



William A. Picchiarini

September 22, 1930 - March 14, 2018

William A. Picchiarini, 87, of North Belle Vernon, went to be with the Lord Wednesday, March 14, 2018. A son of the late Aldo and Ida Pieri Picchiarini, he was born in North Belle Vernon on September 22, 1930. Bill was a member of St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church, where he attended mass daily with his wife, Belle Vernon American Legion, Post 659, and was a life member of the North Belle Vernon Volunteer Fire Department. He coached basketball for Saint Sebastian's C.Y.O. for 18 years from 1966-1984 and was an avid Notre Dame football fan. Throughout his life, Bill was very active in church functions, and sang for several years in the funeral choir. For the past 29 years, he and Joan visited his children and grandchildren in Florida for two months in the winter and also followed his son's high school basketball coaching career. Bill retired in 1992 after 44 years as a machinist at the Monessen Plant of the Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Company. He started working for the former Charles L. Melenzyer Funeral Home and then continued working with the Ferguson Funeral Home family for nearly 60 years. He and Joan loved hosting holiday dinners with over 40 family members throughout the day. Bill was a U.S. Air Force veteran of the Korean War. Survivors include the love of his life for 64 years, his soulmate and high school sweetheart, Joan Maksa Picchiarini, five daughters and four sons-in-law; Karen and Gary Rowland, Mary Jo Podroskey, Laure and Jim Kulik, all of Belle Vernon, Joanie and Terrence Sullivan of Houston, TX, and Jamie and Brendan Coyne of Belle Vernon, four sons and daughters-in-law; Bill and Pam Picchiarini of Pompano

Beach, FL, Ed Picchiarini and Susan Acquaro of Pittsburgh, John and Kelly Picchiarini of Ft. Pierce, FL, and Barry and Karin Picchiarini of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, 19 grandchildren; Kim Pallo, Amber Picchiarini, Josh Rowland, Melanie Baer, Matthew Rowland, Jennifer McClurg, Jared, Neal, and Erin Podroskey, Jimmy and Ryan Kulik, William Picchiarini, Aubrey and Aiden Sullivan, Bryce and Jade Coyne, Skylar, Avery, and Blair Picchiarini, 9 great grandchildren; Trey Pallo, Hailey and Kylie Rowland, Tenley Baer, Andrew, Leah and Brianna Rowland, Kolten McClurg, Leo Podroskey and two on the way, and a sister, Yvonne Parks of Merritt Island, FL. Friends will be received 2 to 4 P.M. and 7 P.M. to 9 P.M. Friday in the Ferguson Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., 700 Broad Avenue, Belle Vernon. www.FergusonFuneralHomeAndCrematory.com 724-929-5300. A blessing will be held in funeral home at 9:30 A.M. Saturday followed by a Funeral Mass at 10 A.M. in Saint Sebastian Roman Catholic Church with Msgr. Roger A. Statnick as celebrant. Entombment will be in Belle Vernon Cemetery. On Friday, the rosary will be prayed at 3 P.M. led by members of Saint Sebastian's parish and services will be held at 6:45 P.M. by members of North Belle Vernon Fire Department. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorial contributions to St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church.

Cemetery Details

Belle Vernon Cemetery

1000 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 16. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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

Visitation

MAR 16. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Blessing Service

MAR 17. 9:30 AM (ET)

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Funeral Mass

MAR 17. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Sebastian Roman Catholic Church
801 Broad Avenue
Belle Vernon, PA 15012

Tribute Wall

JH

“ To all in Bill's family tree & the many others that loved him, Our deepest condolences and warm wishes go out to you. His was a full & gifted life and along with the sorrows may the celebration of his life bring you peace and joy.

*Jon Houdyschell & Family,
Mechanicsville, VA*

Jon Houdyschell - March 17, 2018 at 08:28 PM

CD

“ Gary and I send our deepest sympathies to Bill's family. I remember Bill as a kind, good man who always welcomed me with a smile. He was one of the "rocks" in my family as he supported my father and brother in their work. He was dearly loved by my husband, Gary, who spent time with Bill and his sons. He said "Big Bill was one of my favorite human beings." We hope you know we are sending our love and prayers to you. Carol, Gary, and Ethan Davis

Carol Ferguson Davis - March 17, 2018 at 09:41 AM

DL

“ my first basketball coach, somewhere around 1980,extremely kind with tons of patience , from our family to yours , our deepest condolences. may Angels take his soul straight to heaven , and may God hold him in the palm of his hand, when your name is mentioned there will always be smiles and the fondest memories, our love and prayers , David Lenio and family, naples florida..

david lenio - March 16, 2018 at 10:04 PM

DO

“ *Diane O'Rourke lit a candle in memory of William A. Picchiarini*



Diane O'Rourke - March 16, 2018 at 04:19 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William A. Picchiarini.*



March 16, 2018 at 10:06 AM

KD

“ *My deepest sympathy to Joan and family. May the memories and love you have of Bill sustain you and bring you comfort at this difficult time. From what I heave heard Bill was an amazing man..what a life to celebrate!! Prayers to all of you..God bless!*

Kim Durbin - March 16, 2018 at 10:06 AM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Picchiarini.*



March 16, 2018 at 09:49 AM

LC

“ *Bill was a very kind man who always had a smile for you. I worked with him at Ferguson's and he always talked about his family and grandchildren. My deepest sympathy to Joan and all the family. You are all in my prayers. Lori Coffer*

Lori Coffer - March 16, 2018 at 09:36 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Picchiarini.*



March 16, 2018 at 09:35 AM

BG

“ *Bill was a real Gentleman. Always with a smile and a good word to say to you. Joy to be around. His parents and my parents were friends. Remember going to their holiday parties on Henry Street as a young one.*
Bob Githens

Bib Githens - March 16, 2018 at 07:33 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William A. Picchiarini.*



March 15, 2018 at 09:45 PM

BF

“ *Bill and Susan Baer and Family purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William A. Picchiarini.*



Bill and Susan Baer and Family - March 15, 2018 at 08:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Picchiarini.*



March 15, 2018 at 05:51 PM

YP

“ *Joan and Family..... You are all in my thoughts and prayers at this heartbreaking time in your lives. Bill was so proud and loved each and everyone of you so much. Celebrate his life . Keep the happy memories alive. He will always be safely tucked in my heart. RIP my dear brother*
Yvonne

Yvonne Parks - March 15, 2018 at 04:44 PM

RA

“ *You always made me feel like one of your own grandkids. Pap gave the best hugs and his smile was contagious. The love between pap and grandma was something I honestly have always hoped to have and strive for in my marriage. Lots of love to the entire family during this time and every day*

Rachel - March 15, 2018 at 04:39 PM

DZ

“ Rest in Peace, Bill. I'm sure the gates of Heaven opened wide for you! Your parish family will miss you!

Doris (Bill) Zeli

Doris C. Zeli - March 15, 2018 at 04:22 PM

TP

“ My uncle My god father My coach you will be missed. But with the 9 kids 19 grand kids & 9 great grand kids, you have left this earth and made a big difference in so many lives.

Rest in Peace my Uncle. Thank You for all you have added to my life.

Tom Parks - March 15, 2018 at 03:05 PM

LF

“ Love The Maksa Family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William A. Picchiarini.



Love The Maksa Family - March 15, 2018 at 01:26 PM