



## John William 'Bill' Bunardzya

September 21, 1950 - April 7, 2024

John William 'Bill' Bunardzya, 73, of Belle Vernon, passed away on Sunday, April 7, 2024. A son of the late John R. and Ann Elizabeth 'Betty' Vance Bunardzya, he was born in N. Charleroi on September 21, 1950. A 1968 graduate of Belle Vernon Area High School, he attended California State Teachers College where he received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Education, majoring in Industrial Arts, in 1973. Bill continued his education and received an Associate's Degree in Fire Science Technology from Westmoreland County Community College. During the mid 1970's, he held the position of Fire Protection Engineer at the Allenport Plant of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company. Also during the 70's, he was employed as a substitute teacher for several area school districts. He was a member of the Carpenters District Council for nine years. Bill was a former employee of Corning Glass in Charleroi, was a salesperson for Washington Ford for five years, and in 1991, he began work as a self-employed contractor and continued that work until his passing. He was a volunteer firefighter with the Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Company # 2 from 1971 thru 1975 when he joined the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. He held several offices at North Belle Vernon, including 12 years as the Fire Chief. In 2001, he attained his Life Membership status. In 2004, Bill joined the Rostraver Central Fire Department (Station 105), where he was an active member and served as a safety officer and a trustee. He attained Life Membership status in January 2024. He was elected to the Belle Vernon Borough Council from 1976

to 1979 where he served as Council President for 2 ½ years. He was a member of the Pennsylvania, Western Pennsylvania, Fayette County, Southwestern Chiefs and Westmoreland County Firemens Associations, where for 14 years, he was the Secretary, was elected President in 1995 and then Treasurer in 2000, a position he still holds. He was also elected President of the Westmoreland County Fire Chiefs Association and was a member and Past Big Chief of the Westmoreland County Mohawks Association, where he served as the Scrib (Secretary – Treasurer) for ten years. Survivors include his wife, Janet Yasko Bunardzya, two daughters and sons in-law, Kyra and John Barbiaux of Seven Fields and Chryste and Nicholas Zimmerman of Rostraver, a brother and sister in-law, Vance and Kathy Bunardzya of Rostraver; and four grandchildren, Benjamin and Elizabeth Barbiaux and Westin and Lia Zimmerman. Friends will be received on Wednesday from 4 to 8 P.M. in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. 724-929-5300. [www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com](http://www.FergusonFuneralHomeandCrematory.com). Funeral services will be in the funeral home on Thursday, April 11, 2024 at 10 A.M. with Fr. Stephan Gresh, Pastor of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church, officiating. Interment will follow in Belle Vernon Cemetery. If friends wish, in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Westmoreland County Mohawks Association or the Westmoreland County Community College Public Safety Training Center. Members of the Rostraver Central Fire Department will meet in the funeral home at 7 P.M. Wednesday to hold services.

# Cemetery Details

## Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 10. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc.  
700 Broad Avenue  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
(724) 929-5300

## Funeral Service

APR 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

JC

“ To Bill's Family and Vance,  
My deepest sympathy to you all and pray that you find peace soon.  
God bless you all.

*Jimbo Cramer*

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**Jimbo Cramer** - April 17, 2024 at 09:09 AM

GY

“ Our deepest sympathy to the Bunardzya family.  
Gordon & Janice Yeaton

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**Gordon Yeaton** - April 15, 2024 at 07:32 PM

JW

“ Vance, Kathy and Family,  
Our deepest sympathy on the loss of your brother. We are very  
sorry to learn about his passing. May God send comfort and peace  
to all at this difficult time.  
John and Emily Watson

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**John and Emily Watson** - April 10, 2024 at 03:32 PM

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“ Edward Jones Region 50 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William 'Bill'  
Bunardzya.

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**Edward Jones Region 50** - April 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.*



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April 10, 2024 at 02:54 PM



“ *With love from Joyce and Bev Fairman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.*

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**With love from Joyce and Bev Fairman** - April 09, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.*



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April 09, 2024 at 10:38 AM



“ *Beverly Fairman planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.*

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**Beverly Fairman** - April 08, 2024 at 08:34 PM

BF

“ Beverly Fairman purchased the Country Basket B looms for the family of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.



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**Beverly Fairman** - April 08, 2024 at 08:34 PM

JH

“ "Billy" you were such a trusted friend and the best of Mentors to not only myself, but many others. I can say that the many memories are all good and will be cherished throughout time. 'Till we meet again... Lay peacefully,  
Jon H.

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**Jon Houdyschell** - April 08, 2024 at 06:29 PM

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“ With love, Sandy Rees purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.



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**With love, Sandy Rees** - April 08, 2024 at 04:47 PM

JE

“ John, Kyra, Benjamin John, and Elizabeth planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.

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**John, Kyra, Benjamin John, and Elizabeth** - April 08, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of John William 'Bill' Bunardzya.*



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April 08, 2024 at 09:44 AM



“ *My childhood best friend. Sad to read about his passing*

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**Bruce Bradley** - April 08, 2024 at 09:24 AM



*Greatest respect, admiration and love. Doug*

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**Doug** - April 08, 2024 at 02:01 PM