



## William 'Bill' Urquhart

May 20, 2024

UPDATE\*\*\*\*Please join Bill's family for his Celebration of Life on Sunday, June 30th, 2024, open house style from 12pm until 6pm at 4212 St. Clair Parkway, Port Lambton (Bill and Ruth's House), Rain date will be Sunday, July 7th\*\*\*\*

With love and sadness, on Monday May 20th, we said “till we meet again” to William Patrick Urquhart, better known as Bill. After a long fight with a debilitating and painful disease he left to join his son Michael, his mother Ethel, his father Jeff, and family and friends who had already made that inevitable journey. He was with us for 76 well lived years.

He reluctantly left behind many people he loved- his wife and partner in crime for thirteen years Ruth, son David, David’s wife Stella and oh how he loved his granddaughter Maya. Because three stepsons came along with Ruth, Scott Juryn, his wife Michele, Jaxon and Kinsley, Chris Juryn and his wife Amanda, and Peter Juryn, his wife Keely, Colton and Sydney his family grew. But so did the pride and love he felt for all - especially those five grandchildren.

There were special memories for his first family-David’s mother Carol, her sisters and their families. Drop-ins on the dock were always enjoyed.

Brothers, sisters, nieces nephews and cousins held a special spot in his heart.

As a young man he learned the Tool and Die trade and soon became the “Tool and Die Guy” going from a shop behind Animal Control to owner of Novatrim.

Many lifelong friendships were made there with partners, employees and

customers. He could envision, tweak and make almost anything better. Modification should have been his middle name. Facebook and the internet helped him reconnect with many far-away family members, old and not so old friends and the many folks who just loved to laugh along with his many jokes, be mesmerized by his photos and enchanted by his videos. We will celebrate his amazing life at a later date. His cremation arrangements have been entrusted to the Haycock-Cavanagh Funeral Home, 409 Nelson Street in Wallaceburg (519-627-3231). If you wish to make a donation in Bill's memory, please consider the Canadian Cancer Society or the St. Clair River Trail.

We will miss you Bill.

Cherished stories and tributes may be left for the family at [www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca](http://www.CavanaghFuneralHome.ca)

# Tribute Wall

BS

“ We send our Heartfelt Condolences to All the Family and Fiends of Bill, he was a joy to know. He will be missed. You're in our thoughts and prayers RIP Bill



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**Brian and Elaine Shaw** - June 22, 2024 at 11:09 AM

JV

“ My deepest condolences to Bill's family, he was a truly wonderful man, my parents knew him very well....we will miss his posts on Facebook too. So very sad!

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**Jackie Holder Van De Velde** - June 12, 2024 at 10:17 PM

TN

“ Todd& Nancy(Lewis)Sharrow lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



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**Todd& Nancy(Lewis)Sharrow** - June 08, 2024 at 03:05 PM

ST

“ Our condolences to Bill's family and friends. We will miss his amazing pics and posting as to what's coming down/up the river.

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**Sue Moran & Ron Taylor** - May 30, 2024 at 05:16 PM

FF

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy and prayers to Ruth and family.* ”



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**Frank, Cathy Johnston & family** - May 29, 2024 at 07:19 AM

CS

“ *I have known Bill since 1980. He was a fun guy and a pleasure to know. Our sympathy goes out to Ruth and the whole family. So sorry for your loss. He will be greatly missed. Chris and Jayne Slater.* ”



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**Chris Slater** - May 28, 2024 at 06:36 PM

LR

“ *Bill was so very kind and thoughtful after my husband Gary died. He looked out for my son at his part time job and even made a brass plaque with Gary's name on it. My heartfelt condolences to his family. RIP Bill.* ”

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**Lynda Reid** - May 28, 2024 at 04:50 PM

NL

“ I've known Bill about seventy years. We stayed in touch via emails and phone calls up until two hours before he passed away. . Drove out from my home in Glendale, Arizona to see him last year.....I'm so glad I did.

We had a cottage at the bay. Every Friday evening we'd show up at the property, I'd help unload the car, then get my old bike out of the tool shed and head over to Bill and Jimmy's and see what was up. We did a lot of growing up together on all those weekends. fishing, stuffing six inch fire crackers in frogs and blowing them up, huge pea shooter wars in the park, swinging on the big tall swings in the park until the chains slacked up and damn near through us on the ground, spread sand on the big slide and road down with wax paper under our butts.....almost hit mach two a few times, base ball, pulled each other standing up behind boat on a 4 X 8 sheet of plywood with a looped rope to hang on to ( not to safe on our parts ), then the guys would always help me with launching my U-control model planes in the grass area of the park....sometimes the engine would start and run backwards .....Bill once asked if I was checking for weeds...like on a boat out on the lake with a weed packed prop, pulling feathers off ducks behind Anchor Inn for 25 cents a duck, in the winter...hockey on the minnow pond behind their house, on Sunday, the church bell would ring and off we went leaving our muddy shoes and boots out front and all us solo kids would sit in the front two rows on the right side...at a certain point us kids would go to the hall behind the church for sunday school...then back into the church to finish up....the muddy shoes went back on and we were good to go with God for another week !!! This list could go on and on.....

Bill, Jimmy and I were like the Three Musketeers on the weekends I miss them both more than anyone will ever know.....Great times, at a good time, in our lives !!! They are deep in my soul.....

Nels Linde

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Nels Linde - May 27, 2024 at 10:20 PM

JA

“ *Sending sincere sympathies and keeping your family in our thoughts and prayers.*

Jeff and Sue Agar - May 27, 2024 at 06:08 AM

JC

“ *To Ruth and family.....so sorry to hear of Bills passing. My deepest condolences to you all.*  
*Jayne Cantin*



Jayne Cantin - May 26, 2024 at 08:24 PM

JC

“ *Ruth and family*  
*Sorry for the loss of Bill hugs love and prayers*  
*Joyce Wellman Cracknell*

Joyce wellman cracknell - May 26, 2024 at 03:09 PM

 Janice Conway

“ *Janice Conway lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Janice Conway - May 25, 2024 at 08:45 PM

MJ

“ Sincere condolences to the entire family. I enjoyed his Facebook posts. I remember Bill as a comical guy and always friendly. Also remember he & his family growing up at the "Bay". Many good memories of the 'Bay"

*R.I.P. Bill.*

*Marlene (Coveny) Judson*

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**Marlene Coveny Judson** - May 25, 2024 at 04:06 PM

LC

“ Lynne Conway lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



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**Lynne Conway** - May 25, 2024 at 01:58 PM

IB

“ Our deepest condolences to Ruth and family ! We will always think of Bill when the cruise ships go by ...we have family members who never met Bill but became his Facebook friends so they could enjoy his beautiful photos that he shared and his many jokes which started our days off with a smile or the words “ oh Bill “ when they were a bit off colour lol ! We will sure miss him !

*Ken and Ingrid Booth*

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**Ingrid Booth** - May 25, 2024 at 09:59 AM

DO

“ *Dennis and Nancy Owen lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Dennis and Nancy Owen - May 25, 2024 at 07:22 AM

JM

“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a unique personality with a sense of humour that entertained and amused so many. Our sympathies to the family.*

John & Diana Mathany - May 24, 2024 at 09:40 PM

TS

“ *Tracy Shaw lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Tracy Shaw - May 24, 2024 at 05:22 PM

BD

“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great guy.*



Bob and Jan Dekoning - May 24, 2024 at 03:17 PM

JT

“ Dear Ruth and family, We've known Bill since high school and he was always a good buddy to my brother Leigh. Canoeing was their favourite passtime among other things. We will certainly miss his river videos and photos and running into him from time to time. Rest in peace Bill.



Jack and Kim Thomaes - May 24, 2024 at 02:39 PM

GF

“ Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



Gerry Flynn - May 24, 2024 at 01:57 PM

JJ

“ I met Bill around 1963 at the Dominion Glass. We worked together in the front end as carryin boys. From there we both went to Barnes Machine Shop for many years. We shared many beers back in the day. My wife and I will miss Bill very much. Our thought and prayers go out to the families. Rest in piece my good friend. Jim and Dawn Simpson



James Simpson Jr - May 24, 2024 at 01:28 PM

RT

“ Roger E Tilleman lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



Roger E Tilleman - May 24, 2024 at 12:12 PM

BL

“ I am so very sorry to hear about Billy,s passing. Condolences to the family.. Bob and Jean Lyttle

Bob Lyttle - May 24, 2024 at 11:24 AM



“ Patricia Mcgee lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



Patricia Mcgee - May 24, 2024 at 10:56 AM

JE

“ Our sincere condolences to the family. Jean & Dave Elliott



Jean Elliott - May 24, 2024 at 09:53 AM

LB

“ Our condolences to Ruth and Bills family and friends



Lance Babcock - May 24, 2024 at 09:43 AM

TV

“ My mom always had great stories about her teenage years and Bill's was a part of many tales she told. I knew him a bit and connected with him on FB in recent years. I am very sorry to hear about the passing of this wonderful soul. Condolences to his loved ones.



Tracy Verstraeten - May 24, 2024 at 09:35 AM

SS

“ Susan Stanley lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



Susan Stanley - May 24, 2024 at 09:32 AM

LM

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing.. Missed seeing him come to post office in the last while.. Sorry for your loss Ruth and the family...

Linda Mikel - May 24, 2024 at 09:28 AM

FB

“ *May he rest in peace. He had many friends in the tool and die community. Condolences - Ron Barnier*



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**Fran Barnier** - May 24, 2024 at 08:36 AM

GM

“ *George McGaffey lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



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**George McGaffey** - May 24, 2024 at 08:32 AM

BP

“ *So Very Sorry to hear of Bill's Passing. He was a Facebook Genius , Loved his Bright wit and the Video's Of His beloved River . as they say Until we Meet Again, RIP.*

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**Bill and Janice Pearson** - May 24, 2024 at 08:29 AM

LH

“ *So sorry of your family's loss. We didn't personally know Bill but we so enjoyed his photos and post online. He defiantly had an eye for a good sunset, I hope he realized how many people enjoyed them. Stuart and Lorrie Handsor*

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**lorrie handsor** - May 24, 2024 at 08:26 AM

RL

“ So sorry to hear of Bills passing. Sending our deepest sympathies.



Roger and Pam Lozon - May 24, 2024 at 08:25 AM

JD

“ Bill was a great guy, loved being with people and entertaining people. Though his passing is a loss, we will all have some wonderful memories of happy and fun times with him.

Jackie Dalgety - May 24, 2024 at 08:22 AM

GB

“ Gary & Janice Broidioi lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart



Gary & Janice Broidioi - May 24, 2024 at 08:05 AM

TE

“ My sincere condolences to the family. I have many memories of Bill from my high school days hanging out with Dave. He was a character for sure.

Tim Edwards - May 24, 2024 at 07:48 AM

HJ

“ Sorry for your loss. He was an entertainer and fun to be around.

Henry and Barb Jaruga - May 24, 2024 at 07:20 AM

VH

“ *Very sad. We will miss his unique sense of humour.  
Dave and Vicky Hess*

Vicky and Dave Hess - May 24, 2024 at 06:49 AM

WC

“ *Dear Ruth and family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this sad time. Bill was a great guy. We always had so much fun at Trivia Nights with Bill as our Trivia Master. Also, Bill made the best cranberry orange relish and was always willing to share it. We will miss Bill and all of his hilarious antics. Rest in peace, Bill.*

Willie and Marnie Coene - May 23, 2024 at 08:26 PM

GS

“ *Bill lived his years well, and made people laugh always. His knowledge of the St. Clair river traffic and all the other facts about it kept him going. The love he had for his grandkids was so evident when you spoke to him. Bill will definitely be miss by many, many people. Sleep well my friend*

Gary & Sharon Smith - May 23, 2024 at 08:26 PM

LP

“ *Lola Pamer sent a virtual gift in memory of  
William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Lola Pamer - May 23, 2024 at 07:42 PM

RY

“ *Richard & Joanne Young lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Richard & Joanne Young - May 23, 2024 at 07:40 PM

GF

“ *Gerry Flynn lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Gerry Flynn - May 23, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ *Kim MacDonald lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Kim MacDonald - May 23, 2024 at 04:21 PM

PG

“ *Dave, Stella, Maya, Ruth & Family, I was surprised to hear of Bill's passing. My deepest sympathies to all of you. He will be missed by those who loved him.*

Piera Giambattista - May 23, 2024 at 03:27 PM

LU

“ *Bill my brother. Growing up in a family of eight, Bill was always the entertainer ,pulling jokes on us and finding things to make us laugh. His endless magical tricks amazed the whole family. I will miss him.*

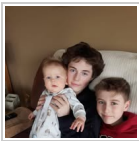


Larry Urquhart - May 23, 2024 at 03:22 PM

BB

“ *Thank you for making the dreary winter so much fun with your Trivia nights. Your quick wit and your collection of trivia questions made trivia evenings so much fun. You will be missed.*

Bonnie Burke - May 23, 2024 at 01:56 PM



“ *Kathy Trembley-DeWolf lit a candle in memory of William 'Bill' Urquhart*



Kathy Trembley-DeWolf - May 23, 2024 at 01:36 PM

BM

“ *Rest in Peace Bill ❤️ My Condolences*



Beckie McGee - May 23, 2024 at 11:57 AM

SB

“ So sorry to hear of bill's passing. I knew Bill all his life as I grew up in Mitchell's Bay also.



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**sophia brown** - May 23, 2024 at 10:31 AM

SD

“ Thank you for your beautiful photos of sunsets and cruise ships. Will miss seeing you dashing up and down river on your scooter.  
Sarah Doan and family

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**Sarah Doan** - May 23, 2024 at 10:12 AM