



## William D. "Bill" Munster

November 30, 1947 - September 15, 2018

William D. Munster "Bill" age 70 years, of Purling, N.Y., passed away on September 15, 2018, at St. Peter's Hospice Inn, in Albany, N.Y., surrounded by family and friends.

He was born on November 30, 1947, in N.Y.C., N.Y. and is the son of the late William F. and Bernice (Hunter) Munster.

Besides his parents, Bill is predeceased by his sister Judy Balducci.

William was a long time high school teacher for Hunter Tannersville Central School District, teaching English, film and creative writing. He attended the Germain School of Photography, has a B.S. in Secondary Ed from SUNY New Paltz, and a M.A. in Journalism from Vermont College. Also, Bill was the author of four books on the writings of Dean Koontz, and one book How to Teach In The Classroom by Steven King. He wrote a column for Scholastic Magazine. Bill also sang, played folk songs and played acoustic guitar with Lori Clinton.

Bill loved his children family, music, film, photography and books.

Survivors include his loving wife Marie C. Munster of Purling, his son Johnathan Munster and his wife Ashley, grandson Brody, his daughter Kacie Munster, his Godson Kyle Flynn, his brother Gavin Flynn, sister in law Liz Rasmussen and Eric, brother in law Hank Joseph, nieces Keela Abramowski, Jodi Dodge and Mariclaire Joseph, nephews Andrew Dellamorte, Christian Dellamorte, Michael Dellamorte and Dill Bini, cousins Barbara and Jim, Bobby and Karen, Diane Flynn, Richard Flynn, Bobby Callahan, Jane Holdridge ,

Susan Massarello, Ed Quinn, Jeanne Quinn, and Johnny Flynn, and many friends and acquaintances.

Relatives and friends are cordially invited to attend calling hours at Richards Funeral Home, 29 Bross Street, Cairo, N.Y. on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 from 3:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 11:30 A.M. at The Cairo United Methodist Church, Cairo, N.Y. , with Reverend Ann Morgan officiating.

Contributions in his memory may be made to The Inn at St. Peter's Hospice, 315 South Manning Blvd., Albany, N.Y. 12208.

Bill's family would like to thank "The Angels" at The Inn who cared for us all.

We are deeply grateful and touched by this experience.

Condolences may be made at [www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net](http://www.richardsfuneralhomeinc.net).

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **19**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Richards Funeral Home - Cairo  
P.O. Box # 383  
29 Bross Street  
Cairo, NY 12413  
(518) 622-9503  
info@richardsbradysfh.com

## Funeral

SEP **20**. 11:30 AM (ET)

Cairo United Methodist Church  
488 Main Street (P.O. Box # 552)  
Main Street  
Cairo, NY 12413

# Tribute Wall

JD

“ *My deepest condolences to Marie and family. Bill was an asset to the local photography world, whether he believed it or not. I enjoyed our many shoots we worked on. Love and light. -Jenn Dugan*

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**Jenn Dugan** - September 28, 2018 at 10:52 AM

VM

“ *My thoughts and love to Marie and their children. Bill was a wonderful creative and giving person and so happy to have known him. The world will not be the same without his creative talent, intelligent, and bright light.*

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**Voni Miller** - September 22, 2018 at 12:31 PM

SJ

“ *Marie, I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's death. So many memories of the 2 of you and Gary and I. It's hard to believe that Bill and Gary are both gone from this world. Caleb and Jessie are here for Gary's memorial on Saturday - if we had only know, we would have attended the funeral. We send you, Jonathan and Kasey our love and condolences.*

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**Sheila Jansen** - September 21, 2018 at 07:27 PM

JJ

“ Marie, Johnathan, Kacie and family: so sad to hear of your loss. You are in my prayers.

*Bill was my good friend and we shared a lot over the course of my 17 years in Cairo at CVS. Because of his photography biz, Bill was constantly at CVS doing his photos ( he was actually our top Extracard customer at one time!)*

*I found out he was a huge Dylan fan and we loved the same music, although I kidded him for not budging on his love for Peter Paul and Mary. We would go to Jacks in Albany for steak and I would tell him stories about growing up in Woodstock and working with some of the musicians there. He was full of energy and ideas. He was so good to me after my folks passed away in 2011, helping me with vintage photos of my Mom that I treasure.*

*Every year, he and Marie sent a catered lunch for the CVS staff at Christmas. My district supervisor was there for one of them and he couldn't believe we had customers like Bill.*

*After I left CVS, we kept in touch, sometimes text messaging late into the evening. Politics, music and news about Cairo, and then - suddenly - he let me know he wasn't doing well.*

*I will miss Bill. I'm sure his students loved him for his passionate interest in film, writing and music. I'm sure he made a difference in their lives. I know he did for me.*

*Too soon gone, my dear and true friend, but you left me such great memories I will never forget.*

*- Joe Forno, Jr.*

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**Joe Forno Jr** - September 19, 2018 at 01:08 PM

HW

“ Marie and family, I am so sorry to hear. I always loved when he came in, could always make me smile. Also had some fascinating stories. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

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**Hope Warner** - September 19, 2018 at 08:29 AM

AM

“ Dear Marie, Jonathan and Kacie,

*Hank and I were so sad to read of Bill's passing. We both enjoyed having Jonathan as a student and you both were always so supportive of us and the school. Our prayers are with your family.*

*Arline and Hank Muller*

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**Arline Muller** - September 18, 2018 at 05:51 PM

LB

“ My "roomie" Bill. No one has ever made me laugh as long or hard as he did.

*His students adored him and he them. He was a true inspiration to many and introduced much needed magic to everyday lives.*

*Bill loved his family dearly and shared his happiness and love for his family with all.*

*" I come to the garden alone while the dew is still on the roses"*

*" Mary had a baby."*

*" If I had a hammer"*

*" Hey Mr. Tambourine Man"*

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**Lynn B.** - September 18, 2018 at 01:57 PM

CW

“ I first met Bill Munster during my first year(1969) of teaching English at Columbia-Greene Community College. I remember Bill as an enthusiastic learner with many interests and talents, particularly in literature. Since then we've kept in touch until recently. During his many years of teaching at Tannersville H.S. he inspired so many students by directing theatrical performances, supervising a student literary magazine, and encouraging students to think critically about their lives. In addition to his classroom duties, Bill as a highly talented photographer who pursued his art with a passion only matched by his accomplishments in writing and self-publishing. Bill's legacy will be his love for the written word and the visual arts. Bill will be missed, but his life will live on in the lives of those who knew him. So long my long time friend.  
Peace and Friendship  
Cliff Wexler

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**Cliff Wexler** - September 18, 2018 at 12:30 PM

SM

“ Marie, I am very saddened to read of Bill's passing. May his memory be a blessing to all of you in the days and months ahead.

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**Steven Mann** - September 17, 2018 at 04:22 PM