



William S. Marconi

July 18, 1931 - November 8, 2018

William S. Marconi "Bill" on November 8, 2018 of Ocean City, NJ, formerly of Deptford. Age 87. Loving husband of Sophie A. (nee Bove). Beloved father of William Marconi (Donetta) of Haddon Township, Isabelle "Belle" Sacerdote (Joseph) of Deptford and Deborah Cavallo (Samuel) of Monroeville. Brother of Gloria Toma (Gene) of Clifton and the late Louise Calantone and Harold Marconi. Devoted grandfather of Kristin (Brian), Mary Beth, Joseph William (Alana), Sarah, Meredith (Chris), Samantha (Zach), Michael and Alyssia. Great-grandfather of Levi, Greta, Khloe, Brayden, and Nina Marie.

Bill was raised in Passaic, NJ, where his exploits as a child are legendary in his family. In an age where the children worked outside of the home from an early age, he held various jobs in his youth, including some that no longer exist, such as pin-setter in a bowling alley. He was not a bookworm, but rather, enjoyed working with his hands. He started tinkering with cars at an early age, and never gave up his love for the automobile engine.

When he was drafted into the service during the Korean War, the US Army decided that the best use of Bill's mastery as an auto mechanic would not be in the motor pool. Instead, they made him a medic. He was deployed to Korea with the 7th Infantry Division where he saw action on the front lines. He rose to the rank of Sergeant.

Upon his return from Korea, he married Sophie (who he met at a USO dance) in 1955, and settled in Philadelphia, Sophie's hometown.

The couple had a son in 1956 (Bill Jr.), followed by two daughters: Belle in 1958, and Debbie in 1962. The family moved to Deptford, NJ around 1960, and lived in the same house in Cooper Village for over 30 years. During this time, Bill continued to hone his expertise over the internal combustion engine, often working two jobs. Ultimately, he opened his own gas station and auto repair shop, Bill's Sunoco, on Route 70 in Cherry Hill, NJ. He worked six days a week, 6 AM to 6 PM., for 20 years. He built an appreciative clientele, and mentored a number of young auto mechanics lucky enough to be employed by him.

After twenty years in the auto repair business, it was time to move on. His next career was as a dealer at Resorts Casino in Atlantic City, NJ. He started as a black jack dealer, but eventually became dual rated, adding craps to his repertoire. At Resorts he continued to do what he did best; work with people. With a ready smile, and a (usually bad) joke, he turned strangers into acquaintances, and acquaintances into good friends. It was his way.

Bill and Sophie moved from Deptford to Ocean City after the children were grown; partly for his work at Resorts, and partly to experience shore life full time. Bill loved both.

He worked at Resorts into his 70's. It was time to retire. As much as he enjoyed work, he enjoyed his retirement even more. Summer mornings would often find him on his boat with a cup of coffee. He did not need to take the boat out. Just sitting on the boat in the dock was enough. Family functions and Wednesday happy hour kept him busy, and close to his family.

Bill was proud of his family, and amazed at his good fortune to see not only grandchildren, but also great grandchildren.

Although not a Philadelphia native, he adopted the city as his own. He was a Flyers fan from the beginning. He was also a long-suffering Eagles fan. He was an Eagles season ticket holder from 1979. He was there for all of the ups and downs through the years; and was proudly wearing the green (and jumping up and down like the rest of us) when they finally brought home the Championship in 2018.

Bill will be missed by family and friends (both numerous). He will be remembered for his smile, his willingness to help, his bad jokes, and his utter and complete love for life. We were lucky to be part of his life.

Relatives and friends are invited to a visitation on Monday, November 12, 2018 from 7pm to 9pm in The Chapel at BOUCHER FUNERAL HOME, 1757 Delsea Dr., Deptford, NJ 08096 and Tuesday, November 13, 2018 from 9:30am to 10:30am at The Catholic Community of the Holy Spirit, 17 Earlington Ave., Mullica Hill, NJ 08062.

A Mass of Christian Burial Tuesday 10:30am at the church.

Interment private.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to CHOP, give.chop.edu or American Heart Association, www2.heart.org.

For directions, to sign online guest book and to view Bill's Video Tribute visit www.boucherfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

The Chapel at Boucher Funeral Home, LLC
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NOV **13**. 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & Gloucester County Cremation Service created a Tribute Video in memory of William S. Marconi*



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - November 11, 2018 at 01:37 PM

NT

Always the fastest wit in the room and big bear hugs that you looked forward to getting all day long. Uncle Bill lived life in 5th gear. We can all take a lesson in his passion for life.
Nick Toma

Nick Toma - November 11, 2018 at 09:41 PM

BL

My husband Dave and I had the pleasure of meeting Bill for the first time in 2015 in his O.C. garage when we were looking to purchase the above unit. He automatically made us feel like neighbors and hugged me (because I was Italian)! He expressed his love for the Eagles and Flyers so my husband was more than thrilled! He and Sophie always welcomed us with open arms! I am so glad that Bill and Sophie were a part of our lives even if it was for such a short time. He was so full of life ! Rest in peace Bill!
Barb and Dave Leonhardt

Barbara A. Leonhardt - November 12, 2018 at 05:45 PM



“ *William S. Marconi*

November 27, 2022 at 03:45 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William S. Marconi.*



November 12, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William S. Marconi.*



November 12, 2018 at 02:52 PM



“ *Ray & Joan Calantone purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William S. Marconi.*



Ray & Joan Calantone - November 12, 2018 at 09:29 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Michael Toma - November 11, 2018 at 01:58 PM

GM

“ We will all miss him dearly. Such a great man, husband, father, grandfather and uncle. Full of life, so proud of his family and always smiling. He knew and connected with everyone and everyone loved him. He really did light up a room with his presence and parties/weddings would not of been the same without my uncle Bill. So grateful to have had him in our lives. His memory and his message will remain forever in our hearts. Gary

gary marconi - November 11, 2018 at 12:45 PM



“ 145 files added to the album LifeTributes



Boucher Funeral Home, LLC & County Cremation Service - November 11, 2018 at 12:32 PM

MC

“ Mike and I always felt lucky to be included in Bill's adventures, whether it was at an Eagle tailgate with him sitting in his massive Eagle throne chair, or at his house at the beach. We will remember his awesome smile, his endless kindness, and his ability to make every single person feel included and special. Rest in peace, Bill. Our hearts are with those who are missing you.

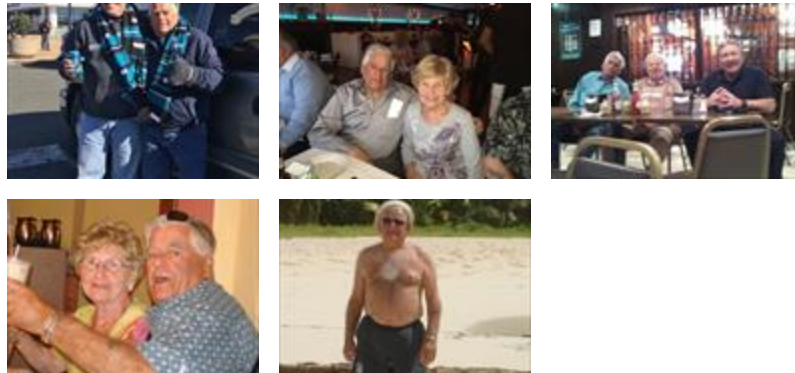
The Carrs

Mike & Katie Carr - November 11, 2018 at 09:32 AM

GL

“ Steve and I lost a very dear friend. We were lucky to have known him and spent many years of quality time with him and Sophie. We traveled to Mexico, a few cruises, Disneyworld, New Hope, Hershey and New Orleans , just to name a few. The one thing that Bill enjoyed the most was our Wednesday nights at happy hour which we did every week for almost eight years. Bill's laughter was contagious, his smile could light up a room and his friendship was so sincere. He was always appreciative of everything you did for him .

We send our deepest sympathy to his family who was always there for him. Sophie, we hope all the joy and laughter you shared with Bill will help give you strength and comfort during this difficult time. Steve and I are here for you. Bill will be missed terribly ,but we are thankful that he was such a huge part of our life.



Gail and Steve Lapko - November 11, 2018 at 05:49 AM

DM

“ I will always remember your dad with fond memories. I can remember all the crazy times we had as kids either down the shore in the summer, or building snow men in the winter. Those memories will forever live on as a very special place in my heart. ♡♡



Donna Morris - November 10, 2018 at 02:02 PM

SC

“ So sad to hear the news. I remember him always laughing or smiling. He had a happy life and a wonderful family. My thoughts are with you all. Susan Calantone-Rieselman.

Susan Calantone - November 09, 2018 at 10:00 PM

RC

“ Rob and Patti Calantone purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William S. Marconi.



Rob and Patti Calantone - November 09, 2018 at 05:27 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William S. Marconi.



November 09, 2018 at 04:45 PM

BG

“ My hero, the best guy you could ever work for. Bill played a part in me being who I am today and I thank him for it. Rip my friend



bill grillo - November 09, 2018 at 04:38 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William S. Marconi.*



November 09, 2018 at 03:34 PM



“ *To Belle and the entire Marconi Family,*

I'm very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was one of the good guys. I'll never forget the time he allowed me to come up to use one of the bays in his Sunoco station on Rt 70, so I could use the lift to do some work under my car. It saved me a bunch of money, and I just thought that was so cool at the time. God Bless!



Steve Pidliskey - November 09, 2018 at 02:35 PM