



Dr. William A. Asselin Jr.

May 3, 1938 - May 14, 2024

NORWAY- Dr. William A. Asselin, Jr., age 86 of Norway, died Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at Surprise Inpatient Care Home in Surprise, Arizona.

He was born on May 3, 1938 in the Penn Hospital in Norway, the son of the late William and Anna (Massa) Asselin, Sr.

Bill attended Norway schools from kindergarten until his graduation from Norway High School in 1956.

He served Mass under Fr. Maier for several years until graduation and spent several summers working at Asselin Creamery Co.

In the fall of 1956, Bill enrolled in pre-dental courses at Marquette University in Milwaukee, WI. He graduated from Dental School with a Doctorate of Dental Science in 1962. After passing the boards and obtaining his Michigan and Wisconsin dental license, he served his country in the US Air Force, as a dentist in Duluth, MN and in Puerto Rico, proudly from June 1962 until September 1966.

Bill opened his dental practice in Dr. Loren Johnson's office building until November of 1993, when he retired.

Bill married Gloria Murray on September 8, 1990 at St. John Neuman Church in Spalding. They lived in the Powers-Spalding area from 1990 until 1999, when they moved back to Norway. She preceded him in death on June 24, 2019.

Late in 2019, he started seeing his High School friend Darlene (Arnoldi) Willman, and they married on August 29, 2020.

Bill enjoyed spending winters in Sun City, AZ since 1994.

He was very active in organizations spending almost 40 years associated with Holy Spirit School in Norway, almost all of those on the school board. 50 plus years as a member of the Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club and enjoying every minute of it, having various roles, serving as chairman of the Farmer of the Year program for several years. He was also active in Leader Dogs of the Blind.

Bill was also a member of St. Mary's Church and a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus and former member of the Norway Moose Lodge.

He is survived by his wife Darlene; her two sons Todd and Michael Willman; sister Sharon Shannon; step-children Liz Murray, Ann Marie Rappette, Rick Murray and Tom (Nancy) Murray; and special grandson Chris (Laura) LeBombard and Polo, the Leader Dog.

Bill was preceded in death by a step-daughter Catherine Baker.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, May 23, 2024 from 9 to 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Church in Norway.

The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 11 a.m. at St.

Mary's Church with Fr. Marty Flynn, officiating.

Interment will be held at the Norway Township Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Norway Township Cemetery

Norway Township, MI

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Mass of Christian Burial

MAY 23. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Church
401 Main Street
Norway, MI 49870

Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Dr. William A. Asselin Jr..



May 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Friends at Leader Dogs for the Blind planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Dr. William A. Asselin Jr..

Friends at Leader Dogs for the Blind - May 23, 2024 at 03:19 PM



“ Bill was a good friend from high school throughout our adult lives. He will be sadly missed. Dan and Colleen Nylund

Daniel Nylund - May 23, 2024 at 09:23 AM



“ Darlene, You are in our prayers ❤️ Bill was an example for all of us with his faith, kindness, generosity, and strength. I will always be grateful for his regular phone calls and visits to stay in touch with my Dad (George Caliaro). We have been blessed to call him (and you) Family! - Barb Dmoch, Paty Carter, and Family

Barb Dmoch - May 19, 2024 at 09:03 AM