



Wilman F Allen

February 8, 1953 - August 26, 2024

W. STEWARTSTOWN – Wilman ‘Bill’ F. Allen, 71, of West Stewartstown, passed away peacefully at his home on Monday evening, Aug. 26, 2024.

He was born in West Stewartstown on Feb. 8, 1953, a son to the late Wilman I. and Carlene B. (Leonard) Allen. Bill attended West Side Grammar School until 1968, and then attended Colebrook Academy, where he was an active member of FFA before graduating in 1972. He continued his education at the NH Vocational Technical School in Berlin, earning an associate degree as a machinist in 1974, and later in 2012 he earned another associate degree as a heavy diesel mechanic, with honors.

Bill enlisted in the Army and served from 1976 to 1979 as an engineer in the states, and in Germany where he used his skills as a generator mechanic, welder, and machinist. He continued with the Army as a member of the National Guard until 2002, where he served as a driver, artillery mechanic, and Army Combat Medic, retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class.

His life and career was multi-faceted. Bill worked at the Beecher Falls Division of Ethan Allen for many years; some time was spent in the sawmill, rough mill, and glue room, but he mostly performed as the chief engineer for the power plant, and in the later years acted as a plumber for the facility.

His volunteer activities were his true passion! Bill was an active member of the Beecher Falls Volunteer Fire Department since 1970, holding the rank of captain at the time of his death. He was a hazardous materials technician, and EMT-I, as well as an EMT instructor for 30 years, and known by the BFVFD as the “expert” in operating the pump trucks. He enjoyed working on them in the evenings and would come home still wielding ideas to make them operate more efficiently. He was certified in confined space and collapse rescue, high angle and below grade rescue, and extrication tools. He was instrumental in forming the Beecher Falls Rescue Squad as part of the fire department in the mid-1980s. Bill served his town as a part-time police officer for 20 years, was a Deputy Fire Warden for Stewartstown, and was the town’s water system operator for the precinct since 1985, and was Stewartstown’s Emergency Management director for more than 20 years, as well.

Bill enjoyed educating young adults. For many years he helped Robert Burrill at Colebrook Academy in the welding shop, teaching the next generation of welders, and he taught the first aid portion of the OHRV Safety Courses for the state. He was influential in establishing and volunteering as a scout leader for the local Boy Scouts Troop. He took on every activity with 100% effort and pride. He truly appreciated participating in all the fire department activities that required a team effort; poker runs, fireman musters, cookouts and auctions, including the state fire conventions. He took a special shine to the parades because he could include his kids and grandchildren. It was all about the comradery and social atmosphere.

Bill, being so outgoing, the only thing he loved and enjoyed more than volunteering and socializing was playing with his grandchildren. He was happiest spoiling them. The young grandchildren’s new holidays were to be met with a giant chocolate bar.

Bill leaves behind his wife of 51 years, Donna (Newton) Allen of West

Stewartstown; three daughters, Karla Allen of Ctr. Ossipee, N.H. Tracy Davis of Pittsburg, and Bobbi Jo Allen of West Stewartstown; two sisters, Susan Morrisey of Okeechobee, Florida, and Wilma Steinman of Claremont, N.H.; eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

He is predeceased by a brother, Glenn 'Butch' Allen, and a sister, Glenna Gray.

As anyone who knew Bill would understand, despite his big personality, loud carrying voice, and ever-outgoing helping hand, he was contradictory and simple in his view of recognition. Bill was specific in his request that there be no public services scheduled at this time.

Expressions of sympathy may be made in Bill's name to the BFVFD Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 326, Beecher Falls, VT 05902.

Condolences may be offered online by going to www.jenkinsnewman.com.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Jenkins & Newman Funeral Home in Colebrook.

Tribute Wall

DY

“ *So very sorry for your loss.*

Dee Young - September 04, 2024 at 07:05 PM

CC

“ *Dear Donna and Family, I was a Trooper in Colebrook and in the 2nd Bn. Bill was always a go to guy, a wonderful soldier and cop. He had detailed files. He is gone now, in God's Mercy, he is missed. Chris Conley, Wolfeboro*

Chris Conley - August 31, 2024 at 11:28 AM

GL

“ *My deepest sympathies to Billy's family. Yes, Billy always sounded gruff and tough, but behind all day was the kindest person who would do anything to help. He was fantastic with anyone going through a tough ordeal. Rest in peace cousin Billy.*

Ginette and Allen Ladd

Ginette and Allen Ladd - August 31, 2024 at 09:22 AM

TY

“ To the Allen family - Linda and I are so sorry for your loss. Bill was the most sincere kind hearted person I have known. Many years ago, I was away in Concord attending a Traffic Accident Investigation school, when our family dog was hit by a car on Bridge Street in Colebrook. Bill happened to be driving by and stopped to render help. Without hesitation, Bill immediately scooped up our dog, and took her to Dr Tarkleson's office. Unfortunately, our dog didn't survive her injuries, but I am so appreciative for his help when I was away. His actions are a true reflection of the kind hearted person he was.

Tom & Linda Yorke - August 31, 2024 at 08:46 AM

BB

“ I want to wish the family peace and comfort . Bill was a great friend to all he came in contact with He was kind, knowledgeable, and dedicated to whatever his interests were. I knew Bill as a fellow EMT and always welcomed being on a call with him. We are all better people to have known him and I know he will be missed by you and the community.

Bonnie & Roger Brousseau - August 29, 2024 at 08:23 PM

GC

“ I always said that if I needed an ambulance, I hoped Bill would be on it...he was the best I ever worked with. My heart felt sympathy to all his family.

Georgiana Carr - August 29, 2024 at 03:17 PM

LB

“ Donna and family, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great man and always willing to help anyone. He will be missed by all those who knew him. RIP Bill. Linda Blanchard

Linda Blanchard - August 29, 2024 at 02:19 PM

NG

“ You will be greatly missed I am sorry for loss Donna and the family

Nicholas H Gagnon - August 29, 2024 at 08:37 AM

MA

“ I am so sorry for your loss Aunt Donna, Karla, Tracy and Bobbi. I was greatly surprised to hear about his passing. I am at a loss for words. He will certainly be missed at the reunions. I'm sure he is having a great reunion with his family in heaven though.

Mary Annis - August 29, 2024 at 04:46 AM

LD

“ Karla- My most sincere condolences! Your dad was particular in his ways but beyond those callused layers he loved you more than he would ever show! His grit and high standards shaped you into the wonderful strong independent woman that you have become and I thank him for that. You are more resilient than anyone I know and I'm grateful for the person that you are. Much love to you and all of the family, you are all in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

lori dunn - August 28, 2024 at 11:11 PM

CP

“ Donna - I was so sorry to hear about Billy. I had known him since he was 4 years old. He had a heart of gold and would do anything for you. He will be missed by so many. Just know that I am thinking of you and all of his family.

Connie Provencher - August 28, 2024 at 09:45 PM

HH

“ I served in the NHARNG in Lancaster with him. Bill was off the wall and left people scratching their head if they did not know him. He was a character that was my pleasure to know, serve, and work with.

Haven Haynes - August 28, 2024 at 09:09 PM

KS

“ I can't believe he is gone...he was always larger than life! Rest easy Uncle Billy and be at peace. Aunt Donna, Aunt Wilma and Aunt Sue (and families), I'm sorry for your loss. I know he is with Mom and Uncle Butch now probably giving them a hard time about something. He will be missed by many. 🥺💔

Kim Sweatt - August 28, 2024 at 08:37 PM

DE

“ Donna, Karla, and Allen Family

Please accept my deepest condolences.

Sending healing prayers and comforting hugs.

R.I.P. Bill

“Only people who are capable of loving strongly can also suffer great sorrow, but this same necessity of loving serves to counteract their grief and heals them.”

– Leo Tolstoy

Diane M.

Dee - August 28, 2024 at 08:23 PM



KK

“ Underclassmate, co-worker, friend. Condolences to the family. Rest easy and may Almighty GOD comfort family and friends hearts. GOD Bless. Ken Knapp Sandy Mason

Ken Knapp - August 28, 2024 at 05:49 PM

DC

“ To the Family of Bill, my Deepest Sympathies on your Loss. It was my pleasure back some thirty years ago to serve with Bill on the Colebrook Ambulance Corps. Though I knew Bill through the BFVFD, I really got to know him through EMS. His passion for serving the community was great and we all knew if we got in a bind on a rescue, Bill would figure it out quickly and the best way possible. He was an asset to Emergency Services Beyond that Bill was a wonderful person and it was my privilege to get to know him those many years ago. The person and life's lessons he shared I have carried since that time. Rest in Peace Good and Faithful Servant..... David Collins, Webster, NH

David Collins - August 28, 2024 at 04:11 PM

MR

“ Bill Allen, so many things I would like to said. But I will said thank you bill for all the help, you give me in the past with my late husband Gary, thank you for be my mentor as EMT. My deepest condolences to Dona and the family. God give you comfort. To all of you. Virginia and Doug.

Maria Virginia Riendeau - August 28, 2024 at 03:09 PM

WS

“ RIP baby brother(by 3 minutes). You are now in the arms of our loved ones in heaven. Fly high my angel brother. Love you.

Wilma Allen Steinman - August 28, 2024 at 02:54 PM

JG

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Bill he was a jack of all trades and he mastered them well RIP Bill it's your turn to rest fly high with the Angels

Joanne Gilbert - August 28, 2024 at 01:35 PM

JB

“ R.I.P. Bill, you were a man with a huge heart, always willing to help others. God Bless you.

Judith A. Boutin - August 28, 2024 at 12:05 PM

JA

“ Sorry to hear about the passing of Bill. condolences. RIP



Jane - August 28, 2024 at 11:09 AM