won't be there in person, but we are thinking of you and hope all those wonderful memories will bring you comfort. Ben said he was so glad he saw Tut not so long ago. We will send a donation to Dr. Strek. Take care, Ben & Kathy Nuzzo

Ben Nuzzo - March 12 at 06:00 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. We have fond memories of Bill and he will be missed by everyone who knew him.
Our sincerest condolences.
Fred Frigo and Family

Fred Frigo - March 12 at 01:34 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Tutlewski.



March 12 at 11:24 AM



“ Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of William J. Tutlewski.



March 12 at 10:56 AM



“ Great guy in high school at Lew Wallace...He will be missed...love and blessing to the family..

George kos - March 11 at 07:09 PM



“ Dear Sharon Danny and I share so many good memories of fun times with you and Bill. We will miss him greatly. You are in our prayers and our hearts.

birdie and danny - March 19 at 04:53 PM