William Camloh

June 9, 1935 - September 11, 2010

William J. Camloh, 75, of Otisco, New York, died Saturday, September 11, 2010 at Crouse Hospital in Syracuse, New York. Born in Luzerne, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Joseph and Mary (Groshel) Camloh. In 1975 he started Camloh Machine Sales. He was an entrepreneur, inventor and an accomplished accordionist. He was a communicant of St. Patrick's Church in Otisco, New York. He was predeceased by his wife, Loretta in 2005. Bill is survived by his four daughters, Donna (Jeff) Bond of Greeley, Pennsylvania, Ellen (Rick) Grogan of Amesbury, Massachusetts, Karen Camloh of Buffalo, New York and Kristen (John) Kupfner of Knoxville, Tennessee; three sons, William (Patricia) Camloh of Otisco, New York, Scott (Nicole) Camloh of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania and Jeffrey Camloh of Atlanta, Georgia; two sisters, Margaret Guldy of Manlius, New York and Bernadette (Francis) Osolnik of Leesburg, Virginia; 21 grandchildren. A Mass of Christian burial will be celebrated Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 10:00 a.m. in St. Patrick's Church, Route 80, Otisco, New York. Burial will be private. Calling hours will be held Tuesday, September 14, 2010, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, Inc., 2584 Field Lane, LaFayette, New York. Contributions can be made to St. Patrick's Church, attn: Youth Group, Route 80, Tully, NY 13159.

Tribute Wall

Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Camloh

Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home - September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

May the gates of heaven open up to let you pass thru. May your smile shine down forever bright on the ones you've left behind. And in place of sorrow, may only happy memories live on in their hearts....

September 21, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Great man and a great dad. You couldn't miss him at a Tully sporting event!! You will be missed Mr. Camloh

September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

What a great man with amazing gift of love and light!My fondest memory, if I need to pick just one would be when Superbowl would come around and everyone used to get together to watch the games. The laughter and bubbling of joy would always radiate from you!Sending all of my love and prayers to the Cameloh family.Jennifer

September 18, 2010 at 12:00 AM

My condolennces to the Camloh family. The world lost a special character this week.

September 15, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Camloh family: We're so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers. I remember times from childhood visiting Bill and Etta's home. They were so welcoming and fun. There was a lot of activity and laughter. As a married couple, Charley and I and three kids popped in on our way home from vacation. After our visit, they insisted we stay the night there with them. They were always so gracious. Even though we cannot be there in person, we will be thinking of you.Love, Charley and Kathy (Camloh) Wirrig and family

September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dad:We so miss you already. We all have been putting together a list of the many words of wisdom you shared with us over all these years. "He who... who, he?" and, "Of all the people I've ever met, you are certainly one of them." "Well, I'll be darned," and "Double-back, and divide by two." Trying to remember all of them, I think the one that stands out the most in my mind is what you would say to each of us as we were preparing to leave for our own homes after a gathering at your house - "Watch out for the other guy." Dad, that is who YOU were, always watching out for the other guy; you always had someone else's best interests in your mind. There are many instances where you would call on a small shop, getting to know the owner who may have been struggling at the time. You would then make a concerted effort to find them work, or refer them to somebody who needed work done. Sure, you were seeding the relationship for future consideration; but you were truly more interested in helping them succeed. Professionally, you were so far ahead of your time. Before anyone ever heard of Sandler and Gitomer, and all the other "sales gurus" who have realized success in selling their own sales systems and processes, you were LIVING it. One of the visitors last night recounted a story where you were arguing with several of his engineers because you knew there was a better way to accomplish what they wanted to do, instead of just giving them what they thought they needed. You wanted THEM to succeed to a greater extent than they would have otherwise. You were always one to seek out one's pain, and provide a solution to answer that pain. I learned so much from you - not just in the field in which I choose to work, but how to treat people and situations, and life. You taught me how important it is to "watch out for the other guy."We love you, Dad, and miss you. We all pray and know you will have a safe journey into the arms of Our Father Almighty. "Don't forget to clean your headlights."

September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

To the entire Camloh family my sincerest condolences. Traveling past the Old Swell Fellas camp in Potter County will now and forever remind me of ""the good looking one"". He will surely be missed by all that knew him.

September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

The first night I met ""Grandpa Bill"" he warned me to clean my headlights. He was right. No matter what, G. Bill was always adding more light to this world. Now it seems he'll be doing the same with the stars.

September 14, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Camloh Family: I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great man and his memory will live on in the many lives he touched.

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

"Uncle" Bill.You'll be greatly missed. I'll always remember you having a smile on your face and bringing laughter and warmness to the room. May you rest in peace.

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

I am so sorry that you are gone. You were a part of our family, not just a wonderful friend. I will miss the great conversations that we had that helped to shape my life. I could always count on you to help me "get it right".Say Hi to my dad (Walt) for me.Dave & Elinor

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Bill was an honest and knowledgable business man whom I had the pleasure to know for 13 years. He was tremendously personable, caring and had a positive outlook that was always appreciated. We will miss him

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Mr. Camloh, Even at my age, 56, he will always be Mr. Camloh to me. Fondest memories and a liftime of respect and admiration is what I have always felt for this man. I remember at the tender age of 11 years old, the BLIZZARD OF '66. The Camloh family lived in a small single wide house trailer on the property where they eventually built their home. During the blizzard of '66 the Camloh home got completely engulfed in snow, Mrs Camloh and all the children had to be taken out by the roof being cut into and helicopters taking them all out of the house. Mr. Camloh, who could not get up the dreaded case hill road, stayed with our family down on Route 20. I admired this man and his family so much. I remember the night that their last baby was born and I was babysitting the other children (so alarmed that Mrs. Camloh was in labor at the house and did not seem anxious or in a huge hurry to get to the hospital, such grace and composure) I eventually fell asleep on the couch during the middle of the night. Mr. Camloh came home during the night, could not wake me up, he had forgotten his keys and had to get in thru a window. I was so embarassed. But as always, on his way to take me home, he always gave me an extra $5.00 which he never wanted me to tell Mrs. Camloh about because she was the one who budgeted and kept this families finances in order. How funny. I remember him telling us once how much Jeff could eat. He said, " I think he eats that much just to agrivate me." How funny. What a wonderful, wonderful man, I so wished at the time that my family was more like his. He has been the shadow that guided me as I raised my own family years later. I will always love Mr. and Mrs. Camloh as I am sure so many others did and will. All my love Mr. Camloh. Marie

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

What a great man with a wonderfully inquisitive mind. A family man in the truest sense of the word. Bill was the rare kind of person who left everyone he met with a smile,even the countless poor waitresses, whom he asked at least once a meal if he was the most wonderful, most handsome, most etc. person they had ever met. What a sense of humor!I hadn't seen him much in recent years, but he will be in my heart forever. Rest peacefully, Mr. Everything.Jay Dambroso

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Sorrow mixed with joy at the passing of a great man. He impacted my life in many ways and he will be missed. His smile and jokes and laughter will replay in my mind for the rest of my years here on earth and I'll see him again on that day we rejoice together with our Savior. Love to the Camloh family Mat Kerlin

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Bill, Aside from being part of your "family", we have considered you a truly good friend from the time we met you many years ago. Our get-togethers were always enjoyable and filled with fun and laughter. We will miss you. You have left a wonderful legacy of love and caring to your children and grandchildren.

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

When he visited our business his smile and warm hug could brighten up even the worst day. A special man now has a special place in heaven.

September 13, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Our deepest sympathy to the entire Camloh family. What a wonderful man your dad was. We all loved him. He always had a big smile, a gentle hug and sincere feelings for everyone who was lucky enough to know him. He sure loved you all, especially his bride. I am happy he will be free from pain and with Etta once again. Peace to the family.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

My father, Tom McGill and brothers, Andy and Marty McGill spoke highly of Bill, as a friend and peer. Andy and Marty are traveling so I wanted to pass on their sympathies to the Camloh family. Bill is well remembered by the McGill family and Bill and his family will be in their prayers.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

I have fond memories working with Bill & his family at Camloh Machine. He was a wonderful man.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Mr. Wonderful,We will miss YOU, your kindness, your wit, your music, your smile, your good looks, your breakfasts, your special room rates...and much much more! Hey, we love you, of course HE loves you a lot more! We believe that thanks to you.Your "lovely" sister-in-law, Karen

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

We have such nice memories of your Dad and his amazing sense of humor! Sincerest condolences on your loss.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Bill,I am so sorry for the loss of your dad. I pray you; Patty and the whole family will find comfort from the Lord and will feel His presence.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Camlohs,I am so grateful I had the chance to meet grandpa Camloh, Mr. Wonderful. That name was well deserved, he was most definitely one of the kindest, friendliest, funniest, amazing, wonderful, lovely people I have ever met and I loved him very much, with all my heart. I miss every single one of you.All my love, Jane xoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxoxox

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Bill was always known to me as ""Mr. Wonderful"" whenever he stopped by at our shop he was always full of smiles and the Dunkin Donuts he made for us. I will and have missed him greatly, he always held a special place in my heart. God Bless.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

My condolences to the entire Camloh family. My thoughts are with you.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Mr. C., definitely glad you're finally with Mrs. C. I cherish the childhood memories of the bear hugs, the Mr. Wonderful jokes, and the loud exclamations of "Isn't that a beautiful sunset Johnny?" You always made me feel welcome and your outgoing personality had a profound effect on me.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

The smile says it all. It was always a pleasure to work with Bill as he carried the Joy of the Lord in his heart. May God bring us all peace and warm memories of Bill until we meet again.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Camlohs,Thinking fondly of Mr. Camloh now and the many memories we shared on Case Hill. So sorry for your loss. He will be missed by so many.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Billy Bob you were a great man and made all that knew you better by your smile and your understanding. My condolences go out to all the Camlohs

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Bill, I am blessed that God brought you into my life..Your jokes and humor always made me laugh..you raised a wonderful family and you are now with God where we will all meet again..my prayers are with your family

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Karen and all of the Camloh family, My heart goes out to you at such a difficult time. You are in my thoughts and prayers. A sincere hug to you Karen! Love, Terri

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

I remember Bill for his uncanny sense of humor and quick wit. His strong belief in Jesus and his committment to family are an example to us all. Bill has left a legacy for us all. I feel privileged to have known him

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Donna, Bill, Scott, Jeff, Ellen, Karen, and Kristen,Can't tell you how lucky I feel to have been surrounded growing up by such a fun-loving extended family of aunts, uncles, and cousins -- especially as I get older and see that it's not always the norm. Uncle Bill was one of those rare, unforgettable people who could make just about anyone feel as if they were center of the universe for a few moments with those patented words of his that we all know and quote whenever his name comes up. Our thoughts are with him and with all of you these days, wishing you comfort in all the good memories. Love,Kerry, David and Luna (Laufer/Landers)

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

To Bills wonderful family we send our sincerest condolence and our Love. Bill you were most definitly Mr. wonderful.We will cherish the many years we have known you and called you our friend.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

William Camloh What a friend I had in Bill in tough times and good times. Although he never made it to Hollywood he surely is talking to Jesus now . And talking he could do. Bill and I were close for a good many years and had many close and intelligent talks together. He was a GENTLEMAN at all times.I loved him and will miss him but am glad to know he will have eternal Peace.Blair Atwood

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Camloh family: I am so sorry for your loss. My heart and thoughts go out you in this trying time.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Camloh Family,My family and I send our deepest thoughts and prayers for you at this time. I know you will take comfort in knowing how happy your mom and dad must be to be together again. Mr. Wonderful became a part of our family (He was much more than just the gentleman who sat behind us in church, who sang his heart out and had the lovely family that grew at a pace equal to ours!). He was a remarkable man who cared about each and every person who had the pleasure of meeting him. We will miss him dearly! With love, admiration and the fondest memories of your dad, Jenn, Chris, Cameron and Nathan

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

To the Camloh Family:I extend my sincerest sympathies on the passing of your father. He was the nicest man ... as is your whole family. May he rest in peace, and may your memories of him sustain you in the future.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dear Donna, Bill, Scott and the rest of the Camloh family: My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this time. I had an opportunity to visit with your Dad when he was in our Fahey Rehab awhile back. We talked about everything! It was nice to see him. I drove by the house this summer and saw the for sale sign and knew what that meant. He is with your mom now...together; which is how I remember the both of them! Keep those memories close to your heart; may they sustain you during the coming months. Hope to see you all soon, With love, your fellow Otisco friend & neighbor, Brenda Bloodgood Zook (Class of 1978)Psalm 23

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

The world lost a great man in Uncle Bill. I love you, ya Big Lug! I'm sure you are so happy to be with Aunt Etta now & forever. So sorry to the entire Camloh family. Mr. Wonderful will truely be missed.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Dad, By now, you and mom are all snuggled up, catching up on much lost time. Be sure to give mom an extra tight hug from all of us down here. So while you're up there, rejoicing with mom, this is what we are all thinking down here...We will miss your bear hugs, your great eggs, your toe-tapping, head-nodding music by the Christmas tree,,, your funny dinner-time stories, your wisdom, your jokes. But most of all, we will miss your incredible gift, which was to appreciate and love others, just the way the way they came to you. You will be remembered fondly for the way you showed your love and offered your support to all that knew you. Thank you for the gift you gave me in your son. You and mom did an amazing job. I sincerely thank you both for that. Now you can rest, no more aches and pains. You have been freed from your aching body, and that brings such comfort. We know you are in a much better place. We love you, Mr. Wonderful. Until we meet again...Love,Nicole and family xo

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

It was alwasy a pleasure to see Bill walk in your door. A smile and a joke was sure to follow every hand shake. Sorry for your loss.Perry

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

I am so sad for all of you. Your dad was such a wonderful man. I have so many fond memories of him and so do my girls. He was so helpful many times over the years living up at the top of the hill when my car would break down at the bottom giving us rides home. He will be missed by many. love and light to you all. The Riccardi family.

September 12, 2010 at 12:00 AM

Mr. Wonderful, you will be missed and left a memory that none can be compared to. We all love you and thank the Lord for His blessing us with You. Love,Michael, Cambrai, Schuyler, Brandyn, Xander and Julia

September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

We'll miss you, Bill. You were a wonderful friend, an excellent salesman and one of the handsomest men we know. You have left a remarkable legacy in your family and the many friends you have. Thank you for sharing yourself with us. We are only happy knowing that you and Loretta are together again at last.

September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

As Patty Downes said, we lost a light. Dad, we will miss you until we meet up with you, and may I say, you look especially great in that pic.

September 11, 2010 at 12:00 AM

We will miss you Mr. Wonderful. Our thoughts our with your wonderful children who now, must carry on the legacy. Love Rob, Erin, Mackenzie & Sydney

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