



William George Spillane

March 19, 2026

William George Spillane, 84, passed away safely in the arms of Jesus on March 18, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. He was the devoted husband of Marie (Kadas) Spillane for 48 years, until her passing in 2012.

Bill was born in Philadelphia, PA, to George J. Sr. and Ellen (Gibbons) Spillane. Bill was a graduate of ACCHS class of 1959. Following in his father's footsteps, Bill went into the family business, G.J. Spillane's 5&10 Cent Stores, and eventually, with great pride and dedication, owned and operated Spillane's Variety Store in Palmerton, PA, for 37 years, retiring in 2013. In his younger days, you could find Bill with friends on the local basketball courts, rooting for the various high school teams. His love for fishing took him to Florida and Canada in search of his prized catch. Bill was also a nature lover, feeding and watching chipmunks, squirrels, and birds, and taking weekly trips to the garden center to check out the latest plants and flowers. Bill volunteered for the St. Thomas More family breakfast and was an active member of the STM parish community.

Survivors: Sons, William G. Spillane and his wife, Debra, of Lake Forest, IL, and James A. Spillane of Allentown, PA. Grandchildren, Patrick K. Spillane and Megan E. Spillane, brother George Spillane Jr., and his wife Phyllis, sisters Mary Ellen Steckel, Carol O'Donnell, and husband Barry, and Bette Storck, and husband Don.

Predeceased by wife, Marie, parents George and Ellen, and brother-in-law, Frank Steckel.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 2026, at 11 a.m. at Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church, 1861 Catasauqua Road, Bethlehem. A calling hour will precede the service from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church. Interment will be at Resurrection Cemetery, Allentown.

Contributions: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wildlands Conservancy, 3701 Orchid Place, Emmaus, PA 18049 (www.wildlandspa.org).

He will be deeply missed!

Cemetery Details

Resurrection Cemetery

547 N. Krocks Rd.
Allentown, PA 18106

Previous Events

Calling Hours

MAR 31. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Notre Dame of Bethlehem Church
1861 Catasauqua Rd
Bethlehem, PA 18018-1298
(610) 866-4371

Mass of Christian Burial

MAR 31. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Notre Dame of Bethlehem Catholic Church
1861 Catasauqua Road
Bethlehem, PA

Tribute Wall

NT

“ *NaviSec's Engineering Team purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William George Spillane.*



NaviSec's Engineering Team - March 30 at 03:39 PM

CM

“ *Carol and family, I am so sorry for your loss. When the Spillane store closed in Palmerton I hated to see it go. I have so many things in my home purchased there. All reminders of a time gone by. Please know that I am thinking of you all at this very sad time and pray for your peace in the coming days. God bless. Yes Carol it is I, Cynthia Henke Marx CCHS 1965 you are never forgotten!*

Cynthia Marx - March 30 at 11:55 AM

JK

“ *Dear Bill, Jim, and Family,*

We were deeply saddened to hear of the passing of your father. He was a soft-spoken, gracious man who touched so many lives with his quiet kindness, and he will be greatly missed by all of his family.

He loved his wife, Marie, with all of his heart, and there is comfort in knowing that he is now reunited with her once again. May he rest with her in eternal peace.

Our sympathy and prayers for you during this difficult time.

Jeff and Andrea Kadas

Jeff and Andrea Kadas - March 30 at 10:28 AM



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

March 30 at 10:12 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the Spillane family. I worked with Marie in the 60's and was a bridesmaid at Bill & Marie's wedding. I also saw Bill at Lehigh Valley Active Life. He will be missed. My prayers are all of you.

Donna Schiavone

Donna Schiavone - March 30 at 08:51 AM



“ Our condolences to the Spillane family Joel and Mary Anne Hoffner

Joel L Hoffner - March 29 at 01:27 PM



“ My sincere sympathy and prayers for Bill and the Spillane family. I had the pleasure of knowing them through the privilege of being their Realtor. It was a friendship I have always remembered. Knowing that Bill is now with Marie in God's paradise ,I hope gives you all great comfort.

Liz Hieter ReMax Central

Liz Hieter - March 29 at 11:59 AM

JS

“ *Mr. Spillane was a truly kind & wonderful man, just like his Father. With my very heartfelt & deepest sympathy & many loving prayers for The Spillane Family.*



Joan Lockwood Smith - March 29 at 07:18 AM

JH

“ *I had the pleasure of knowing Bill for over 40 years. He was always such a kind man and it was always such a pleasure going into Spillane's in Palmerton. He will be missed. The Hager Family*

Jeff Hager - March 24 at 01:45 PM

AG

“ *Ann Ganley purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William George Spillane.*



Ann Ganley - March 23 at 07:03 PM

AB

“ *Andras Benyak purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William George Spillane.*



Andras Benyak - March 23 at 04:06 PM