



William D. Molloy

December 12, 1919 - November 29, 2013

William D. Molloy, 93, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, and funeral director died Friday, November 29, 2013, at St. Francis Hospital. He was the husband of the late Mary Marie Bates Molloy, and a man of deep faith and fidelity. Born in Syracuse, NY, on December 12, 1919, he was the son of the late William P. and Katherine (Daly) Molloy, the family moved to Hartford when he was three years old and had lived in West Hartford since turning 10 years of age. Bill was a graduate of Hall High School (where he was known as Mike). He played tennis and hockey, captaining his high school teams.. He attended Holy Cross College in Worcester, MA, and was drafted for service in WW II late in his senior year. He served with the 453rd Bomb Group in England and gallantly fought and won the "Battle of Ardmore". His medal was the only love of his life of 59 years, the late Mary Marie (Bates) Molloy, of Ardmore, OK. Returning from overseas, he completed his studies at Cincinnati College and became licensed in Connecticut. Bill purchased the funeral home and moved the business to West Hartford in 1956, semi-retiring in 1983, and "really retiring" in 1993, even then "directing" from his summer home at Black Point Beach Club in Niantic, CT and his winter home in Tucson, AZ. For many years he was active in his parish community, working with several catholic organizations and coaching CYO baseball for St. Thomas the Apostle School during the 1960's. He was a tennis player, gardener, skier, golfer, and builder of doll houses and their furnishings. He is survived by his seven children and their families: Sarah Riley and her

husband Bill of Bloomfield, their daughter Maura and son Dan and his wife Melissa; Randy and his wife Eileen of West Hartford, their children W. Christopher and his wife Gina, Jennifer Dinardo and her husband Chris; John and his daughter Kerry of Boston, MA; Patricia Teich and her husband Mark of West Hartford, and their sons Matt and his wife Nicole and Greg; Michael Molloy of Madison, Jane Petroski and her husband Larry of Oxford and their children Carol and Paul; Mark and Jean Molloy of West Hartford and their daughters Margaret and Katherine. Also surviving him are his great grandchildren, Brian and Liam Riley; Colin and Maeve Molloy, Wyatt and Conor Dinardo, Michael Fitzpatrick, Skylar Ganavage, Avery Teich; his brother Dr. Robert Molloy and his wife Lorraine of Harwich, MA and his sister Helen Molloy of Bloomfield, and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a close cousin, Jane, who was like a sister to him. Bill's family would like to thank the staffs at St. Mary Home and St. Francis Hospital for their attention and care. Calling hours will be Monday, (Dec. 2) from 3:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m. in the Molloy Funeral Home 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford, CT. Friends are invited to join Bill's family at the celebration of his Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle Church 872 Farmington Ave. West Hartford on Tuesday, (Dec. 3). Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Donations in his memory may be made to St. Thomas the Apostle School, 25 Dover Rd. W. Hartford, CT 06119, St. Timothy Middle School 225 King Philip Dr. West Hartford, CT 06117, and Northwest Catholic High School, 29 Wampanoag Dr. W. Hartford, CT 06117.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery West Hartford

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

DEC 2. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas the Apostle Church
872 Farmington Ave.
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 233-8269

Tribute Wall

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“ *To Randy and the Molloy family,*

Sending my condolences to your entire family. Walking up Brightwater Rd. won't be the same without your dad's happy greeting or friendly wave. He will be missed by all at Black Point.

Kerry (O'Loughlin) McCarthy

Kerry McCarthy - December 06, 2013 at 07:51 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William D. Molloy.*



December 04, 2013 at 03:05 PM

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“ *To the Molloy Family,*

Please accept our heartfelt condolences for your loss.

*Office of Alumni Relations
University of Saint Joseph*

Alumni Office - December 02, 2013 at 01:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William D. Molloy.*



December 02, 2013 at 01:17 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William D. Molloy.*



December 02, 2013 at 12:50 PM



“ *To Helen, Sarah and the entire Molloy Family, Please accept our sincere sympathy of the passing of Bill. We hope the memories you have will comfort you through this difficult time.*

Gordon, Muir and Foley, LLP



Carol Anest - December 02, 2013 at 11:04 AM

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“ To Randy and the Molloy family:
I'm sorry I am not able to attend the wake for your father. We extend our condolences and empathy to you and your family on the loss of your father.

*Paul A. Shaker, Jr.
Paul A. Shaker Funeral Home & Staff*

Paul A. Shaker, Jr. - December 02, 2013 at 09:42 AM

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“ Dear Malloy family,
Tom and I will not be able to attend the wake tonight due to work conflicts, but we wanted to let you know that we always appreciated your father's kindness and support when dealing with the passing of many of our family members.

*We hope that good memories will ease the pain of his passing for all of you. He leaves a great legacy with his family.
Margy and Tom Clark*

Margy Clark - December 02, 2013 at 09:28 AM

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“ My sympathy for the passing of Bill. I worked for L & M service in the early 60's before moving to the shore and eventually owning the Mystic Funeral Home.

Jim O'Boyle

Jim O'Boyle - December 02, 2013 at 05:14 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William D. Molloy.*



December 01, 2013 at 03:41 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Molloy family at this sad time. We hope you find comfort in the days ahead as you share the many fond memories of Bill with one another and with friends and family. Bill seemed to live a rich and full life and enjoyed his family immensely. With love, the Madigan family.*

John Madigan - December 01, 2013 at 03:29 PM



“ *To Mark and Jean, Randy, Chris and the entire family of Bill Molloy, Please accept our deepest sympathies on the passing of Bill. You selected the perfect picture of Bill that captures how we remember him at the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. Based on your summary of his life, he had a very full life and touched many people. Know that our Prayers are with Bill and all of you. Sincerely, Michael and Kathy DeConti*

Michael DeConti - December 01, 2013 at 08:07 AM