



William J. McHugh

June 14, 1934 - April 13, 2023

William J. McHugh, 88, of Aurora, formerly of New York, NY, passed away Thursday, April 13, 2023 at his niece's home. He was born on June 14, 1934 in Aurora, IL.

Bill spent the first 20 years after graduating from Notre Dame University in Catholic education at St. Edward's High School. He then spent the rest of his life in the modeling and acting world in NYC.

He is survived by his sister-in-law Lois McHugh; his nieces and nephews William and Kevin McHugh, Mary Beth York, Joseph McHugh, Jim Buckley, Kathy Platt, Sharon Regnier, John, Tom, and Mike Buckley, and Mary Dennin; and many great nieces and great nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents Gertrude (Pendergast) and Francis McHugh; his brother Jack McHugh; his sister Mary Ann Buckley; and his nephew Bill Buckley.

Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 11:30am at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church. Fr. Jerome Leake will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Arrangements are being handled by THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 N. Lake St., Aurora, 630-631-5500. Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com where you may leave condolences for William's family. Memorial contributions may be made in William's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project at www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

APR 18. 11:30 AM (CT)

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church
620 South Fifth St.
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I first met Bill in acting class & later knew him through our participation in the Broadway Show League (softball) at Hecksher Fields in Central Park. A great guy. He will be missed...

Jami - August 23, 2023 at 11:49 AM

RI

“ I've known Bill for many years here in New York he was a joy! Mostly I played softball on teams that he ran in Central Park. I also did a theater piece with him some years ago - he played FDR and did a great job of it. So I am lucky enough to have worked with Bill at two of his favorite activities.
We are all going to miss Bill - he's truly a Great Guy.

Rick - April 20, 2023 at 12:48 PM

LM

“ Our sympathy to Bill's family.
Bill played baseball for my dad, Steve Stanoy. My mom told me more baseball stories about Bill. I just remember how cute he was.
Rest in Peace Bill. Linda Stanoy McClure

Linda McClure - April 18, 2023 at 09:56 PM

KZ

“ Bill will always be "part of our family" He was best friend to our Mom, Mimi Scott for almost 30 years. We will never forget how he called her faithfully each night at 11. We love you and miss you Bill. Our prayers are with his whole family with lots of love. Karen Scott Zantay and family

Karen Zantay - April 18, 2023 at 12:07 PM

MJ

“ *My sympathy to all his family. I knew Bill 50 years ago at St Edward High School. He was a kind, gentle man. I am grateful that our paths crossed all those years ago. You will all be in my prayers.*

Mary Jo Weisser Johnson - April 18, 2023 at 11:09 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William J. McHugh.*



April 16, 2023 at 09:03 AM

SM

“ *Bill was the best of the best. His heart was truly his best quality. The love, acceptance & care he showed me as a student, didn't stop with me. He extended it to my whole family in a great time if need.*

As an adult I was honored with a true friendship full of positive thinking and again love.

You were our champion @ Boylan & in life.

You will never be replaced and always will be missed.

I cannot be at your funeral but you will be in my heart.

Susan Baraniak Manalli - April 15, 2023 at 10:42 AM

GW

To the family.

I met Bill in Minnesota when he first started his Modeling career. We were doing a photo job. We became friends at that time. Our paths crossed over all these years. Since the late 70s earlie 80s. I stayed with him in his apartment in NY and he stayed at my home with my family in MN. The baseball in Central Park was always a treat me me when I would come to NY. We lost some contact as the years pasted However I would call him often to catch up. He was my friend and would do anything for me and anyone else. He was comforting so many people in nursing homes these last few years. What a guy. I know everyone loved him and I am soo sorry I can not call him to catch up. You are still so loved and I know you are in Heaven finally and being taken care by God. Love ❤️

Gina Weiner - March 14, 2024 at 09:03 AM