



## William A. "Bill" Kaminski

September 10, 2024

William A. "Bill" Kaminski, 80, of Monroeville died peacefully in his home and went into the arms of Jesus on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Vicki J. (Lock) Kaminski as well as his two sons, Matthew, 53, and Brian, 40. He was preceded in death by his parents William L. And Marie A. (Fitzsimmons) Kaminski.

His life was one spent in defense and service to others, especially children. He proudly served in the United States Air Force and was stationed at the Plattsburgh Air Force Base with the Strategic Air Command. Upon being honorably discharged from the Air Force, he embarked on an over 55-year career in law enforcement. He achieved the rank of Detective within the Monroeville Police Department while also being a pioneer in the narcotics division as the first undercover police officer in the department. After "retiring" from Monroeville on the Fourth of July in 1994, he continued his work as an officer within the Kennywood Amusement Park family. This was when he would be affectionately known as "Chief" to the many officers he was proud to mentor as the Chief of the Idlewild Park Police Department for a decade.

Upon leaving Idlewild, his heart still was passionate about the protection of children. He founded the Background Investigations Unit with the Westmoreland County Children's Bureau, which was in charge of conducting investigations for applicants who wanted to foster children within the county and several neighboring ones.

Because of his passion for defending children, he requests that, in lieu of flowers, donations be sent to PreBorn, PO Box 78221, Indianapolis IN 46278

A viewing will be held Monday, September 16, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at the Murrysville Alliance Church in Murrysville, Pa with a service following at 12 noon. Burial will be at Twin Valley Memorial Park in Delmont, Pa. Arrangements entrusted to GENE H. CORL FUNERAL CHAPEL INC. AND CREMATION SERVICES OF MONROEVILLE.

Condolences may be made at [www.corlfuneralchapel.com](http://www.corlfuneralchapel.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Twin Valley Memorial Park

483 Athena Drive  
Delmont, PA

# Previous Events

## Service

SEP 16. 12:00 PM (ET)

Murrysville Alliance Church  
4130 Old William Penn Hwy.  
Murrysville, PA 15668

# Tribute Wall

JS

“ The loss of Bill will be felt by many. I consider myself lucky to have had the opportunity to work with Bill as well as call him my friend. He was always open to talk, offer his insightful wisdom, guidance and wonderful personality. May the all the best memories help bring you some comfort in this difficult time Sending you strength~

**Jess Sawich** - September 15, 2024 at 08:28 PM

HI

“ Bill was an amazing man who always had the best interest of children at heart. I will miss him tremendously. To his family, I offer my condolences.

**Hippler,Tina** - September 13, 2024 at 01:18 PM

AH

“ Bill was a such a wonderful and caring person. I had the pleasure of working with Bill the last 16 years at the Children's Bureau. He truly was an asset to the Children and Families of Westmoreland County. My deepest condolences to those who loved him. He will certainly be missed by all who knew him. I'm glad I had the pleasure of calling him "friend". Rest in peace my dear friend and co-worker. You will be missed! RIP

**Aimee Heater** - September 13, 2024 at 12:08 PM

BV

“ Bill was a kind, good hearted man and an awesome friend. We worked at WCCB together and shared a touch of ornaryness. We had many laughs together throughout the last ten years. I've missed him since he retired and will continue to do so. Fly high My Friend.

*To his family I offer my deepest condolences.*

**Barry Visnic** - September 12, 2024 at 09:36 PM

JP

“ Joan Panchal lit a candle in memory of William Kaminski



**Joan Panchal** - September 12, 2024 at 10:12 AM

VR

“ *What a sweet man, and incredibly dedicated to ensuring the safety of children. There are a handful of us who worked with "Wild Bill" at Children's Bureau and were fortunate enough to see Bill outside of work. I was so blessed to be able to see another side of Bill on 'Ash Fridays' and will forever be grateful for those experiences. My deepest condolences to those who loved him & will certainly miss such a big-hearted man. Rest easy, my friend.*

**Vickie Rafferty** - September 12, 2024 at 08:19 AM

JB

“ *My cousin, Bill was such a wonderful, caring man. He was more like another big brother to me than a cousin. I always felt so safe knowing he was out there. I loved him so much and always will. He will be so missed but I know he is with his mom and dad and mine too, along with my brother, Harry. Love you, Bill and thank you for just being the best.*

**Janet Bardsley** - September 11, 2024 at 05:08 PM

GB

*George and Beth Berger Bill and I were friends for years also work together my best friend I will miss him*

**George Berger** - September 12, 2024 at 01:19 PM

BG

*My deepest condolences to Bill's family. Bill was a true friend and he will be missed.*

**Barbara Gray** - September 21, 2024 at 08:37 PM

JP

“ *It's with our sincere condolences to your family.  
Bill was a very special person, one who cared for everyone.*

*As young kids , us cousins played together and spent holidays together too.*

*He will certainly be missed.*

*Joan Panchal*

**Joan Panchal** - September 11, 2024 at 04:59 PM