



## William "Bill" Fritz

September 11, 1926 - February 1, 2019

William "Bill" Fritz, age 92, of Buckingham, IL, died on Friday, February 1, 2019 at Amita St. Mary's Hospital in Kankakee, IL with his family by his bed side. Bill was born on September 11, 1926 to George and Emma (Hebekeuser) Fritz in Buckingham, IL. He married Elsie Roe on June 2, 1949 at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher, IL. He started Fritz Electric, now Fritz Electric & Grandsons, in 1956 in Herscher, IL. He served on the Herscher Fire Department for 40 years, attaining the rank of Assistant Fire Chief. He served as an office of the Herscher Sportsman's Club and was a member of St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church. He enjoyed watching the Chicago Cubs, Chicago Bears and western movies. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing and snowmobiling.

Bill is survived by his wife of 69 years, Elsie Fritz of Buckingham, IL; three daughters, Karen (Jerry) Stam of St. Anne, IL, Mary Kay (Steve Warriner) O'Brien of Wilmington, IL and Alice (Dave) Scott of Gilbert, AZ; nine grandchildren, Tony (Michele) Rattin of Herscher, IL, Glenn (Leticia) Keasey of Lowell, IN, Dana (Julie Berryhill) Rattin of Bonfield, IL, Jerika (Rob) Williamson of Milwaukee, WI, Katie (Doug Warriner) Wiens of Custer Park, IL, Kristin (Josh) Burmeister of Herscher, IL, Lynn (Dane) Lynch of Gilbert, AZ, Chris (Jessica) Norman of Manteno, IL and Jennifer (Ben) Gaballa of Clarksville, TN; nine great-grandchildren with twins due in August; two great-great-grandchildren and siblings, Mardelle Spears of FL, Francis (Ann) Fritz of

Kankakee, IL, Edwin Fritz of Kankakee, IL, James (Ann) Fritz of Kankakee and Katherine Lovell of Cincinnati, OH.

He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers-in-law, one sister-in-law and one great-grandson.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. Another visitation will be held on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 9:00 a.m. until the time of Bill's funeral mass at 10:00 a.m. at St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church in Herscher, IL. Burial will immediately follow at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery in Bonfield, IL.

Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

The family would like to thank Dr. Long, Amita St. Mary's Hospital Emergency Room and MICU Departments and Hospice of Kankakee Valley for their compassion shown during this difficult time.

# Cemetery Details

## Saints Peter and Paul

W 1000 South Road  
Herscher, IL 60941

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel  
1900 W. Court St.  
Kankakee, IL 60901  
(815) 932-2421  
<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

## Visitation

FEB 6. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
207 E Fifth  
Herscher, IL 60941

## Funeral Mass

FEB 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret Mary Catholic Church  
207 E Fifth  
Herscher, IL 60941



# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Fritz*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *We send our condolences and prayers to the family.*



**Debbie (Howell) Guerra & Trudy Howell** - May 04, 2019 at 04:03 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss.*

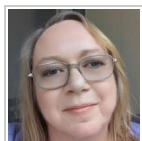
**Ron Ramsey** - February 20, 2019 at 08:36 PM



“ *Charlie And Carol Travelstead lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Fritz*



**Charlie and Carol Travelstead** - February 07, 2019 at 11:54 PM



“ *We would like to express our deepest sympathy to the entire Fritz Family. Bill will be missed by all...Gary Rattin and Judy Naese...*

**Judy Naese** - February 06, 2019 at 11:24 AM

SB

“ *To Elsie and family. Please accept our deepest sympathy. Shirley Berger and Norman Bauer*

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**shirley berger** - February 06, 2019 at 10:56 AM

DH

“ *Elsie and family-*

*Many fond memories of growing up down the street and our many family camping trips. May thinking of Bill always make you smile.*

*My best to all of you.*

*Dean Hoffman*

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**Dean Hoffman** - February 05, 2019 at 01:12 PM

SN

“ *I remember one year long ago at the Herscher Labor Day festival there was an ill-fated empty beer keg toss in the tennis court. As a sober person might suspect, a drunk participant heaved the keg over the fence and into the unprotected crowd and hitting an unawares fair- goer alongside his head. It was just a glancing blow ( he was more embarrassed than hurt ). Bill Fritz was the first person there to see if he could help the injured man ... that's the kinda guy he was. Of all the people standing around watching, your Dad/Grandpa was the first to react. That's the kinda guy he was ... So sorry for your loss. Steven Norman*

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**Steven Norman** - February 05, 2019 at 08:16 AM

BO

“ To Elsie, Karen and family: I am so sorry to hear about Bill. I have a lot of memories growing up with you and your family. I hope when you think of Bill, your memories will always bring a smile to your face. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

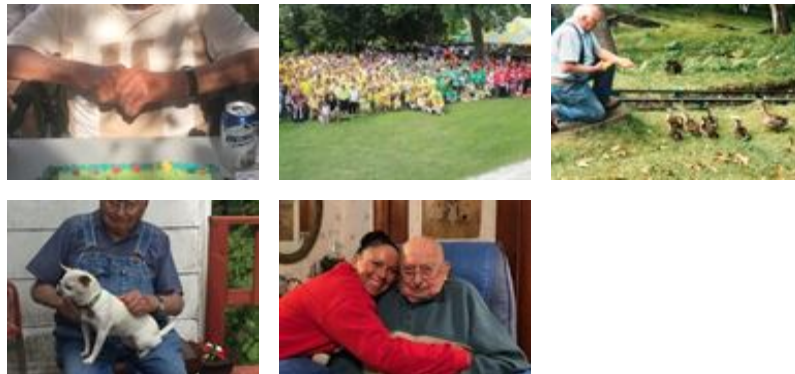
*Barbara (Dietterle) & Terry George Ott*

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**Barbara Ott** - February 04, 2019 at 12:27 PM



“ 37 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**Schreffler Funeral Home** - February 04, 2019 at 12:00 PM



“ There is always a hole in your heart when someone you enjoyed seeing and talking to is no longer there to talk to. I will miss Bill and his positive can do sprit.

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**Scott Potter** - February 04, 2019 at 11:38 AM

JK

“ *Jo Ann Kinneman/Trombley lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Fritz*



Jo Ann Kinneman/Trombley - February 04, 2019 at 10:53 AM

DH

“ *DIANA HULING lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Fritz*



DIANA HULING - February 04, 2019 at 09:26 AM

BD

“ *So sorry I'm not there with the family right now. Seldom in life do we take the opportunity to say how someone impacted your life until it's too late. I will never forget how Uncle Bill was there for me while my grandfather was passing. As a young 13 year old and losing his best friend, he knew all the right things to say. While at the fire station, he talked to me about the cycle of life and death. I'll never forget how proud he was of being a member of the fire department. His pride is what later made me join the fire department until joining and serving the past 24 years with the Army. Today, my 17 yo son is a certified firefighter in Maryland. Uncle Bill and Aunt Elsie stepped in for years of serving the role of my grandparents with the passing of both of my grandparents. I would like to think his pride of being a member of the fire department lives on through multiple generations.*

*Love,  
Brad*

Brad Dionne - February 03, 2019 at 09:47 PM

PK

“ So sorry for your loss My condolences to you all.

Paula Kramer - February 03, 2019 at 12:57 PM

BW

*Dear Elsie and family, so sorry for your loss, he was such a special person, thoughts and prayers to all. He will be missed but will live in our hearts forever. Love, Hugs and Prayers. Bob and Dana Warhurst.*

**BOBBY e WARHURST** - February 05, 2019 at 10:15 AM