



William Richard Kurau, Jr.

September 13, 2019

Surrounded by his wife, Teresa, and his sons, William Richard Kurau, Jr., 73, of Lampeter, PA went to be with the Lord early on the morning of September 13, 2019.

Born in Queens, New York to the late William R. and Eda M. Kurau, Sr., Bill attended Brooklyn Technical High School. The proudest achievement of his youth was his completion of the Eagle Scout award at 13, to which his three sons have followed. He completed course work at John Jay College of Criminal Justice and received a bachelor's degree. For 20 years Bill served the city of New York as a patrol officer and was a member of the Honor Legion of the Police Department of the City of New York. While working as an officer, he met and started a family with the love of his life, Teresa Carol Frey.

Upon retirement from the police, Bill moved his family to Lampeter, PA, where his passion for collecting flourished into a career that sustained him until the end of his life. He was well known in many circles for his wealth of knowledge and his kind, selfless spirit. One of Bill's favorite things was spending time with his grandchildren, especially on their annual trips to Raystown Lake where he enjoyed looking for turtles, fishing, and watching his children and grandchildren appreciate nature.

Including his wife of 44 years, Terry F. Kurau, Bill is survived by his three sons,

William Richard, husband of Kimberly (Arnold) and father of Sophia and Will IV, Jonathan Clark, husband of Erin (Doyle) and father of Riley, Barrett, Theodore and Madeline, and David Michael, husband of Patricia (Force) and father of Sadie, Vera, and David Jr. He is also survived by his brother, Robert of New York and Christina (Anglin) of North Carolina. He is also survived by his father-in-law, Gerald Frey, husband of Peggy (Grimm).

A celebration of life led by Pastor Douglas Hinton will occur on Thursday, September 19, 2019 at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services at 528 West Orange Street, Lancaster PA (corner of W. Orange & Pine Sts.). Visitors may come at 1:00 p.m. to meet with the family and the service will begin at 2:00 p.m. with a luncheon to follow at the same location.

In lieu of flowers, please send a charitable donation to the PA Dutch Council of the Boy Scouts of America, which was incredibly important to Bill and his family.

Please visit Bill's Memorial Page at www.TheGroffs.com

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP **19**. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Richard Kurau, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Please know that Billy will be missed by the Henches . He had a great relationship with his whole family and it was always a pleasure to see him at his home or at a show. Please express our pleasure in knowing him and also his family and know that he will be missed by all who knew him.*

the Henches - September 22, 2019 at 05:05 PM



“ *Dear Terry and Family,*

David and I were very sad to hear about Bill's illness and death. We remember the pleasant times we spent with you and Bill at your home in Pennsylvania, as well as at the many Transferware Collectors Club meetings around the country. You and Bill were two of the earliest members of the TCC, and we all appreciated your support of time and effort. On a personal note, I valued the transferware knowledge that Bill was so willing to share. He was such a kind and generous person. He will be missed.

With Love,

Judie Siddall and David Hoexter

Judith Siddall - September 18, 2019 at 04:06 PM

CH

“ Carol H. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William Richard Kurau, Jr..



Carol H. - September 16, 2019 at 02:23 PM

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“ Carol & Johnny Hoffman lit a candle in memory of William Richard Kurau, Jr.



Carol & Johnny Hoffman - September 16, 2019 at 02:16 PM

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“ Terry and all the children and grandchildren,

Bill aka Dad aka Grandpa aka Husband of 40++ years, Friend - was a very special person. He was a man of great compassion, a quick laugh and an ear to ear grin. We feel honored to have known him.

Our deepest condolences to all the Karaus (of which there are far to many to name). I know he will reside in a special place in your hearts forever and ours too. With love, Donna & Kurt OHare

kurt - September 16, 2019 at 10:19 AM

BB

“ Terry,

So sad to hear that Bill has passed away. Our deepest sympathy to you, the boys and the extended family. I will always fondly remember cub scout activities and den leader meetings at your home. You all are in our thoughts and prayers. Deepest condolences from Bob & Debbie BODNAR. God Bless.

Bob Bodnar - September 16, 2019 at 08:59 AM