



WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY

March 18, 1971 - March 21, 2025

William "Bill" Thomas Kearney

William "Bill" Thomas Kearney, 54, of Caledonia, Minnesota, passed away Friday March 21st, leaving a legacy defined by unwavering service, genuine community spirit, and deep devotion to family. Born in Viroqua, Wisconsin, to Dennis and Bonnie Kearney, Bill was a dedicated son and the older brother to his sister, Lisa Hatfield. After graduating from Viroqua High School, Bill proudly joined the National Guard, serving on active duty during Desert Storm—an early testament to his commitment to duty and sacrifice.

Bill's generosity and involvement resonated throughout the community. He spent nearly a decade helping manage kitchen operations at St. Mary's Grade School and enthusiastically coached youth soccer, basketball, and football. He also served as an assistant coach for Caledonia's varsity football team. Beyond these roles, Bill enjoyed his work as an Amazon delivery driver, always ready to offer a helping hand or friendly smile. In his personal time, Bill loved the slower moments of life playing solitaire and spending time with his wife Erin and their three Australian Shepherds Leo, Cooper, and Izzy. Bill also chased adventure, racing motorcycles and dirt bikes alongside his sons, Sean and Noah, and sharing many afternoons with them shooting hoops on the custom basketball court in the family backyard.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Erin; sons, Sean and Noah; parents, Dennis and Bonnie Kearney; sister, Lisa Hatfield; mother-in-law, Mary (Richard) Leary (Sullivan); brother-in-law, David Sullivan; and sister-in-law, Sarah (Ben) Sullivan. He was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Bill Sullivan, and brother-in-law, Mark Sullivan. Bill's kindness, humor, and steadfast commitment to family and community leave behind cherished memories for all whose lives he touched.

"To live in the hearts we leave behind is not to die." – Thomas Campbell

A service for Bill will be at 11 am, Friday, March 28, at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Visitation will be from 4 to 7 pm Thursday at St. Mary's Holy Family Hall. Visitation will also be from 10-11 am, Friday, before the service at the church.. Military rites by Caledonia American Legion , and the U.S. Army Honor Guard will be given at the church after the service. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Caledonia.

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Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 27. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

St. Mary's Holy Family Hall
513 South Pine St.
Caledonia, MN 55921

Visitation

MAR 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
(507) 725-3804

Funeral Service

MAR 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church
513 S Pine St
Caledonia, MN 55921
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Tribute Wall

HA

“ *Fly my friend. You helped make me a better man. Thank you.* ”

Hanson - March 29, 2025 at 09:25 AM

MN

“ *Melissa, Chris, Gen, Augie Norman purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.* ”



Melissa, Chris, Gen, Augie Norman - March 26, 2025 at 04:43 PM

FL

“ *From, Noah's dear friend Kolby Langen purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.* ”



From, Noah's dear friend Kolby Langen - March 26, 2025 at 04:09 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.* ”



March 26, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.

March 26, 2025 at 01:30 PM



“ Micah and Kat purchased the Simply Elegant Sp
athiphyllum for the family of WILLIAM "BILL"
KEARNEY.



Micah and Kat - March 26, 2025 at 01:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the
family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.



March 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.

March 26, 2025 at 11:04 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the
family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.



March 25, 2025 at 08:59 PM

AF

“ Angela & Dan Korson family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.



Angela & Dan Korson family - March 25, 2025 at 08:21 PM

AF

“ Angela & Dan Korson family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.

Angela & Dan Korson family - March 25, 2025 at 08:21 PM

TF

“ Tim and Danielle Sprain Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.



Tim and Danielle Sprain Family - March 25, 2025 at 07:06 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.



March 25, 2025 at 04:26 PM

TW

“ *The Wortman's purchased the Serene Retreat for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.*



The Wortman's - March 25, 2025 at 04:07 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.*



March 24, 2025 at 09:53 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of WILLIAM "BILL" KEARNEY.*

March 24, 2025 at 09:53 PM

DS

“ *So sorry to hear about the tragic loss of Bill. We are praying for peace & comfort during this difficult time!*

Dave & Wilma Schoh - March 24, 2025 at 08:22 PM

SB

*Bill's heart was for people, especially the less fortunate.
The world lost a great man..
Will miss you friend.*

Shane Buross - March 25, 2025 at 05:56 PM

NW

I am so sorry to hear of the tragic loss of your Son Bill I wish I could be there for your family Bonnie and Dennis. God gave us love and someone to love he loaned us 🙏🙏

Nanci Wuolle - March 26, 2025 at 10:57 PM

DY

My prayers are for Bill and his family. It was a privilege to Deacon at his funeral today.

Deacon Bob Yerhot

Deacon Bob Yerhot - March 28, 2025 at 07:46 PM