



Vasilios "Bill" Galanis

August 1, 1939 - June 26, 2020

Vasilios "Bill" Galanis, 80, of Elgin, passed away Friday, June 26, 2020, at Northwestern Hospital in Chicago.

He was born August 1, 1939, in Aghiorghitika, Greece the son of Spiro and Christina (Orfanos) Galanis. Bill arrived in the USA in 1960, he married Soula Hagegregoriou on March 1, 1970. Bill purchased the Village Inn in Huntley in 1980. Bill loved Huntley. He was very proud of his friendships he built over 40 years with his customers and the community he loved. He also acquired Clausens Tavern in Union, which he operated from 1996-2003. He loved sports, especially the Bears, Bulls, and St. Louis Cardinals. He enjoyed a Dewars on the rocks with a good cigar. Bill was a longtime member of St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church in Elgin.

Surviving is his wife of 50 years, Soula; their children, Christina Kamberis, Spiro Galanis, and Maria (Konstantinos) Arfanakis; loved Papou of Venetia, Gia, and Leo; sisters, Angie (Emanuel) Blazakis, Christina (Panagioti) Triandopoulos, Giannoula Veliziotis; a brother, Pete (Eleni) Galanis; sister-in-law, Betty Galanis; many nieces, nephews, and countless good friends.

He is preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Jimmy Galanis.

Public visitation will be on Wednesday, July 1 from 4-8 PM with prayers at 6

PM at the James A. O'Connor Funeral Home, 11603 E. Main St., Huntley. As expected, there will be many people who will want to pay their respects, please be mindful of the guests by wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

The Funeral Service at St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, 525 Church St., Elgin is private. A funeral procession to River Valley Memorial Gardens in West Dundee will follow. After the service, friends are welcome to accompany the family to the cemetery and should arrive at the church at 11:45 AM.

Please omit flowers, memorial contributions in Bill's name should be addressed to St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund, 525 Church St., Elgin, IL 60123.

Cemetery Details

River Valley Memorial Gardens

510 Market Loog Road
West Dundee, IL 60118

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 1. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

James A. O'Connor Funeral Home
11603 E. Main PO Box 74
Huntley, IL 60142
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Prayers

JUL 1. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Vasilios "Bill" Galanis*

January 17, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *What a great guy who loved everything about Huntley, Union, Dundee and Elgin . We had many drinks together in many establishments in in the area. I had the opportunity to work for Bill at his home and plowed the lot in back for twenty years. Our family would always eat there after church along with many families RIP Bill*

Chuck Veach - July 01, 2020 at 09:46 PM



“ *Bill was always there with a smile and hug and to bring great joy into ones day whenever we saw him. He was so kind and caring to me and all three of my boys. As the boys were growing up we would go into the restaurant and he would immediately take them to the kitchen for a "little treat". Usually bacon. We all loved Bill. Whenever we would walk in he would want to know all about what was going on in our lives. He made you feel like you were the most important person in the world as he gave undivided attention and care to really listen as we talked. He shared my pride in my boys as if they were his own. I loved the banter we so often heard between Bill and his dear friends. Bill will always hold a sweet and dear place in my and my boys hearts. His bigger than life smile and hello will be truly missed but fondly remembered. May you now find your rest and reward in Heaven with our Heavenly father.*
Sharon Pfaff

Sharon Pfaff - July 01, 2020 at 01:29 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



July 01, 2020 at 11:04 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 30, 2020 at 10:20 PM



“ *Tranquil Seas was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 30, 2020 at 10:00 PM



“ *So sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man and friend. For the past 20 years the village Inn and bill have been our Friday night tradition. Everyone there was our extended family, and Bill will truly be missed. Rest In Peace and prayers to your family
The Edward Schock Family
Ed, Keith, Sue, Brett, Jessica, Bryan, Lily, Grace, Jim, and Rose*

susan kmieciak - June 30, 2020 at 07:17 PM

JG

“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Joe Gow - June 30, 2020 at 05:33 PM

MC

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Our hearts and prayers are with the Galanis family.

Mario Calvo and Kurt Linde

Mario Calvo - June 30, 2020 at 03:19 PM

CS

“ Billy was my dad's boss from the time I was born and then sporadically over the years. I will never forget the warm hug I would get from him when we would visit. I miss those Friday fish dinners. He was one-of-a-kind. May he Rest In Peace. Carrie (Frank) Skoczylas



Carrie (Frank) Skoczylas - June 30, 2020 at 11:20 AM

GF

“ Gus & Athena & Family purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.



Gus & Athena & Family - June 30, 2020 at 11:11 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 30, 2020 at 06:27 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 29, 2020 at 11:41 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 29, 2020 at 09:38 PM



“ *Tina DeBartolo lit a candle in memory of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis*



Tina DeBartolo - June 29, 2020 at 06:52 PM

TD

My dear sweet first boss, you were one of a kind. You will be truly be missed!

Tina DeBartolo - June 29, 2020 at 06:54 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 29, 2020 at 03:23 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 29, 2020 at 12:46 PM



“ *Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Vasilios "Bill" Galanis.*



June 29, 2020 at 12:41 PM