



William Lee Stalnaker

October 24, 1941 - November 27, 2013

William "Bill" Stalnaker, 72, son of John and Ramona Stalnaker, died peacefully November 27, 2013 after a short illness. Husband, Father, Grandpa, Brother, Cousin, Friend Extraordinaire; retired Air Force (1958-1980), Viet Nam veteran and retired West Genesee school-bus driver. Predeceased by his father, John. Survived by his beloved wife, Sara "Sally" Murphy; mother, Ramona; children, Romona Kim and Gene Lee; granddaughters, Aianna, Reyna and Madyson; sisters, Bonnie Lloyd and Dale (David) Heffer; brother, Gene (Vicki); "adopted" children, Greg, Sally Ann and Patty; "grandchildren," Michelle, Sarah, Olivia, Jessica, Brittany, Dillon, Eric and Brianna; nieces, nephews, cousins and more friends than will fit on this page. Bill, we will always remember you as a "special edition." Your sense of humor alone could heal the soul, and your generosity to all you knew was a grace to behold. We love you and we will all miss you so much. You went out on your own terms, "cracking up" even the doctors to the very end. Godspeed! Calling hours will be Wednesday, December 4, 2013, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ballweg & Lunsford Funeral Home, 4612 S. Salina Street, Syracuse, NY 13205. The memorial service will follow at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, followed by a "pot-luck" reception at the Nedrow Fire Department, 6505 S. Salina Street, Nedrow, NY 13120.

Tribute Wall



“ *Sally and family, We are saddened deeply on your loss of Bill. He was a sweetheart to one and all. I always could tell which school bus was his as its dash was filled with drink/snack containers. I will miss him greatly, with fond memories.*

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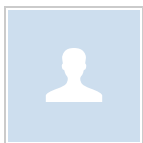
“ *Dear Sally and Families, Deepest sympathy to you on the loss of Bill. He will be missed by many. Sincerely, Pat Houston*

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“ *My brother was a true big brother! Teasing us as we grew up, making us do crazy stuff we didn't really want to do, tricking us, but protecting us as his little charges! He continued the same as he grew up and left the family behind to serve his country, raise a family and \"adopt\" another family who we hardly knew but who loved him as we do! We miss you so much, Billy!*

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“ *Skip and I were so sorry to hear about Bill. We will have him our prayers and thoughts of times past. He was a good guy. Much love, Chris*

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“ *I don't know how to miss my big brother . . . I just do . . .*

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“ Sally & Family, I'm so sad to learn of Bill's passing. I was the transportation director at West Genesee for two years. Bill was one of the first to introduce himself. I remember our first brief exchange fondly as he commented, \"It's not too late to turn down the job\". We enjoyed many other humorous conversations. He was a great bus driver. He truly enjoyed the children. Please accept my most sincere condolences.

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“ We are truly blessed to have had Bill in our lives, He will be missed by all.

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