



William Petroccia

August 25, 1914 - June 16, 2009

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 19. 12:00 AM (ET)

Melville Cemetery
490 Sweet Hollow Road
Melville, NY 11747

Tribute Wall



“ *William Petroccia*

November 27, 2022 at 05:33 PM



“ *it's been a year today since you were laid to rest and now tomorrow is Father's Day. I miss you so much and want to take this chance to tell you that you are always in my thoughts. I love you*

Valerie & Alex - June 19, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ *William THOMAS Petroccia, your name will live on through your son, grandson and great-grandson. I consider it a privilege to have called you Dad. So many memories were made beginning in NY with Lindsay at Hechsher Park, NJ and Wmsburg. with Angela, NH with Makenzie and VA with T.J. Lots of ice cream, musicals, a "triple lutz" or two, sharing proud moments with family and their accomplishments but most of all hugs, kisses and love as only a "Pop" could give! I'm looking forward to spending eternity with our Lord together.*

Eddie Petroccia - June 26, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *Valerie - we are so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I recall several times you mentioning your father with pride and admiration. You, Alex and your entire family are in our prayers for peace and comfort.*

Sherri Booker - June 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Janice,

Your dad was a fun guy. We would see him at picnics and family functions. Bill was into baseball and was always nice to talk to. He lived a good long life and it is sad that he has gone.

Donna DeMura - June 22, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *To the Petroccia family our prayers are with you and for you in your loss. GOD is good and will comfort you and your family. We Love you all. The Lee's*

Cecil A. Lee & Family - June 20, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *Bill always made me feel loved and appreciated. We respectfully laughed at our differences of opinions concerning politics, cooking, or any other subject that we differed on. But one thing we always agreed on was how much Bill loved his family. There was never a question about Bill not being there for help, of any kind. It was only a question of what you needed. I will always miss Bill, as I miss my own father, because I love them both very much. With much love in Christ. Susan*

Susan Scheland Hallgren - June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CD

“ It has been a privilege to know you for 30 years. I will never forget the special friendship we had throughout the years - your warmth and kindness, your unique personality, and work ethic. You were a true professional and a real gentleman. I enjoyed listening to your stories, seeing the light in your eyes when you talked about your dogs and your granddaughters, watching you take care of the flowers around the country club, the pride you took in the color of your hydrangea flowers from your front yard. You have a really big heart and smile and I will miss you!

Christine Dilworth - June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ rest in peace old friend. we'll carry you in our thoughts.

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NC

“ During my early days at Cold Spring, it did not take long to see how caring and responsible Bill was in his position at Cold Spring. He had a strong work ethic.

Noel Cafferty - June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Hope he finds the peace and quiet he so longed for like never-ending Mondays, a freshly mowed yard, plenty of shade, a comfortable lawn chair, today's Daily News and an unlimited supply of club tennis balls to throw to Ginger and Rinks.

Marty - June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ Grandpa will always be in my memory sitting outside on his patio with Rinks and Ginger at his side. He loved us grandchildren and greatgrandchildren and he was always ready with a dollar for us from his pocket.

Jerusha Hallgren Caldwell - June 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM

NN

“ Our deepest sympathy and condolences to your family from ours. We always enjoyed Mr. Petroccia in church service, always feisty and willing to talk - he will be missed.

Neil and Brenda Nix - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

“ *Do not stand*

at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds

that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight

on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awake in the

morning's hush

I am the soft uplifting rush

of quiet birds in circling flight.

I am the soft star that

shines at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry

I am not there.

I did not die.

A wonderful, caring and loving man. Will be missed and never forgotten.

Heather Borrer - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ *When I joined Cold Spring some 20 years ago it was Bill who was one of my first greeters. He made me feel welcome. After a round of golf he was always a welcome sight. His dry sense of humor was endearing. He has been sorely missed at the Club my condolences to the family he was very special*

Mitchell Blatt - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LB

“ *We're so sorry to hear of Pop's passing. One thing that you can most certainly take comfort in that you were a very loving and devoted daughter. No one could ask for more. This sounds so cliché, but Pop's in a much better place, is with Kenny and no longer in pain.*

God bless you all during this sad time.

Our deepest sympathies to Janice, Vinnie, Whitney and Amy

Liz, David and Brendan - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KD

“ *Sorry for your loss. He was so loved at the club.*

Karen & Gary Denner - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SK

“ He was a fine gentleman. It was our pleasure to know him and call him a friend2R9R

Sam and Judy Kisseloff - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MK

“ Things have not been the same since he left the club.He was our baseball expert Milt

Milton Koenigsberg - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WR

“ Psalm 34:18...The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.

We Love you all, and thank CHRIST for the short time we had to know your Father. We were truly blessed to have known him. GOD bles you all, and may CHRIST comfort you, and bless each of you!

Wallace & Deborah Richardson - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Bill, We have had the privilege of knowing you and your family for about forty-five years. You were such a kind and loving man as you worked so hard to provide for and raise the five Hallgren children along with your own. You worked long, hard hours and always had to work holidays. We commend you for that. We feel your family is like part of our family because we have been so close with most of them throughout the years. We extend our deepest sympathy to your family.

Don and Eleanor Menzies - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ For almost fifty years I have been calling you "Bill". You deserve and have a rite to be called "Father" or "Dad". You took on the responsibility of another mans; provided a home, clothes, food and an opportunity for a better life. You worked long hours, six days a week to provide for the family you loved, and truely cared about. Everyone that you came in contact with realized how great a kind, loving, and generous man you were. You are missing the year 2009 "Fathers Day", let me share the thoughts of my card meant for you.

To A Special Dad

No one can take the place of a dad whose heart is as big as his smile, whose advice is as great as his sense of humor, whose caring is as deep as his love of family.

No one can take the place of a dad like you.

Love you Dad and I will miss you until we meet.

Charles (Charlie) Hallgren - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SW

“ *Bill was a delight. He truly was a happy person who seemed to enjoy his life and definitely enriched ours*

steve and carol winn - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ *My deepest and sincerest heartfelt sympathy to you and your family.*

Michelle Iorio - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ My wife and I both have fond memories of working with Bill. He was a true professional. He knew every drink he served and to whom. Guests who hadn't been to the club in a couple of years were amazed when Bill offer them their drink like they were there yesterday. The club had a 80th surprise birthday party for Bill. As the members and staff were singing around his cake there were tears in his eyes.

He was one of a kind and he'll be missed.

Greg and Debbie Smith - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Always the gentleman. We will remember his dry sense of humor.

Jean and David Bernstein - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HG

“ my sincere regrets

bill was one of my best friends at the club we would sit for hours and discuss life and BASEBALL he would always remind me that he saw babe ruth play he wouldn't discuss any other player in the same breath he was a great guy my friend not my bartender

harvey garbar - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Janice, Vinny, Whitney and Amy - our thoughts and prayers go out to you all at this very difficult time. Janice, you've cared for Zach and Ryan since they were little and even when your father came to live with you you still opened up your home to my boys when I needed you. It was amazing how you did it all! Your father was the sweetest man as he came for visits through the years and would remember all the kids when he would return. He was very fortunate to have all of you around him. That quality time together must have been God's gift to all of you and to him which no one can ever take away. Enjoy those memories and know that he is now watching over you as a special Guardian Angel.

Liz, Len, Zachary and Ryan Landi - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ Claire and I have very fond memories of Bill whom we remeber very well. The constant smiling face that made everyone fell warm and welcome was his trademark. A gentleman that truly matches the word...a gentle man. Our best wishes to his family.

Claire and Ed Stiepleman - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. Our sincere condolences

Peggy & Herb Blumenfeld - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

EL

“ We are very sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man. He made all the members of Cold Spring, and their families feel good when he was around.

Elaine and Bernie Levitan - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DD

“ Dear Tom, Edie and family, I am so sorry for your loss. I will be praying for you all.

Denise Darden - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BA

“ I met Mr. Petroccia 6 years ago through his daughter Janice. Janice watched my daughter Gianna since she was 4 months. Mr. Petroccia was the nicest man I have ever met. Gianna loved him as if he were her Granfather. She would come home and tell me stories about Pop. He was always happy when we saw him. I can see why Janice is the caring and loving person she is. It takes true love and strength to do what Janice did for her father. I will miss seeing that face in a crowd as Mr. Petroccia said about my daughter. Our thoughts and prayers are with you....may you rest in Peace.

Bob, Tammi, & Gianna Antonelli - June 18, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Bill,

Though we did not get to spend that much time together, I learned to love and respect you for the great attitude that you always demonstrated. You were so positive and upbeat in all that you said and did. From the serving of your country, loving your family, working to provide for those you cared about most, you always demonstrated that characteristic that is rarely found today.

I thank you for sharing your family with me, and allowing me to learn what hard work and dedication means. You helped me get my first job, and taught me the value of hard work.

Every time we met you always welcomed me with open arms, and when I introduced Brenda and her family to you, you made them feel special as well. We especially enjoyed the times we shared together when you were in Florida.

You helped to raise my brothers and sisters, and our family is better because we got to know you.

Thanks again for what you have meant to me, and I look forward to seeing you again on that Golden Shore as we celebrate eternity together praising our Savior.

Donald

Don Hallgren - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Tom and family...our hearts and prayers are with you in this loss...you had your Dad for many years and now he shares his love personally with his savior... Your friends...

Bill & Peggy Ricks - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy and condolences.*

Vincent J Cincotta - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ A tribute to Bill-

Wonderful father to 8 children, 5 who he raised not from blood.

Wonderful Grandfather and Great grandfather!

Lover of His Country and dedicated to following politics to the end.

Reader of the Newspaper (every day!)

Loved his Hamburger and shallots, NO GARLIC!

Loved to tell stories of the South Pacific and sing the songs, Steven loves them too!

Loved to work at "The Club" and all who worked there loved him too ! :) :)

Great "Words of Wisdom" when it came to real life situations, responsibility and a genuine "work Ethic"

I remember going to the play, the South Pacific. What a wonderful time spent with Bill.

He was so proud of what great "shape" he was in, and he wasn't kidding!

Thanks Bill for helping Steven to achieve his dream of cooking at the CIA.

Thank You for your patience and perseverance with all of those kids!

Thank You for the "simple life"

that you displayed, we should all embrace that!

We know that your Catholic upbringing taught you about GOD (and sore knuckles).

In your later years, I'm sure you found Jesus a few times in all of those Baptist Churches...

You are surely with him now and joining your beloved son Kenny. We will miss you dearly but look forward to joining you in Heaven for our Final Celebrations as well.

May the Peace of the Lord be with you Bill.

Love, Kathy

Kathy Hallgren - June 17, 2009 at 12:00 AM

ST

“ Dear Bill, Mr. "P" and a great American citizen!

There is no better time to celebrate your life then this Friday June 19, 2009 which is the beginning of Father's Day weekend. Maybe this time of year was reserved for you to say goodbye :) and for those who knew you, to bid you farewell as you now take time to rest after many years of sacrifice to your family.

There are not enough words to tell you or anyone else of your greatness but those who knew you or of you know very well, the man called, "BILL".

I would like to thank you for serving our country proudly in World War II and being part of the greatest generation of Americans that ever lived. You and those that stood with you created a mighty nation and I will be ever thankful for your sacrifice. Thank you for setting the example to pave the way for those you loved to serve their country as well. May God bless you!

Thank you for taking me and my brother's and sister into your life and home to raise us as though we were your own. Your sacrifice of hard work and dedication to those that you considered your own is not seen in our world anymore and many should look to your life as an example of what God might have meant for us to be.

Thank you for giving me the tools that would help me find my way!

Bill, thank you for inspiring me to attend The Culinary Institute of America and to develop the skills of an industry that you labored so many hours of your life. Thank you for diligent daily sacrifice for your family.

I am sorry that you had to experience the loss of your son and my brother Kenny and I know it took a part of you and Mom away for good. I do not know the pain that you felt all those days. I am sorry and my prayer is that you are together today!

Bill, there are not enough words or thoughts to honor you except for something simple and traditional.

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU HAVE DONE FOR ME. I WILL LOVE YOU FOR EVER. Steven

Steven - June 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ *Bill - we love you so much and will greatly miss you. You were a loving man and loving father who took the 5 of us Hallgren's under your wing and raised us as your own. We thank you for that and giving us a wonderful example of unselfish love*

Valerie & Alex - June 16, 2009 at 12:00 AM