



William E. Purnell, Jr.

June 29, 1952 - January 1, 2025

William E. Purnell, Jr., "Bill", of Woodbury, NJ passed away on January 1, 2025. Age 72. Son of the late William E. Purnell, Sr. and Betty Jane Purnell. Husband of 49 years of the late Martha Purnell. Father of Shannon (Brad) Porter, William Purnell III (Jamie), Gina (Phil) Zeilman, Angila Purnell, Jake Purnell (Dana). Raised grandson Anthony Purnell. Pop Pop to Brooke, Josh, Scott, Maddie, Billy IV and Charlotte. Brother of Linda (James) Sullivan, Shirley (Charles) Taylor and Judith (Steven) Boyer.

Bill volunteered for the Westville Fire Department in the 1970s. He was a member of the Mantua VFW Post 7679, Westville Grove VFW Post 2174, Woodbury American Legion and Deptford Elks' Club.

In his spare time Bill enjoyed crabbing, fishing, hunting, and being a Pop Pop.

Bill worked for Matheson Gas for 30 years before retiring from there in 2019. He then worked parttime driving a school van for the Delaware City Bus Company.

Celebration of life will be at the Mantua VFW 8 New York Ave Mantua, NJ 08051. January 18th, 2025 at 3pm.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mantua VFW Post
8 New York Ave,
Mantua Township, NJ 08051
<https://www.vfwpost7679.com/>

Tribute Wall

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“ It has been a year since we lost Bill. We were reminiscing last night. We miss Bill stopping by with his silly stories and having a beer. We will never stop thinking about Bill and how he had been such a big part of our lives

Diane & Ed Carl - January 01 at 12:45 PM

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“ Uncle Billy has been in my life since I was born. He was a great friend to my parents, Ed & Diane. He loved telling stories and was proud of his family; he was always talking about them all. Uncle Billy's smile and laugh were contagious. He loved life to the fullest. You could hear his laugh rooms away. I will miss that belly laugh and huge smile of his. Rest well and be at peace Uncle Billy.

Cynthia Anderson - January 19, 2025 at 10:09 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William E. Purnell, Jr..

January 15, 2025 at 08:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William E. Purnell, Jr..



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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. Purnell, Jr..*



January 14, 2025 at 06:50 AM



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“ *We shared many good times at VFW functions. You will be missed my friend. May you rest in peace.*

George Spink - January 13, 2025 at 08:45 AM



“ *Was Bill in California in the Marines in the 70's if so nice guy*

Richard Nieckarz - January 11, 2025 at 04:06 PM



“ *We will so miss Bill stopping by. Bill has been always in our life from being school friends with Ed since grade school and myself knowing Bill from high school. We have gone thru life raising our families and staying in touch. He was always full of entertaining stories and enjoyed being with people He will be missed dearly. Deepest sympathy to Bill's family who have many nice memories to remember him by. Diane & Ed Carl*

Diane Carl - January 06, 2025 at 08:45 PM

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“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.....
LOVE, PAM

Pamela Nelson - January 03, 2025 at 06:33 PM