



Bill Luedeke

February 11, 1948 - February 8, 2024

Bill Luedeke passed away at his home in Round Top, NY on February 8, 2024. Bill was born on February 11, 1948 and was 75 years of age.

Arrangements are under the direction of Richards Funeral Home of the Mid-Hudson Valley, Inc., 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y., 12413.

Condolences and memories of Bill may be shared at www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net.

Full obituary to follow.

Tribute Wall

RS

“ My memories of the Luedeke's go back to the 60's when my father would have me follow him on his mail route in New Paltz. My favorite stop was Bills father, the shoe repair man on South Chestnut. Always gave me some coin to buy an ice cream. Later, I got to know Fred and Bill through the NPPD. Both have left me with so many memories. My favorite was Bill describing to me how a robber would never make it out of his jewelry shop. A 4-step process that would end in the robber's demise. To be polite, I will not describe it. Bill gave me so many laughs and memories, a good friend. Good times at New Paltz! Ray Smith, University Police, New Paltz.

Raymond C Smith - February 13, 2024 at 04:54 PM

MM

“ Bill's career as a Police Officer is the stuff of legends. A fiercely loyal friend, a lover of animals and an intelligent man. Under that very very (very) rough exterior was a kind and generous soul. B&L Jewelry Store was a place you could use a designated driver. It was more of a New Paltz Police Sub Station than a Jewelry Shop. I'm grateful to have know Bill and to have called him my friend.

Michael Manpel - February 13, 2024 at 08:47 AM

SS

“ Many fond memories of Bill, as a friend and a business owner in New Paltz. Several hours spent in the jewelry shop over coffee, Grand Mariner, or Bauchant solving the problems of the world and law enforcement. My deepest condolences, as I am very sorry to hear of his passing.

Scott Schaffrick - February 12, 2024 at 07:27 PM

DM

“Sergeant Luedeke was an amazing police officer. His attention to detail was second to none. As a police officer working on the Sergeant’s shift he demanded a tremendous amount, but he never asked a member to do anything he wouldn’t do. Through thick and thin he was an inspiration. As the years passed it was nice to catch up when our paths crossed.
It is sad to hear of Sergeant Luedeke’s passing, yet another great person has left us. We share in the Luedeke family’s loss and thank you for having shared Sergeant Luedeke with the New Paltz Police Department and residents of New Paltz.

*Daniel P. Miller - former Police Officer - NPPD
Retired Chief of Police - Ulster Police Dept.*

Daniel P. Miller - February 11, 2024 at 04:35 PM

GT

“One of the greatest memories besides countless conversations about everything and anything was the trip with Bill to NYC Diamond District. We spent hours looking for the perfect 1 ct diamond for an engagement ring.. We eventually found it and Bill put it in a beautiful platinum band. He was a knowledgeable Jeweler and exceptional at repairing and building jewelry!. Bill was both a Mentor and a TRUE friend. I will miss you my FRIEND. My deepest Condolences to Bill's Family.

Gary Thomson - February 13, 2024 at 06:47 AM

PK

“Bill and I go back to the days when we started the NPRS. We shared many good times together. Not too many years ago I stopped in to see him in his jewelry store on my way to P&Gs. I never made it to dinner. We finished off a bottle of schnapps! He was a character and I am proud to say I was his friend. Gehen Sie schnell my friend.

Peter Kane

Peter Kane - February 11, 2024 at 03:45 PM

BM

I was introduced to Bill by Fred Slanovec, a friend and member of the NYSP. Bill & I became good friends for the past 20 years. We shared many good times at the Cairo Hunting camp & the Maplecrest Camp along with many social events. A good Police Officer, A great friend. RIP Brother !!

Bruce McNab - February 12, 2024 at 06:36 PM



Bill and I were schoolmates from elementary through high school. We also worked together at the Mohonk Valley Gun Club on North Ohioville Road. Such great memories there. When we were seniors Bill had a poker game at his house when his parents made their regular pilgrimage to Germany. There was lots of laughter and of course drinking. His father had a less than friendly German Shephard on a chain out back. He had what could only be called a palatial dog house. The first thing Bill said when each of us arrived was " Don't go near the dog". Somehow in a drunken stupor I must have stumbled on the dog. I was asleep when Bill found me at 6 AM with the dogs head on my lap. See ya buddy. Good times.

Alan Aiello - February 14, 2024 at 01:13 PM

RT

I met Bill in the spring of 1975 when I was first stationed at SP Highland. We spent many C-tours working together in those days and had a habit of meeting by T-way exit 18 at the beginning of our shifts to exchange information and discuss strategy.

We became friends and I was the one who introduced him to Freddie Slanovec when he (Slanovec) came to SP Highland from SP Kingston. The three of us had many great times working together and pursuing recreational activities after hours.

There was only one Bill Luedeke and there will never be another like him. His loyalty, dedication, skill as a lawman and one-of-a-kind sense of humor made our world a better place while he was here and he will be sorely missed.

The last time I saw him was just before he closed the shop in New Paltz and moved up north. These days, those of us that are left speak of him often and will always remember those carefree times that we spent together on the road in the 1970's and 80's. Final Patrol Wilbur ... be safe out there.

Tpr. Ron Tyler, NYSP (Ret.)

Ron Tyler - March 04, 2024 at 07:58 AM