



## Bill Grothaus

November 19, 2014

William B. "Bill" Grothaus, 73, of West Hartford, the loving husband of Maureen Dolan Grothaus, died Wednesday Nov. 19, 2014 at his home. Born at Camp Stewart, GA, the son of the late William and Frances (Quinn) Grothaus, he and Maureen lived in West Hartford the past 30 years. Bill attended St. Joseph Seminary in Callicoon, NY, earning his BA degree in Philosophy from St. Bonaventure University. He earned his Master of Theological Studies degree at Boston College. Bill served his country working as an FBI Agent, counter-intelligence and espionage, retiring in 1993. Besides his wife Maureen, he leaves his sister Mary S. "Clancy" Meyers of Golden, CO, his brother John Grothaus and his wife Anne of Kansas City, MO, his nieces and nephews; Paul Meyers and his wife Margrita, Annie, Ned, and Katie Meyers, and two grand nephews, Pavlek Grothaus Meyers and Stepan Cilian Meyers. His brother-in-law James Dolan of New York City also survives him. Friends are invited to join Bill's family at the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial on Tuesday Nov. 25th 10:00 a.m. in St. Patrick St. Anthony Church, 285 Church St. Hartford, CT. Burial will follow in Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery, Bloomfield. Calling hours are Monday Nov. 24th from 4-7 p.m. at the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT.

# Cemetery Details

## Mt. St. Benedict Cemetery

1 Cottage Grove Rd  
Bloomfield, CT

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

NOV **24**. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home  
906 Farmington Ave  
West Hartford, CT 06119  
(860) 232-1322

## Mass of Christian Burial

NOV **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Patrick St. Anthony Church  
285 Church Street  
Hartford, CT

# Tribute Wall

TV

“ I am truly sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I was a brother Franciscan with Bill in Callicoon, NY, Rye Beach, NH and Washington, DC. In addition, I spent three summers working closely with Bill in a pioneering pastoral training program in the south during the tumultuous sixties. His laughter and good humor took us through some tough and harrowing experiences. He was a steady, good man of faith who, even as a friar, talked excitedly about the work of the FBI. May he bring that excitement and good humor to the Lord he served so well. Memory eternal!

Terrence M Vaughan  
Kennebunk, Maine

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**Terrence M Vaughan** - December 06, 2014 at 04:55 PM

KS

“ that is a beautiful photo of your husband. please come and see us soon. our prayers our with you at his time!!  
xoxo

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**karen sack** - December 04, 2014 at 06:16 PM

MJ

“ Sorry I missed the mass etc for Bill . He was a great help to me at MIA Be assured of my prayers Mother M Jennifer

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**Mother M Jennifer** - November 29, 2014 at 01:12 PM

JL

“ *Maureen,  
My sincere and heartfelt condolences to you on this monumental loss of such a GOOD man. You can hopefully find some peace in knowing how much you did for him over the past few years and also from the many memories that you will always have of the good ole days. He was the nicest, most gracious man that I have known. He was so giving of himself. He exuded an abundance of goodness. He was taken much too young. The Lord must have a job for him because Bill has always heard and listened to his calling. Now you must take care of your health.*  
*Jack Luty*

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**Jack Luty** - November 24, 2014 at 04:03 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Bill Grothaus.*



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November 23, 2014 at 11:56 AM

BK

“ *Maureen, I am so sorry for your loss. I will always remember him and his stamina at bowling. Betty Kopiec*

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**Betty Kopiec** - November 22, 2014 at 06:33 PM

AG

“ Bill will always be remembered, for his kindness to the staff at St. Francis, and the time, commitment and dedication to the patients he would visit...

*His unselfishness and kindness evident in many ways. No matter how he felt, he always managed to bring a smile or joy to the patients and or the staff...*

*When you thanked Bill for what he did, he would say "I thank you and all the nurses for what you do", and said this with a smile...*

*Bill was a wonderful volunteer and has been truly missed...Agnes RN.*

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**agnes** - November 22, 2014 at 05:05 PM

MM

*I remember Bill and he's great smile, very friendly guy he always see hi when he sees you such a great guy.....mary CNA*

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**mary mckain** - November 23, 2014 at 07:47 AM

DD

*You will be missed by the patient's and staff at Saint Francis Hospital. Denise (Rehab Dept).*

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**Denise Dieli** - November 24, 2014 at 08:47 AM

RS

*Maureen, I grateful to have met Bill and you several times at Saint Francis, and I will remember Bill's smile, his friendliness and the conversations we have had. I loved his stories about the squirrels in your backyard - thank you for inviting me over for the summer luncheon with the Pastoral Care Department. YOU are in my thoughts and prayers. Ute, Chaplain & CPE Supervisor from Springfield, MA*

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**Rev Ute Schmidt** - November 24, 2014 at 02:57 PM

DS

*Maureen and Family,  
Please accept our deepest condolences on the loss of your wonderful husband Bill. I knew Bill since the time of his arrival in the Hartford FBI Resident Agency. He fit in like a glove with myself and his fellow agents. By his actions you knew he was a real friend and was easy to like and admire.  
Heaven's gain is our loss. Bill was a true Christian gentleman in every way.*

*Dewey and Claire Santacroce*

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**Dewey Santacroce** - November 24, 2014 at 05:10 PM

AR

*Dear Maureen,  
The news of Bill's passing away brought me much sorrow as he was such a source of happiness during my time in the Hartford RA, always with a joke at the ready and willing to help no matter what. I'm sorry I lost contact for so long and specially during the the rough past few years. I will always remember the two of you with great fondness and as a great couple. Please accept my sincerest condolences and I pray God will help you with the pain of your loss and faith in knowing he will now be at peace.*

*Armando Rodriguez*

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**Armando Rodriguez** - November 24, 2014 at 09:54 PM

LK

*Dear Maureen, we are all deeply sorry for your loss. Bill was a kind and gentle man, always smiling even while visiting us at the endo while under going treatment. sincerely the endoscopy unit at St. Francis Hospital.*

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**Linda Kandrysawtz** - November 25, 2014 at 01:52 PM

MC

*MAUREEN, BILL WAS A DEDICATED MEMBER OF OUR LEADERSHIP GREATER HARTFORD leadership group and he was a delightful person to work with. May he rest in the arms of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and he will greet you when you step into heaven. much love and many blessings, Maggie Alston Claud*

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**MAGGIE ALSTON CLAUD** - November 28, 2014 at 03:55 PM

KA

*Maureen,  
Thank you. My condolences on the loss of Bill. You can tell by looking at those beautiful eyes that he was full of wit, charm and intelligence. Above all, please take care of yourself. I'm sure we'll be seeing each other in the near future.*

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**Kathleen Altieri** - December 04, 2014 at 02:08 PM

FF

*Bill was my true friend and fellow friar. Like him I also left the Franciscan Order and now I am a retired Diocesan Priest in Idaho. Throughout the years I tried to touch bases with him, but his profession did not facilitate my succeeding in this regard. On learning about his death, I do grieve and I extend my sincerest sympathy to his whole family. I will celebrate mass for Bill. May he rest in peace. Fr. Marcellus Fernandez, Middleton, Idaho.*

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**Fr. Marcellus Fernandez** - December 06, 2014 at 07:20 AM

MS

*Dear Maureen,*

*Bill and my Mom always kidded that he was her eleventh child!*

*He fit in from the start!*

*How could one not love the humor and the sense of fun that he carried with him!*

*So, to Bill and his laugh out loud love for life and his "Eating Goober Peas"!*

*I understand how Bill and my Dad enjoyed such a good camaraderie since they both shared a special goodness in their loving natures. I hope they are both looking down on us as we continue to send our love to them!*

*I know you will miss your kind and gentle man who spread happiness but he brought us you!*

*We will miss Bill, carry him in our hearts and look to share more times of "Broccolt, broccoli, broccoli" and love with you, Maureen!*

*May God hold you in the palm of His hand!*

*Love,*

*Madonna and the Herbst Clan*

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**Madonna Herbst Siock** - December 06, 2014 at 10:24 AM

TW

*I also wish to share in the sorrow of Bill;s passing.I was a roommate of Bill's at Callicoon. He was always fun to be around and live with.We often did skits in our dorm rooms and get dressed up to do it. I may even have a 35 mm slide of that. I lived with Bill up to first year theology at Holy NAME COLLEGE IN d.C.MAY HE REST IN PEACE  
Tom Whelan Pitts pa*

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**Tom Whelan** - December 06, 2014 at 10:56 PM