



## William Henry Schools

August 2, 1916 - April 23, 2012

William Henry (Bill) Schools passed away peacefully at Pine Haven Nursing Home on April 23, 2012.

Born in Boston, MA in 1916, he was the son of Clarence and Martha (Kinitt) Schools. They later moved to Stuyvesant Falls where Bill grew up.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Bonnie (Schools) Newkirk; brother Carl (Alice) Schools, sisters Marion Thorpe and Jeanette (Roy) Shannon as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Teresa (Secovnie) Schools, brother Henry Schools, sisters Ruth Novak, Alice Frick, and Virginia Marchionne, and son-in-law Calvin Newkirk.

Bill attended Stuyvesant Falls Grammar School, Martin Van Buren High School, and worked on a CCC construction project during the Great Depression. While serving as a gunner on a merchant ship in World War II, he traveled around the world. Prior to his retirement in 1976, he was employed by two paper companies-Rossman Paper Mill in Rossman, NY and Columbia Boxboard Corporation in Chatham, NY.

Bill was proud of being a charter member of Stuyvesant Falls VFW Post 9593 and was also a longtime member of both the Kinderhook Elks Club and Winding Brook Country Club.

Many older residents of Columbia Co. remember Bill as the left-handed pitcher who helped the Stuyvesant Falls baseball team score many victories in the days of the Columbia Co. Baseball League. Other sports he enjoyed were fresh and saltwater fishing, rifle and bow hunting, and golfing. His hobbies included flower and vegetable gardening, cooking, and wine-making.

He was a loving husband and father, very friendly, loved to sing and dance, and truly enjoyed his nickname, "Wild Bill".

A memorial service will be held at 12 noon on Monday, May 7, 2012 at the Bates & Anderson - Redmond & Keeler Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be donated to the charity of one's choice.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Bonnie, so sorry to hear about your dad. What a great guy and friend he was to me and my family. All those hunting stories and I believe the wine making. Especially the Christmas parties at the Harder household in Valatie. Great memories.  
Your in my prayers.  
Sherrill Harder

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**Sherrill Harder** - April 30, 2012 at 02:57 PM

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“ Our deepest condolences. Bill was our Comrade & Friend. His absence from our ranks will surley be noticed.  
Please keep us informed of furture Memorial plans. Bills Comrades would likke to conduct a Memorial Service to his memory.  
Stuyvesant Falls Memorial Post 9593 VFW

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**Wally Zincio, Post Quartermaster** - April 27, 2012 at 07:21 AM

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“ We are sorry for your loss. I knew Mr. Schools from the Home where my father, Adam Nartowicz, resided with Bill for several years. They had a good rapport between them as they both played baseball (very well, I might add!) and were both "characters". I enjoyed chatting with your Dad, Mrs. Newkirk,(we had a couple Father's Day luncheons together) and he and I shared a birthday. When I turned 40, "Wild Bill" turned 90 and I brought in a couple of beers and we toasted together...I thought I was giving him a nice little treat until he pulled out his flask and showed it to me! haha!!  
I'm sure he will be missed though he led a good, long full life.

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**Mary Zanutelli** - April 25, 2012 at 06:46 AM

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“ *Dear Bonnie and Family,  
I'm sending you prayers and hugs. Wishing you strength through  
joyful memories and the celebration of a life well lived.  
Fondly,  
Karen*

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**Karen Hummel** - April 25, 2012 at 06:43 AM