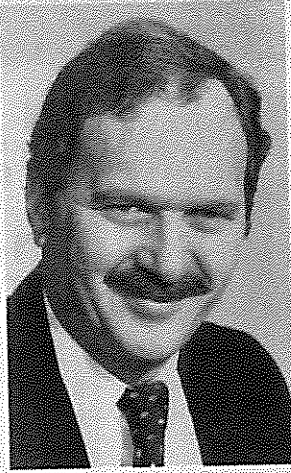


NEW YORK, N.Y.

William F. (Bill) Pustarfi, 82



Memorial Mass of Christian Burial for William F. (Bill) Pustarfi, 82, New York, N.Y., was celebrated Nov. 8 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, West 14th St., New York. He died Wednesday, Oct. 8, 2014, at Calvary Hospital in the Bronx, New York, after three months in palliative care.

Msgr. Kenneth Smith, long-time family friend, officiated at the service.

Cremation has taken place and his monument is in Calvary Cemetery, Marengo.

William F. (Bill) Pustarfi was born Aug. 10, 1932, in Irvington, N.J., the son of William and Leona Mertz Pustarfi. He grew up in Nutley, N.J., studied violin and

soprano saxophone as well as art composition and painting in grade school. In high school, he participated in bicycle racing, track and football and graduated from Nutley High School in 1950.

While in high school, he registered in the New Jersey Air National Guard, 119th Fighter Squadron at Newark Airport and Fort Benning, Georgia, 1947 to 1951. This was followed by U.S. Army basic training and leadership training at Fort Dix, N.J. Next came U.S. Army 24th Infantry Division, photo interpreter in Tokyo and Mitsuichikawa, Japan, in 1952, followed by U.S. Army 24th Infantry Division, acting regimental intelligence officer, 1952 to 1953, in Cheju-do, Korea prisoner of war camp - interrogation of prisoners, with honorable discharge in 1953 in Fort Dix.

He used the GI Bill to earn his bachelor of science degree in industrial engineering and his master of business administration, both from Fairleigh Dickinson University, Rutherford, N.J. He was an industrial consultant for several years before establishing custom steel fabri-

cating and manufacturing companies in New Jersey and New York, later computerizing them. In the 1970s and 1980s, he became an early developer in the software industry for air/ocean freight forwarders, warehousing and transportation service.

He eventually married Kathleen Smith, a 1961 graduate of Iowa Valley High School, Marengo, and daughter of William J. and Emma Kozichek Smith. He earned his private pilot's license in 1969 and used it for business needs. Kathleen earned her private pilot's license in 1977 and together they flew for business and recreation. They shared 43 wonderful years together.

Bill was always a mentor first for each individual who worked with/for him. He brought out the best in people and helped develop the talents each person possessed. He was always willing to share his knowledge and help others in the course of their lives.

A main resource pool for hiring staff consisted of women returning to the workforce after raising their families.

He knew that they were managers, economists and multi-taskers and that they would be serious long-term employees. This was in the late 1960s and 1970s before it was a popular movement.

His life-long interests were in painting abstract art, where he was entered in several art shows and exhibits in New York; writing poetry and sketches of life experiences and classical and jazz music.

Pustarfi is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two of his four children from a previous marriage, William (Sandra) Pustarfi, Kingston, N.Y., and Gabrielle Pustarfi, Shandaken, N.Y.; three grandchildren, Nadina (Gary) Apostolou, Denver, Colo.; Dee (David) Farrell, Clintondale, N.Y., and John Pustarfi, Kingston, N.Y.; one great-granddaughter, Debrara Ramos, Denver, Colo.; one brother-in-law, Carl Padden, Murrieta, Calif., and three nieces, Linda, Lisa and Caroline and their families, San Diego, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Mary (Carl) Padden, and two of his four children, Deborah and Adam, both at age 29.

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