



William J. "Bill" Balas, Jr.

March 15, 1955 - June 10, 2017

On Saturday, June 10, 2017, William J. "Bill", age 62, of Jefferson Hills. Beloved son of the late William J. Balas, Sr. and Rita M. (McCann) Balas; brother of Deborah (the late Robert Knudson) Balas and Gregory (Otilia) Balas of Phoenix, AZ. Bill was a talented musician who played trombone with the musicians union, and was a former chef at Georgetown Centre. Friends received Monday 2-4 & 6-8 pm at the GRIFFITH FUNERAL HOME, INC., 5636 Brownsville Road, (at 6th St.), South Park Twp. (412) 655-4600. Funeral prayer Tuesday, 9:30 am with a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Thomas A'Becket Church at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's name may be made to St. Thomas A' Becket Church, 139 Gill Hall Road, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025, or to TJ Arts, c/o Karen Suszynski, 220 Orchard Court, Jefferson Hills, PA 15025. Condolences may be offered at www.GriffithFH.com

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 12. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.
5636 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 655-4600
<https://www.griffithfh.com>

Visitation

JUN 12. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Griffith Funeral Home, Inc.
5636 Brownsville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15236
(412) 655-4600
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Funeral Mass

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas A' Becket Church
139 Gill Hall Road
Jefferson Hills, PA 15025
(412) 655-2885
<http://www.saintthomasabecket.com/>

Tribute Wall

TL

“ Dear Debbie,

My wife and I were so sorry to hear about the passing of your brother Bill. He was a gentle, sincere, and kind person, just like his mother. We need more people like Bill in this world, he will be missed.

Tim & Carol Lee

Tim Lee - June 14, 2017 at 08:53 AM

KM

“ *I played trombone with Bill in the high school band, and we became friends. I recently reconnected after all these years via facebook. so sorry to hear of his passing. RIP Bill.*

Kerry Nero Mastrine

Kerry L Mastrine - June 13, 2017 at 04:07 PM

KB

“ My Dad, Sox, worked with Bill at the Yorkshire and Georgetown Centre. My family had the pleasure to get to know Bill. He was such a nice person and was so caring towards my Dad. He kept in touch with him until he passed away. On behalf of my Dad (I know he would have wanted me to) and my family, we would like to express our deepest sympathy to your family. I hope knowing what a special person Bill was to others will give you some comfort at this difficult time.

Your in our prayers,
The Sox Simmons Family, Kristen, Karl and Angelina Buechler
Danna Owczarzak

kristen buechler - June 13, 2017 at 12:23 AM

JK

“ I was a sophomore horn major at Duquesne U. pledging Mu Phi Epsilon. I had a solfeggio teacher who was Hungarian. One of my pledge assignments was to find out and tell Dr. Munkachy in Hungarian "I love you."
The only one I could think of who might have been Hungarian was Bill. I asked him if he could help, and he said "let me phone my grandma." After the initial, "hi, it's Billy," he gave me the words I needed to say to the professor and get the task crossed off my list. But that's who Bill was. No matter what was asked of him, he gave his all to get it done. God bless my friend Bill, and comfort his family and friends during this difficult time. I hope you're feeling the love.

Janice Kraynok - June 12, 2017 at 06:25 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Balas, Jr..*



June 11, 2017 at 06:01 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family for your loss. May the God who "binds up the broken-hearted" and "comforts all who mourn", sustain you and your family during this difficult time. Isaiah 61:1,2. –*

Gwen Dixon - June 11, 2017 at 11:25 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Balas, Jr..*



June 11, 2017 at 07:29 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Balas, Jr..*



June 11, 2017 at 07:19 AM

JG

“ Dear Debbie,
We are sending you our love and prayers on the loss of your dear brother, Bill. What a compassionate soul... That runs in your family. God Bless You and all of the family.
Love, Bo and Judy

J Gannon - June 10, 2017 at 10:48 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William J. "Bill" Balas, Jr..



June 10, 2017 at 06:34 PM

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Nancy Simoncic Skeddle - June 10, 2017 at 05:42 PM

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Nancy Simoncic Skeddle - June 10, 2017 at 05:40 PM

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“ George Benard Shaw "A gentleman is one who puts more into the world than he takes out." And that is what Bill was all his life ... a gentleman thank you for being my friend all these years, Bill.

Nancy Simoncic Skeddle - June 10, 2017 at 05:26 PM