



Bill (William P.) Foley Jr.

August 11, 1937 - November 26, 2024

Bill Foley died on 11/26/24 of congestive heart failure at the Bailey Center for Caring in St. Augustine, FL with his loving and devoted wife, Ginger, and three sons and grandson Connor at his side. He was born in Auburn, New York on August 11, 1937, the son of the late Dr. William P. Foley and Veronica Brennan Foley. He was baptized at Holy Family Church and remained a parishioner there until permanently moving to St. Augustine in 2019 and joining St. Anastasia Church.

Bill attended Holy Family school in Auburn, graduating in 1955. From there he went on to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York and received the degree of Bachelor of Metallurgical Engineering in 1960 from RPI. During his senior year he met Ginger (Virginia) DiNuzzo. Ginger and Bill were married on July 7, 1962. Throughout their 62 years together he frequently acknowledged that the best choice he ever made was Ginger. In 1963 they started their family. Together they raised three sons with Bill providing the wherewithal for a comfortable (but not extravagant) lifestyle and Ginger instilling the moral values and wisdom to sustain them for the rest of their lives.

Bill learned to skate at Rensselaer under the tutelage of the legendary RPI hockey coach Ned Harkness. In 1970 Bill became active in youth hockey. He joined the Auburn Hockey Club and coached his sons on several teams over the next few years. He also was one of the group of people who established the Snowbelt Youth Hockey League.

Throughout his adult life Bill loved the game of golf and took a special interest in the Rules of Golf. He was a member of the Skaneateles Country Club for over 30 years and since 2004 a member of the Marsh Creek Country Club in St. Augustine. He was too modest to mention it, but he achieved the elusive “hole-in-one” three times, on holes 8, 10, and 13 at Skaneateles.

In 1990, with Ginger’s support, Bill purchased the Builder’s Choice Lumber Company in Auburn. He became a member of the Northeast Retail Lumber Dealers Association and served in offices in the Central New York affiliate and the parent Northeast Association, encompassing New York and the six New England States. He thoroughly enjoyed the lumber industry and the friendship and respect of his peers throughout the Northeast.

After assuring the college education for their sons, Bill and Ginger enjoyed visiting the U.S. National Parks. They greatly appreciated the experience of seeing over 50 Parks from Florida to Alaska.

Besides his parents, Bill was predeceased by his sisters, Markey (Margaret Ringwood) and Cathy (Catherine Laskey). He is survived by Ginger and their three sons, Matthew (Suzanne) of Atlanta, Michael of Naples, FL, and Christopher (Pei) of Los Angeles and six grandchildren, Connor (Courtney), Megan (Kevin), Emily, Luke, Stephanie and Valerie and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Those wishing to do so may contribute in Bill’s memory to: Bailey Center for Caring, 200 Health Park Blvd, St. Augustine, FL 32086.

Bill would like to be remembered as a faithful Catholic husband, a wise unselfish father, and a proud citizen of the United States of America.

There will be no calling hours. Bill’s Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. Anastasia Church at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 13, 2024, and his mortal remains will be inurned in the North Columbarium on the St. Anastasia campus following the mass. There will be a celebration of life following the service at Marsh Creek Country Club.

Those desiring may leave messages of sympathy and encouragement by going to his tribute page at: www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com. St. Johns

Family Funeral Home of St. Augustine, FL is assisting the family with arrangements.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

DEC 13. 9:00 AM (ET)

St. Anastasia Catholic Church
5205 A1A South
St. Augustine, FL 32080

Tribute Wall



“ Hello to all the Foley clan,
I'm sorry for your loss and I hope you are all doing your best in his
memory.

Jimmy Ringwood

Jim Ringwood - November 24, 2025 at 08:53 AM

PC

“ I send a hug to Ginger remembering how important both she and
Bill were to our Skaneateles Country Club golf family. Bill always
had a hearty greeting whenever I saw him and a genuine smile that
felt so welcoming for a moment or two to visit. Patti Carey

Patti Carey - December 12, 2024 at 07:06 PM

HT

“ Ginger, sending our love to you and all your WONDERFUL family. I
was fortunate to spend time with you both at your home in FL this
past year to enjoy good food, laughs and of course some good
wine. Bill will be missed dearly by all. Love Hugh and Muriel
Toppazzini

Hugh Toppazzini - December 12, 2024 at 04:23 PM

JD

“ Bill and I entered the world at the same place -- Mercy Hospital in Auburn -- and almost at the same time, though he beat me by eleven days. We went through Holy Family grade and high school together and were very proud of our graduating class of 1955 (though he once said he thought we were all "a bunch of Charlie Browns"! He certainly wasn't, and among his many accomplishments in life the one that impressed me most was his acquisition of Builders' Choice Lumber Co. It surprised me the most, too -- what was an engineer doing entering the lumber business?? He confessed that he had always wanted to own his own business. This revealed an entrepreneurial spirit I was previously unaware of. And he made it work! Several of the previous posters mentioned what I think may have been the key to his success -- his uncompromising honesty. Customers knew they would never be taken advantage of by this man of utmost integrity.

God rest him until we all meet him again.

Jim Dunnigan

Jim Dunnigan - December 11, 2024 at 07:59 PM

TC

“ I remember our high school days at Holy Family school in Auburn. We put up my father's big tent at your house and put on a so called circus. Tom Casper

Thomas Casper - December 09, 2024 at 02:13 PM

DP

“ Ginger, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. May he rest and peace and may God wrap his arms around you and your family. God Bless today and always. Paul and Debbie Pinckney

Debbie Pinckney - December 05, 2024 at 09:07 AM

TG

“ My sincere condolences to the Foley family. May god bless you all.
Tom Glauberman

Thomas Glauberman - December 04, 2024 at 11:06 PM

DM

“ Dear Ginger and Family,
So sorry to hear of Bills passing! Hugs and peace to u all.. Mike and
Denise Mccole

Denise Mccole - December 04, 2024 at 05:54 PM

DC

“ Ginger,

*Pat and I were sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I always enjoyed my
conversations with him when we connected at Holy Family
gatherings. May he rest in eternal peace.*

You and your entire family are in our prayers

Don and Pat Cleaver - December 04, 2024 at 02:10 PM

CG

“ To the entire Foley family, find comfort knowing Bills legacy goes on
at Builders Choice.

*Several salespeople and many customers still inquire about Bill.
These inquires speak volumes of his integrity,his devotion and love
of the lumber industry, almost 20 years later!*

Bill joins his long time employee and friend Jim.

May he rest in peace. Thank you Bill.

Chris Geherin and Builders Choice.

Christopher Geherin - December 04, 2024 at 06:38 AM

GB

“ *Ginger and Family. So sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a good man. I think he was one of the most honest men I have ever known. He was the best boss I ever had in my working life. I know you will miss him. Gail Ball*

Gail Ball - December 03, 2024 at 08:40 PM

DR

“ *Ginger & family-
I am very sorry for your loss. I hope you find comfort in knowing that he is resting & that you have such great memories. What a tribute to have built your wonderful family.*

*Thoughts & prayers.
Diane Ruwet (Schillawski)*

Diane Ruwet - December 03, 2024 at 03:28 PM

CT

“ *Dear Ginger,
We have many fond memories of you and Bill at Holy Family Church here in Auburn. We were so fortunate to reconnect with you in St. Augustine at St. Anastasia Church. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,
Deacon John and Carole Tomandl*

Carole Tomandl - December 03, 2024 at 10:22 AM

SN

“ *Ginger and family
Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this difficult time. Bill was a great man and your memories will always be with you
Sincerely, Crocky and Suzanne Nangle*

suzanne and david nangle - December 03, 2024 at 09:18 AM

TA

“ *Bill was an honest and honorable guy. Sorry for your loss and prayers for the family.*

Tim Baroody , Auburn,NY - December 03, 2024 at 08:24 AM

DS

“ *Ginger and family,
I was saddened to read of Bill's death in today's Citizen. I thoroughly enjoyed the times we spent together - even though he beat me at golf!
I also am very appreciative of the efforts you both made to support HF Church.
I know that your love for Bill and your faith will sustain you/
Heartfelt sympathies,
Dennis Shaw*

Dennis J Shaw - December 03, 2024 at 05:34 AM

PL

*Dear Ginger. I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I'll never forget the night you had Bridge Club at your house and we (all eight of us) completely rearranged your living room! We always wondered what Bill thought when he got up in the morning.
Please accept my sincerest sympathy to you and all of your family.
Polly Losito*

Pollyann Losito - December 03, 2024 at 08:28 AM

DD

*Dear Ginger
Our sincere condolences to you and your family. We drove by your old house on North Hunter just last night. May God bring you comfort at this difficult time.
Fondly, Deb & Connie Daloia*

Deb Daloia - December 13, 2024 at 10:30 AM

SS

*Dear Ginger,
Our sincerest sympathy to you and your family. So enjoyed golfing and
your friendship over the years at the Skaneateles Country Club.
With love and hugs to you,
Richard and Sandra Schmidt*

Sandra L Schmidt - December 16, 2024 at 01:35 PM