



## William "Bill" O'Connell

June 24, 2024

William John O'Connell, affectionately known to all as "Bill", passed away too soon on June 24th, 2024, at the age of 74, leaving behind a legacy of love and fond memories. He was the son of the late William and Marjorie O'Connell (nee Brown) and beloved husband to Linda (nee Gawrysiak) for 54 years. Bill was a devoted father to Bill O'Connell (Toni), Michael O'Connell, and the late James O'Connell, and a loving Pop Pop to Kaitlyn, Billy (Julia), Gage, Michael, and Great Pop Pop to Billy. He is also survived by his brothers Joseph O'Connell (Patricia) and Patrick O'Connell (Janet), as well as numerous nieces, nephews, in-laws, and cousins. Bill dedicated 40 years of his life as a truck driver for Acme Markets, where he formed lasting friendships. Upon retiring, he spent long summer weekends in North Wildwood and winters in Florida, continuing to make new friends and cherished memories. He was a proud member of The Teamsters Local 500, Greater Wildwood Elks, AOH Division 1, and a lifetime member of the Villas Fishing Club. Bill enjoyed driving his Cadillacs, golfing, and socializing with his family and friends. His absence will be deeply felt by all who knew him. A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at Hollen Funeral Home, 3160 Grant Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19114 from 9 AM to 11 AM followed by his Religious Service at 11 AM. Interment will be at the convenience of his family. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation in Bill's name to an organization that is near and dear to their heart, National Alliance on Mental Illness ([www.nami.org](http://www.nami.org)).

Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Rachubinski & Rogers Funeral Homes.

Share Online Condolences at [www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com](http://www.rachubinskiandrogersfh.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 9. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Hollen Funeral Home  
3160 Grant Avenue  
Philadelphia, PA 19114

*Flowers to be delivered by 8:30 AM*

## Religious Services

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

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3160 Grant Avenue  
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# Tribute Wall

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“ *Anglesea Irish Society purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William "Bill" O'Connell.*



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**Anglesea Irish Society** - July 07, 2024 at 06:58 PM

MR

“ *Met billy at DC4 great guy always fun being around him and the drivers then Acme moved the warehouse to Denver Pa we moved into 248 with the Philly crew of driver those were the days Rest in Peace my Brother billy till we meet again*

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**Michael Ramirez** - July 03, 2024 at 08:10 PM

JD

“ *Though I only knew Bill for two years since I bought At Hampshire Gardens, he was the type of person you felt you knew forever. Bill, you will be so missed by everyone at 2552. It will not be the same without you.*

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**Joanne DiNardo** - July 02, 2024 at 07:18 PM

DG

“ *My deepest condolences to the O'Connell family. I knew Bill and his parents along with Joe and Pat. Wonderful family. RIP Bill*

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**Donna (Strenk) Gambino** - July 01, 2024 at 04:09 PM

AS

“ I met BILL when I started working for Acme. From that time on, he grew to be one of my best friends. I now have a big hole in my heart. I have so many fond memories hanging out with Billy. Hanging out in Philadelphia, North Wildwood and Florida We always had a great time. They would always remind me when I started to have too much to drink and he would settle me down. And occasionally, I would do that for him. The Stories Are too long and too many to list. But there will be an emptiness in my life now without him.

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**Albert Singleton** - July 01, 2024 at 01:27 PM

JM

“ I met Bill in Florida and found that He had become my favorite part of coming back and staying. Bill always Had a smile and had time for everyone. My mother in law loved Talking to Bill and she loved it when he came and sat with her. It's hard to imagine moving on without Him But he was kind enough to give us all great memories to cherish and share. Bill, you will live in our hearts forever.

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**jerry McMahon** - July 01, 2024 at 12:02 AM

EC

“ A man's man and always a gentleman. I didn't have an opportunity to get to know him very long but he was a person that was very considerate of others. Ed Christian

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**Edward Christian** - June 29, 2024 at 05:08 PM