



William B. Cosgrove

January 2, 2022

William B Cosgrove, 80, born June 23, 1941, passed away in the arms of his wife early January 2, 2022. He was at home under hospice care.

A long time Allentown resident, Bill was born in Troy, New York to William J. and Margaret M. Cosgrove. Shortly after his graduation from Siena College in Albany, NY, he served his country for 6 years in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, achieving the rank of Major. Later in life he served 8 years in the National Guard.

Following his Air Force service, Bill began working for Weyerhaeuser Company in the Pacific Northwest. He was transferred to the Allentown area in 1970. He continued in lumber sales with Scholl Lumber in Fountain Hill.

After surviving a massive heart attack in 1984 and experiencing the benefits of cardiac rehab, he returned to college earning a Master's degree in Cardiac Rehab at East Stroudsburg University and later a Master's in Public Health. With those degrees in hand, Bill had the opportunity to become the Director of the National Commission of Health Education Credentialing. Bill then served as the Director of the Executive Service Corps of the Lehigh Valley, a non-profit organization that placed volunteer executive consultants with local non-profits.

In 2014, Bill and his artist wife Louise started a business using audiovisual presentations, introducing the works of famous artists to the residents at over 20 senior independent living facilities in the area. These presentations continued through November 8, 2021, and audiences adored them! While Louise discussed composition and artists' materials, Bill was uniquely gifted at providing historical context and the socioeconomic setting, all of which influenced the artists and their work. The lively interaction among Bill, Louise, and the residents greatly added to the appeal.

Bill was baptized into Christ in 1985 and never wavered in his faith right up to the last moments of his life. A student of scripture, Bill frequently taught Bible classes and

occasionally spoke from the pulpit. He followed the example of his beloved father-in-law, Gene Arlen, writing articles for the church bulletin and serving his congregation in numerous other capacities.

An avid reader, Bill collected quite a library of books, eagerly sharing them with all who were interested. He had a special passion for photography, first using a 35 mm, and later with a digital camera, sometimes winning prizes in juried exhibitions.

Bill is survived by his wife Louise; daughters, Amy Olson and Jennifer Karlson; brother Terrance Cosgrove; and sister Cathleen Suspanic. He is survived by five grandchildren, five great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his devoted dog Logan. He was predeceased by his sister Mary Gipp.

Services are under the direction of Trexler Funeral Home, Allentown, PA. Due to Covid concerns, private services will be held at gravesite for family only on Thursday, January 6, 2022. A Memorial Service will be held in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Lehigh Valley Church of Christ, 3400 Brodhead Road, Bethlehem, PA 18020 or Lehigh Valley Hospice, c/o Trexler Funeral Home.

DP

“ Bill popped into my head, today; Nov. 26, 2022. I was so sad to find his obituary, when I typed in a search for Bill today.

I knew Bill, since I was 16 years old
(I will be 70 Sept. 14, 2023). He was friends with my parents Margaret and Joseph Lombardo.

Bill was very good to my parents. He helped us celebrate their wedding anniversaries for their 35th, 40th and even their 50th, if my mind serves me correctly.

Bill's favorite line, when he'd call them on the phone, was "Hello, statue" of course meaning is that you? That always made them laugh.

I have many fond memories of you, Bill. Please be sure to say "HI" to my parents in heaven... I'm sure it was a happy reunion when they saw you again 😊

Sorry that we lost touch over the years, after my parents health took a turn for the worst. I can't believe they're gone over 20 years.

GOD BLESS and Rest In Peace Dear Friend 🙏

Deb (Lombardo) Phillips

Deb (Lombardo) Phillips - November 27, 2022 at 02:55 AM

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“ Deb (Lombardo) Phillips lit a candle in memory of William B. Cosgrove



Deb (Lombardo) Phillips - November 27, 2022 at 02:40 AM

JJ

“ I'm sorry to hear about the passing of a great friend and a wonderful person. Even though distance kept us apart, we remained in touch throughout the years. We shared great stories and many laughs. Your memory will always be with me. You will be missed my brother!

John Josephs

John Josephs - January 04, 2022 at 12:41 PM

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I knew Bill, since I was 16 years old.

Bill was friends with my parents Margaret & Joseph Lombardo.

He was very good to my parents who have been gone over 20 years.

Bill, please be sure to say "Hi" to my parents in heaven.

You always made them laugh with your line, when you'd call them on the phone. You'd say "statue" meaning "is that you"?

I have many good and dear memories of you.

So sorry we lost touch, after my parents passed.

RIP dear long-time friend. 🙏

Deb (Lombardo) Phillips.

Deb (Lombardo) Phillips - November 27, 2022 at 02:39 AM