



## William Joseph Colwell

January 20, 1942 - March 29, 2016

William "Bill" Joseph Colwell, 74, of Greenport, passed away Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at The Pines in Catskill.

Born January 20, 1942 in Hudson, he was the son of the late Paul J. and Anna (Heeney) Colwell. Bill attended St. Mary's Academy in Hudson. He retired from the Columbia County Department of Public Works after 25 years of service. Bill was a member of St. Mary's Church in Hudson, the Hudson Elks #787, HW Rogers Hose Company #2, the Hudson Power Boat Association, the Hudson Fire Police, and the Greenport Senior Citizens. He was a lifelong Hudson resident.

Bill is survived by his wife of 50 years, Rosemary (Arkinson) Colwell, three children, James (Mary) Zantotelli, Debbie (Clyde) Garrison, and Nancy (Jon) Freed, six grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, four brothers, Thomas (Vera) Colwell, Edward (Linda) Colwell, Michael (Barbara) Colwell, and Timothy (Bonita) Colwell, his sister, Eileen (Richard) Zinnanti, his sister-in-law, Maureen Colwell Conte, and many nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, James Colwell.

Visiting hours are 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Thursday, March 31, 2016, at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 11:00 am Friday at St. Mary's Church, 429 East Allen Street, Hudson.

# Tribute Wall

NG

“ Our sympathy and thoughts are with Rosemary and the Colwell family. I will always remember Bill from our days of working for Columbia County and the committee we worked on thru the union. Bill always kept a level head and was the kindest person. RIP. Nancy & Art Griffith



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**Nancy Griffith** - April 03, 2016 at 07:47 PM

MK

“ To the Colwell Family,  
You will be in our thoughts and prayers at this time. Polly (DeSantis)  
& Peggy(Kidder) Fino

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**Margaret Peggy Fino Kidder** - April 01, 2016 at 01:21 PM

JC

“ Please accept my condolences on the passing of Bill. I am sorry that I cannot express my sympathy in person. He will always be part of happier St. Mary's memories.

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**Jack Curry** - March 31, 2016 at 11:27 AM

SH

“ Our sympathy on the loss of Bill. Sally and Dan Hart.

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**Sally Hart** - March 31, 2016 at 05:22 AM

DA

“ *Dianna Almstead lit a candle in memory of William Joseph Colwell*



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**Dianna Almstead** - March 31, 2016 at 05:20 AM

  
Pamela  
Jane

“ *So sorry for your loss! In our thoughts and prayers, may he rest in peace. Pam and Joe Torchia*



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**Pamela Jane** - March 30, 2016 at 08:29 PM

PS

“ *Rosemary and Family, Wishing you peace and comfort at this difficult time, know that the thoughts and prayers of old family friends are with you at this time.*

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**Penny Bartholomew Slingerland** - March 30, 2016 at 07:06 PM

PM

*So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by all who had the pleasure of knowing him. Our condolences to Rosemary and family.  
Pat and Jake Martin*

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**Patricia Martin** - April 02, 2016 at 07:26 PM

GD

“ My condolences to Rosemary and the Colwell family. I remember the old Union street gang from St.Mary's Academy School. Our hang out was either the Colwell's house or the Hart's. I remember Bill and his brothers building the shed so they could have rabbits, and racing pigeons. I remember all of us going wild blue berry picking behind Allen St. in the woods and Bill and his brother Ed (Peanut) would make blue berry muffins. They would charge us 5 cents for one muffin for the cost of the flour mix and it was worth every penny. What great memories we had growing up with Bill on Union Street in the 50's. I thank God for meeting and knowing such a great person in my life. God Bless William Colwell

Gennarino DOnofrio - March 30, 2016 at 06:23 PM

RO

“ Our deepest sympathy to Rosemary and family, Bill will be missed by so many. He may be gone but never forgotten! Robin & Peter Merante



Robin - March 30, 2016 at 05:49 PM

TB

“ Prayers & condolences to Rosemary and family. Will miss our get togethers at the club. RIP Bill.

Pat & Bob



The Belterman's - March 30, 2016 at 01:05 PM



Prayers to Rosemary and family I enjoyed talking to him! Patty Rutkey.

Patricia Rutkey - March 30, 2016 at 01:33 PM

LC

*condolenses to Rosemary and family, Lou and Maureen C.*

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**L. Conte** - March 30, 2016 at 02:17 PM

LY

*Rosemary and family, so sorry to hear the news of Bill's passing. He was a wonderful man, loved his family, and always had a smile for everyone. We shared many great times over the years, especially Cape Cod. You are in our thoughts and prayers!  
Love Linda and Terry Yates*

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**Linda Yates** - March 30, 2016 at 03:39 PM

JF

*My thoughts and prayers are with you today and always, Rosemary. I have so many good memories of our Union Street years growing up with you and Bill. Bill was a kind and sweet person who will be missed by all who knew him.*

*Jean Earley Fox*

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**Jean Earley Fox** - March 31, 2016 at 09:06 PM

EL

*Rosemary and family, please know that I hold each of you in prayer as you mourn the loss of Bill's presence.  
Sincerely, Elaine Leggieri*

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**Elaine Leggieri** - April 01, 2016 at 07:31 AM