



William J. Heidkamp

March 15, 1940 - May 1, 2005

William J. Heidkamp, age 65 of Chicago, died May 1, 2005; loving father of Matthew (Donna) Heidkamp and Julie (Ricardo) Ramirez; dear grandfather of Liam Michael Trinidad and Josef Bernhardt Heidkamp; dear friend of former wife, Patricia Casey; fond brother of Judy(Richard) Weber, Sally (Daniel) McCarthy, Eugene (Diane) Michael (Patricia) and the late Paul (Wendy), Thomas J. (Mary) Heidkamp, fond uncle to 25 nieces and nephews, including the late Rich Weber and Danny McCarthy. Bill was raised in the Uptown area where he spent many of his formative years as a ♦Chase Park Gym rat♦. He was sure that he would always be a ♦City Guy♦. After graduating from DePaul University in 1961, he became an NCOLC of Neuropsychiatric Service of 801st General Hospital Unit in the US Army Reserve. He had a rewarding 31-year career in the construction bond industry as supervising analyst and underwriter, principally with the USF+G companies. From 1998 to 2004 he was a job coach at Goldie♦s Place. He was grateful to have raised his family in Edgewater, a multi-ethnic neighborhood where he helped facilitate paper drives, blood donor programs, youth and adult athletic programs, Sunday coffees, and school and gym maintenance projects at St. Gertrude♦s Parish. Bill is extremely grateful to have had such a warm loving family, great parents, and the opportunity to be acquainted with Bill Wilson and the AA Fellowship. Visitation 2 to 9 PM Tuesday at Barr Funeral Home, 6222 N. Broadway, Chicago; Funeral leaving Wednesday, 9:30 for 10 AM Mass at St Gertrude♦s Church, 1420 W. Granville, Chicago. In lieu of flowers, memorials to 12 Step House, Misericordia Home, Hospice of the North Shore, or charity of your choice.

Comments



“ On behalf of the Tario Family (1514 GLake), our sincere condolences. Rest in Peace.

Sue Tario - May 21, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I met Bill when we were in high school, and we became very good friends. He married before me and started a family and when I married a few years later I moved from the Chicago area for a job opportunity. We lost contact over the years. I saw him approx. 6 years ago when I came into the City. I last saw him last fall at the visitation of our friend Tom Corcoran. I knew he had been having health problems over the last few years. The amazing thing to me was his positive attitude. I think it was in large part because of his belief in God and an afterlife. I did talk to him around February and he was still very animated, and sounded like the "old" Bill I knew from our younger years. He was a one of a kind of guy and will be missed by all of his old friends and of course his family.

Dave Collins - May 09, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. You will continue to be in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Tina

Tina Carson - May 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Gene, Please accept my heartfelt condolences on the loss of your beloved brother, and know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. With sincere sympathy, Ellen Dease

Ellen Dease - May 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Pat, My deepest sympathy to you and your family. May you be comforted by knowing William is at peace now and finally home. Sue

Susan Fore-Kosterski - May 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Matt & Donna Thinking of your family in your time of loss. Your father has found peace from is long battle. My Prayers, Shawn

Shawn Reding - May 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



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Date: - May 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM



“ Matt, Julie & Pat - I am deeply saddened by Bill's passing. "Danko", as we Degnan's liked to call him, was one of the coolest people I ever knew. I have sooo many fond memories of him as well as the 3 of you. Every single time I saw him, he had a smile, a joke, a kindness... without fail. I feel lucky to have known him. Recently enjoyed some home movies of camping with the Heidkamps and a special moment with him jump roping to "show us how it's done". God bless Mr. Heidkamp. You are in my prayers.

Carol Deleskiewicz (Degnan) - May 03, 2005 at 12:00 AM