



William F. Russ

March 9, 1940 - February 14, 2025

William F. Russ of Aurora, IL passed away Friday, February 14, 2025 surrounded by his loving family. William was born March 9, 1940 in Aurora, IL.

He attended East Aurora High School in the late 1950's and proudly served in the U.S. Army from 1957-1960 and was part of the 4th Armored Division. He was a devout Roman Catholic and member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Batavia, IL.

He was the owner of the Bungalow Tavern in Yorkville, IL where he built the softball ballfield in the 1960's that is still in use today. He would later sell the tavern to become a route and sales driver/rep for local distributorships from the 70's to 2000. In his retirement he became a Starter/Ranger at Fox Valley and Phillips Park Golf courses over the last two decades. Dedicated junior-high football coach at St. Rita of Cascia in the 70's. Aurora Baseball Youth head coach during the 70's with Chris' Twin Twirl and Stephenson Adamson. Bill enjoyed playing golf, watching Chicago sports (Cubs, Bears, Blackhawks), and spending time with family and friends. Most of all, he loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his four children; Bill Russ, Jr. of Avila Beach, CA, Todd Russ of Phoenix, AZ, Keith (Laura) Russ of Valencia, CA, and Dawn (Kevin) Kigyos of Montgomery, IL. He was adored by his six grandchildren, Ryan Russ,

Brad (Tatianna) Kigyos, Austin (Shelby) Russ, Brandon Kigyos, Lauren Russ and Bryanna Kigyos.

Bill was preceded in death by the love of his life, Mary, with whom he celebrated 61 years of marriage; his parents William H. and Hallara L. (Anderson) Russ; and his granddaughter, Julia Russ.

He was an incredible son, step-brother, husband, father and grandfather who was loved by his family.

Visitation will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2025 from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY, 220 North Lake Street Aurora, IL 60506, 630-631-5500.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, February 26, 2025 at 9:45 AM from THE DALEIDEN MORTUARY; to Holy Cross Church at 10:30 am; Fr. Patrick Gillmeyer will officiate with interment at Mt. Olivet Cemetery.

Please visit our interactive website at www.daleidenmortuary.com to leave condolences for William's family or sign the guest book.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Olivet Cemetery

278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **25**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Daleiden Mortuary
220 N. Lake Street
Aurora, IL 60506
(630) 631-5500
daleidenmortuary@gmail.com
<https://www.daleidenmortuary.com>

Morning Prayers

FEB **26**. 9:45 AM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

FEB **26**. 10:30 AM (CT)

Holy Cross Church
2300 Main Street
Batavia, IL 60510

Burial

FEB **26** (CT)

Mt. Olivet Cemetery
278 Ashland Avenue
Aurora, IL 60505

Tribute Wall



“ Daleiden Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of William F. Russ



Daleiden Mortuary - February 22, 2025 at 04:47 PM

RR

Great great video!

Rosalie Russ - February 23, 2025 at 08:57 AM

KA

So beautiful, so much love in every photo. Thank you for giving us a glimpse into this dear man.

Kathy - February 25, 2025 at 10:49 AM

WH

My name is Bill Hartman, my stepfather was Dut Kleinfeldt, owner of Dut's Dugout. Dads tavern was on Billy's route. What a great guy!! Loved talking sports. I live in Florida now. My brother Clancy will attend the wake. To Billy's children, and entire family, my heartfelt sympathy. Billy, it was a pleasure, and full of laughs, anytime we met up. May you rest in peace my friend....

William Hartman - February 25, 2025 at 01:15 PM

KP

“ Kathy P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Kathy P. - February 25, 2025 at 01:57 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William F. Russ.



February 25, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William F. Russ.

February 25, 2025 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William F. Russ.



February 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William F. Russ.

February 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM



“ 26 files added to the album tribute wall



Anastasia Daleiden - February 25, 2025 at 10:14 AM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William F. Russ.



February 25, 2025 at 09:53 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William F. Russ.

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“ Cassidy C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Cassidy C. - February 25, 2025 at 08:32 AM

YT

“ Your UC Team purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William F. Russ.



Your UC Team - February 25, 2025 at 01:58 AM

BT

“ Brigid Tabour purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William F. Russ.



Brigid Tabour - February 24, 2025 at 09:27 PM

BT

“ Brigid Tabour planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Brigid Tabour - February 24, 2025 at 09:27 PM

FH

“ Frank and Lynn Huynh purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William F. Russ.



Frank and Lynn Huynh - February 24, 2025 at 09:03 PM

WM

“ Whitney & Gabriel Madrid purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William F. Russ.



Whitney & Gabriel Madrid - February 24, 2025 at 07:49 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William F. Russ.



February 24, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William F. Russ.

February 24, 2025 at 06:50 PM

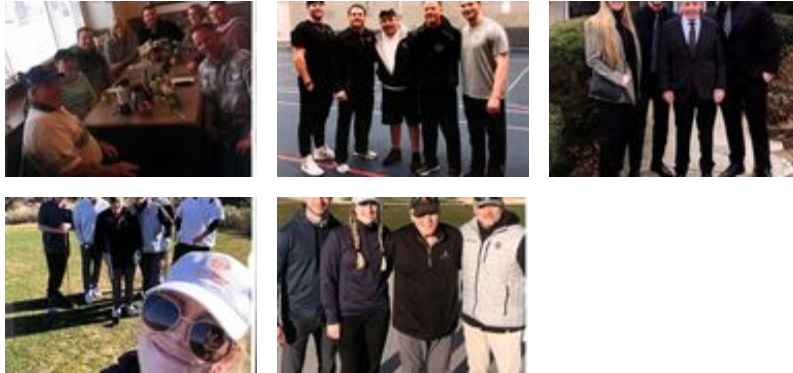
BS

“ Worked with Billy at Phillips Park for 7 years and quickly developed a respect and a friendship with him. I am currently out of town and unable to attend the services but my heart and prayers go out to his family and friends. I will miss him and remember how great a man he was. RIP Billy.
Bill Sidlauskas.

Bill Sidlauskas - February 24, 2025 at 05:58 PM



“ 10 files added to the album Life Tributes



Daleiden Mortuary - February 24, 2025 at 01:15 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William F. Russ.



February 24, 2025 at 01:05 PM



“ Love, Dean & Diane Friel purchased the Basket Full of Wishes for the family of William F. Russ.



Love, Dean & Diane Friel - February 24, 2025 at 11:24 AM



“ Love, Dean & Diane Friel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Love, Dean & Diane Friel - February 24, 2025 at 11:24 AM

BE

“ Our deepest sympathies to all Bill's children and their families and friends. We were blessed to meet Bill and share a wonderful meal together when he came to Phoenix to visit Todd. From the stories shared we gleaned the sense of how remarkable Bill was and his selfless sacrifice in taking care of Mary. We are grateful for his service to our country and for our freedom. We see his faithful committed character in his son Todd, who has been a gift in our lives. May your father, grandfather and friend rest peacefully in the arms of Jesus and may you all find abundant love and grace in this difficult time. God bless you all and may the memories you carry with you of this beautiful person bring you great joy.

Beth - February 24, 2025 at 11:12 AM

ME

“ Michelle & Graem Elliott purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William F. Russ.



Michelle & Graem Elliott - February 24, 2025 at 11:01 AM

ME

“ Michelle & Graem Elliott planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Michelle & Graem Elliott - February 24, 2025 at 11:01 AM



“ *Loving Lilies and Roses Bouquet was purchased for the family of William F. Russ.*



February 24, 2025 at 01:17 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William F. Russ.

February 24, 2025 at 01:17 AM



“ *Graciela Chaluleu purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William F. Russ.*



Graciela Chaluleu - February 24, 2025 at 01:12 AM



“ *Graciela Chaluleu planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.*

Graciela Chaluleu - February 24, 2025 at 01:12 AM



“ *Jason and Natasha Stevens purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William F. Russ.*



Jason and Natasha Stevens - February 23, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JS

“ Jason and Natasha Stevens planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Jason and Natasha Stevens - February 23, 2025 at 08:09 PM

JM

“ Joe & Nicole Miranda purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William F. Russ.



Joe & Nicole Miranda - February 23, 2025 at 03:11 PM

JM

“ Joe & Nicole Miranda planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Joe & Nicole Miranda - February 23, 2025 at 03:11 PM

DE

“ I was acquainted with Bill through his son Todd, whom I've chatted with after Mass when he was in Phoenix. He was a delight to talk to, very funny & engaging! I will miss him!

Debbie - February 23, 2025 at 01:50 PM

CC

“ I first met Bill when he came to Mass with his son Todd. After Mass we would gather outside and chat for awhile. What I remember about Bill is his warm, loving smile and I will Keep his smile in my thoughts.

carole cantrell - February 23, 2025 at 11:12 AM

MI

“ Mike, Jessica, Juliette, Alexandra India purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of William F. Russ.



Mike, Jessica, Juliette, Alexandra India - February 23, 2025 at 09:53 AM

MS

“ Mark Schissel purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of William F. Russ.



Mark Schissel - February 22, 2025 at 05:17 PM

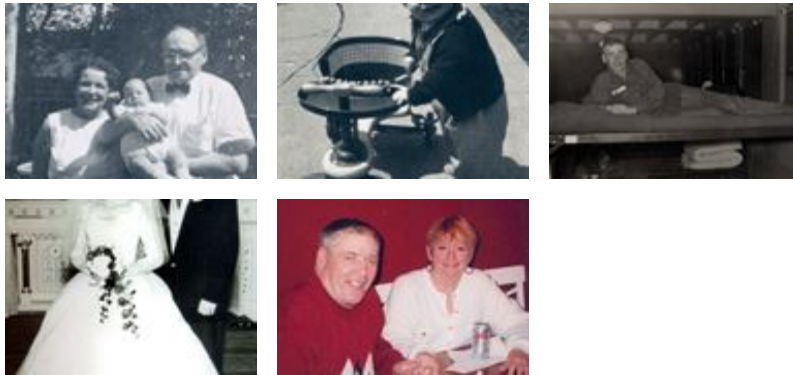
MS

“ Mark Schissel planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William F. Russ.

Mark Schissel - February 22, 2025 at 05:17 PM



“ 56 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Daleiden Mortuary - February 22, 2025 at 04:39 PM

FU

“ *From the Soldiers of USAFTD purchased the Encanted Cottage for the family of William F. Russ.*



From the Soldiers of USAFTD - February 22, 2025 at 03:05 PM



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February 22, 2025 at 01:12 PM

LE

“ *Bill was the Life of the Party and sure will miss him on #3 at Phillips Park He was always on the hill waiting for us girls. #3 we hated and he knew it. Always had a smile. You will be so missed Bill* ❤️

Lenore Edlund - February 22, 2025 at 12:36 PM

TJ

“ *Todd & Keith please accept my condolences on the loss of your father*

Tim Jungels - February 21, 2025 at 10:15 PM