



William Arthur "Bill" Furnia

June 10, 2025

William Arthur "Bill" Furnia, 80, of Mount Joy, passed away on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at Hershey Medical Center surrounded by his loving wife and children. Born in Chateaugay, NY, he was the son of the late Clarence J. and Mary E. (Harness) Furnia. Bill was the husband of Nanette (Novak) Furnia with whom he celebrated 54 years of marriage.

Bill was President of Quality Dairy Ingredients as a food representative. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and their Seasoned Men's group. He was also a member of Fire Department Mount Joy Fire Police and the Old Fire Farts of York and past member of Latham Fire Department in Latham, NY.

Surviving in addition to his wife, are three children, Heather Kufta, wife of Jason of Middletown, MD, Meghan McElroy, wife of Darren of Elizabethtown, and Justin Furnia, husband of Kayla of Wrightsville; seven grandchildren, Emma and Owen Kufta, Bryce Brown, Emily McElroy, and Luke, Will, and Claire Furnia; and a sister, Helen Peets, wife of William of Chateaugay, NY. Along with numerous nieces and nephews of whom he adored.

He was preceded in death by siblings, Anna Mae Kunsman, Clarence Furnia Jr., John Furnia, Robert Furnia Sr., Lawrence Furnia, and Janet Roscoe.

A funeral service honoring Bill's life will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 47 West Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 11 AM. Family and friends will be received at the Sheetz Funeral Home, 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 from 6 PM to 8 PM and again on Wednesday at the church from 10 AM to 11 AM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, PO Box 22324, New York, NY, 10087.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sheetz Funeral Home
16 East Main Street
Mount Joy, PA

Visitation

JUN 18. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church
47 W Main St
Mount Joy, PA 17552
<https://trinitymountjoy.org/>

Funeral Service

JUN 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

CM

“ Thinking of you today, Nanette and family.
May you find strength in knowing Bill is at peace.

Cindy McCormick - June 17, 2025 at 10:48 AM

JR

“ Joe “ It’s all in the Yell”was a statement by Bill that acted as a Time Machine bringing me back to Bill’s hunting camp and a bunch of us there for the weekend. Guys getaway which involved crushing cans with Karate chop accomplished by a piercing Yell . Until I did it on the edge which resulted in a really hurting hand.Bill never forgot and would gleefully remind me. It’s all in the Yell 😊 I am so glad I got to visit him in mid May!

Joe Ryan - June 15, 2025 at 04:54 PM

GN

“*Heather and I are deeply saddened at the death of our dear friend Bill. I had the privilege of being his priest for a time, and it was joy to know him, and his incredibly dear family, his wife Nanette, and children Heather, Meghan and Justin. Bill was not just a very kind man, but also a person of absolute integrity - his business practices were impeccable. Always a man of conscience, a hard worker, honest, truthful and sincere - he was a thoroughly good and decent man. Of course, he also was a faithful Christian who took his faith seriously and tried to live it in his everyday life. I know this because of my discussions with him. He was a man of deep faith, and I know that Jesus has welcomed him into heaven saying, "Well done, good and faithful servant!" Lastly, I want to share a personal recollection. When we lived near each other in Leola, Bill said to me, "Gary, why don't you do your basement?" I said, "Bill, I don't know how to do it myself and bringing in a contractor would cost too much." Bill said, "I will help you do the construction on the basement." And he did. Bill convinced a neighbor to help him with the work, and together they got the basement walls all done. We had the carpeting put in, but without Bill's work - and it was a lot of work - we never would have done it ourselves. That is just one example of Bill's enormous generosity and goodness. Although Heather, Allison and I have not seen him or the family in many years (we now live in Peoria, Arizona), his friendship will be with me always. I thank God for Bill and only wish there were more like him in the world because the world would then be a much better place. Bill, may you rest in peace and rise in glory.*

Gary Nicolosi - June 14, 2025 at 02:28 PM

LG

“ Heather, Meghan, Justin and momma Furnia.
I was truly saddened to hear the passing of Mr. Furnia. What a man. I remember him dearly during the years of Megan’s playing Field Hockey at CV. Larger than life, generosity that knew no limits, and although Field Hockey was a foreign entity to him, he was all in when it came to supporting the team. I can still remember the meetings with Bill and Jim Lefever. They were bound and determined to get a scoreboard up on that field. Even if it meant, they had to go out there and do the work themselves on installing it! I know there will be many in heaven, waiting for this guy to show up, but none maybe more excited than Jim Lefever! Two of the great ones taken from us way too soon.
I loved your dad and your mom, just really good people that made my life so much easier as a coach. Now it’s my turn to help support you all so please know that I keep you in my prayers and always in my heart. Sending my most sincere condolences. Lee Gerdes

Lee Gerdes - June 13, 2025 at 10:58 AM

LD

“ Meghan, I was so saddened to hear about the passing of your father. I can only imagine the pain you must be feeling. Please accept my deepest condolences. I'm thinking of you and your family during this difficult time.

Lisa Brunozzi Diem - June 13, 2025 at 06:45 AM

GF

“ Our heartfelt condolences go out to his beloved wife, Nanette, and their children—Heather, Meghan, and Justin—as well as to their grandchildren, family members, and all who were touched by his life. Bill’s legacy of compassion and excellence will continue to inspire us, and he will be dearly missed.
All the Friends @ Green Spot

Greg Faust - June 12, 2025 at 04:22 PM

TW

“*Nanette, My heart is with you and the "kids". Bill was a good friend thru these past 45 years since we met when I first went to work at Turkey Hill. I got to know his brother's thru the years and it was evident he came from strong family. He was one of the most generous people it was my pleasure to know. He was never afraid of taking big steps, building his own business, buying an RV, buying and tending a beautiful farm..all while being a great father, husband and friend to many. He was also a great fighter. Not many would have been able to survive and keep their love of life going as long as he did with that terrible disease. Im sure your love and support was a major reason he fought as long as he did. It was great seeing him one more time at the Turkey Hill reunion last year. He had that great smile and interest in how Fran and I were doing that he always had whenever we met. He will be missed. I hope to see you next week at the services. Hang strong, as you always have and take advantage of having so many family living close by. Fran is praying for you all.*

Tom and Fran Wright - June 12, 2025 at 11:18 AM

SR

“*Ah Bill, so many memories! So many interests. So much love. Our lives were enriched being around you. Happy Trails to you, my friend.*

Skip & Marlene Reynolds - June 12, 2025 at 10:45 AM

SR

Memories - tractors, dogs, horses, trains, chickens, ATV's, RV, a dump truck, moving ya; finishing yours, Gary's, & my basements; emergency first aid, sledding, tree cleanup, the NY trip, and of course "The Trip from Hell".

Skip Reynolds - June 17, 2025 at 08:36 PM