



William F. Brewer

March 21, 2016

Of Franklin, TN., formerly of Monroeville, passed away on March 21, 2016. Bill was born in the small mining town of Boxcar Town, PA., on November 3, 1929. He worked in the coalmines until he joined the US Army and was an officer with the 101st Airborne infantry. Bill was affectionately known by his fellow servicemen as “Bulldog Brewer” for his tenacity and commanding voice. Following his stint in the Army, he worked at Westinghouse Airbrake and then Duquesne Light up until his retirement. Bill also had worked as a funeral assistant with the Corl Funeral Chapel for over 25 years. He was a longtime member of Cross Roads Presbyterian Church in Monroeville and was a diehard Pittsburgh Steeler and Pirates fan. He relocated to Franklin, TN in 2010 to be close to his family. Bill was known as “Big Gar” to his family. The name stuck after his grandsons had trouble pronouncing grandpa. He was preceded in death by his wife Norman Jean and his son in-law Richard Tomayko. He is survived by his daughter, Elizabeth Ann Tomayko and her husband Mike Lachance, grandsons Jonathan and Matt Tomayko, their wives Diana and Katie and three great-grandsons, Noah, Drew and Ben Tomayko. He also leaves behind a sister Lucinda Lanier and a brother Floyd Brewer, several nieces and nephews along with special friend Mary Jean Fisher. He will be greatly missed. Friends will be received from 6-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 31, 2016 at the GENE H. CORL INC. FUNERAL CHAPEL AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE, 4335 Northern Pike (412-372-2100), and where services will be held on Friday, April 1, 2016 at 11 a.m. Interment following in Cross Roads Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Bill’s memory to the Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 2419 Bethlehem Loop Rd, Franklin, TN 37069 or the Richard Tomayko Endowment Fund at Vanderbilt Ingram Cancer Center, c/o Gifts Processing, PMB 407727, 2301 Vanderbilt Place, Nashville, TN 37240-7727 or Cross Roads Presbyterian Church, 2310 Haymaker Rd, Monroeville, PA. 15146.

Cemetery Details

Crossroads Cemetery

Monroeville Blvd.
Monroeville, PA 15146

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 31. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Gene H. Corl Funeral Chapel Inc.
4335 Northern Pike
Monroeville, PA 15146
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Service

APR 1. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I loved Mr. Bill, just like my dad. I worked for Brookdale Franklin, and was always his server. He always wanted things a special way, and well, he paid enough he should have had lobster every night. When things weren't right, he made sure to let everyone know. He was truly and amazing man, and I am so proud to have been giving the chance to meet him. I love you just like my daddy, you were one of the funniest people I knew. Rest In Peace, with Love Alex



Alex Alex - May 25, 2016 at 12:09 AM

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“ Our sympathy is extended to all of Bill's family. I remember Bill making little wooden crosses for each of the children "graduating" from the Logos program. I think of Bill every time I see the cross. He was something special.
Faye Junker and the Junker family

Faye Junker - March 31, 2016 at 07:42 PM

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“ I grew up across the street from Bill, his lovely wife Jean and daughter Beth. My mom and dad loved having Bill as a very friendly neighbor, always laughing and sharing neighborhood news during curbside visits. He waved at every passing car since he knew almost everyone in the neighborhood...as well as all the policemen who cruised through our neighborhood during their patrol duties. He was a wonderfully friendly, smiling face to all the neighborhood kids as we grew up.

When my mom passed several years ago, I took the opportunity to stay in Monroeville for a few years to update our house and was really glad to reconnect and spend time with Bill during those years.

He was a wonderful neighbor and friend and I'll always remember him very warmly.

Ted Cook

Ted Cook - March 30, 2016 at 06:06 AM

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“ I know Bill from Brookdale Franklin, I know he loved a good Steak and was tired of all the Chicken Brookdale served. I hope he enjoys a good steak in Heaven.

shannon Hoffman - March 24, 2016 at 06:16 PM