



William "Bill" Paul Trewartha

November 1, 2019

Bill Trewartha died peacefully on Friday November 1, 2019 at home surrounded by family. William Paul Trewartha (aka "Papo", "Dr. T" and "Deacon Bill") was born on a farm near Walnut Grove Minnesota on July 28th 1935 to Paul and Viola (Freeman) Trewartha.

Bill graduated from Lamberton High School in May of 1953. He went on to the University of Minnesota, where he played freshman football, and was told "better to pursue his life studies".

In 1955 he enrolled in the Illinois College of Podiatry in Chicago Illinois, and graduated with Honors in Bio-Mechanics and Kinesiology. The following year he continued his study of Bio-Mechanics in San Francisco.

Driving back home to Minnesota in 1960, he passed through Colorado to visit his friend Edward Pellegrini. After spending three warm and sunny spring days in Colorado, he drove into a spring blizzard in Minnesota. That was surely a sign impossible to ignore.

He returned to Denver to practice podiatry. His first patient was an Irish lass with black hair and blue eyes. It was the 29th of September 1960, and he told his roommate all about this beautiful patient he had, named Jean Denny. They were married in April of 1962 and together had four wonderful children, Paul (Trewartha-Weiner), Katherine (Kosakowski), John (Trewartha), and Ann

(Sandifer).

They moved to Fort Collins in 1973 because God wanted them there; what a blessing. He brought with him the handle of “Dr. T”, and developed a nice practice, which eventually evolved into the Fort Collins Foot Clinic.

Jean and Bill sponsored nine Cambodians in 1979, and a Bosnian family of four in 1996. Each and every one of their beneficiaries became American citizens, and successful in their own right.

In 1989 He was ordained a Permanent Deacon in the Archdiocese of Denver. Dr. T retired from Podiatry in 2001, quipping that he “went from healing soles to healing souls.” As had been his goal in podiatry, so as Deacon he had one desire – to care, to make people feel good and smile. He enjoyed his ministry, it was a gift from God.

Heart valve surgery led to other health problems, and he was forced to give up preaching, which had been his gift from God to the people. He had hurts and failures in his life, but always maintained that “those were also gifts from God; they resulted in being put where God wanted me.”

He is preceded in death by his parents Paul and Viola, his brother Donald “Buck”, and his brother-in-law Knute Kasa. He is survived by his wife of fifty-five years Jean, and four children in reverse order Ann (and Eric Sandifer), John (and Stacy Trewartha), Katherine (and Kos Kosakowski), and Paul (and Karen Trewartha-Weiner).

He is also survived by his sister Vera Mae Kasa, and brother Jack (Elaine) Trewartha, plus eleven fabulous grandchildren: Kiska, Allison, and Akadia Kosakowski; Nicholas, Shawn, and Joshua Trewartha; Daniel and Elizabeth Trewartha-Weiner; Kathleen, Noah, and Addison Sandifer, and many nieces and nephews, many of whom were like sisters and brothers. All of the above brought Bill much LOVE and JOY.

The Trewartha Family would like to extend a special thank you to the following people who were important in Bill's life; the parishioners of Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, his friends at Miramont Health Club, Dr. David Abby MD and the staff at the Internal Medicine Clinic, Dr. Diana Breyer MD, Dr. James Hoyt MD, and the staff of Pathways Hospice.

A vigil will be held at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton at 6:30 Monday Evening. A funeral mass will be held at 11:00AM Tuesday morning also at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton with a reception to follow. In lieu of flowers it is requested that donations be made to The Abbey of St. Walburga, The Rotary Foundation, or Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.

Previous Events

Vigil

NOV 4. 6:30 PM (MT)

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church
5450 South Lemay Avenue
Fort Collins, CO 80525
seas@seas-parish.org
<http://seas-parish.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

NOV 5. 11:00 AM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Paul Trewartha*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *Dr. T was my Foot Dr. for many years when I lived in Ft Collins many years ago. He was always so cheerful and kind every time i saw him. The insoles didn't really help so he said maybe a SHOT will help you and I Said, lets do it! So after a year or so of shots, my pain was gone. He was a wonderful man and will be missed by many. This is a small world as i met his daughter in-law, Karen when she and i worked together for Olmsted County in Rochester, MN, she too is a beautiful person.*

Dr T's Family, Hold on to all those precious memories you have of loved one and he will live in your hearts forever. Rest in Peace Dr. T.

Fondly, Julia Muniz Koepsell

Julia M Koepsell - January 17, 2020 at 05:20 PM



“ *Bill was always so kind to us. Even after many years, he remembered us. So delightful & full of life. We were blessed to know him.*

Jim & Jan Law

jan law - November 08, 2019 at 05:35 PM

SK

“ Our hearts are saddened, yet we know Deacon Bill is resting in the hands of God celebrating a life well lived. Deacon Bill was always friendly, happy, and truly cared about his parishioners at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton. I am forever grateful for his kind heart and visits with our family at mass when we lived in Ft. Collins. He was there when my husband passed and always checked in with my children. They too loved him kidding about so many things. The love he had for God shined out to so many. May he be resting in peace and may God give the family strength and comfort in the days ahead.

Shelly Kuntz, Christopher and Jennifer

Shelly Kuntz - November 08, 2019 at 09:05 AM

SA

“ Your father, grandfather, husband, brother, uncle, Deacon, sounded like a magnificent man. What a legacy he leaves behind for all to be proud of. I would have liked to have known him. My condolences to you all. May his light continue to shine in you all.

*Sarah Hughes
Rochester, MN*

Sarah - November 05, 2019 at 11:06 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Paul Trewartha.



November 05, 2019 at 10:22 AM

WC

“ Mike and I enjoyed visiting with Deacon Bill both at SEAS for nineteen years and also at Miramont Health Club. We will miss joking around with him and admiring his Broncos gear!! A very faithful, courageous man of faith, Deacon Bill will be missed. Our hearts and prayers go out to Jean and the whole family!
Love, Mike and Wendy Clark

Wendy Clark - November 05, 2019 at 08:57 AM

AC

“ My husband, Codel and I got to know Bill over the past few years and he was such a nice man! He was so kind and caring. Every time he visited us as our business he brought us a bag of donuts and we would chat about what was going on in our lives. Bill will be missed. Our prayers go out to his family.

April Charvat - November 04, 2019 at 08:56 PM

JJ

“ The O'Neill family was blessed with so many rich memories of visits with the Trewarthas and experienced all their kindness during good times as well as trying ones. We all will miss Bill very much. Love to all the Trewarthas..
La Familia O'Neill.

JOHN J.ONEILL - November 04, 2019 at 08:05 PM

OO

“ I met Bill at Miramont Gym.. Because he was so friendly, I introduced myself to him. From that time on we established a friendly relationship. Thru our conversations I learned that he was a Doctor and a Catholic Deacon. Every time we met at Miramont, we always chi chat discussing all sorts of issues, and joked accordingly at the same time. I never forget that on Fridays he always said to me "have a blessed week-end". I will miss Bill, but I know that he is now where he rightly belongs, with our Lord.. May he rest in peace.
Orlando Ortiz

Orlando Ortiz - November 04, 2019 at 05:26 PM

TT

“ Bill your smile always made my day. It was an honor to know you.

Tom Toll - November 04, 2019 at 12:25 PM

SA

“ Deacon Bill will be remembered for his compassion for others Brad and I particularly for his compassion for us when our Andrea passed away two years ago. Our condolences to Jean and family.



Sandy - November 04, 2019 at 12:06 PM

SW

“ Deacon Bill will be missed by many especially his flock at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. We were particularly grateful for Bill’s love and compassion for us when our Andrea passed away two years ago. We send our condolences to Jean and the family for their loss. Thank you Bill for everything you did to make it a better place.
Brad and Sandy Wigger



Sandy Wigger - November 04, 2019 at 10:50 AM

SB

“ Sandy And Brad sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Paul Trewartha



Sandy and Brad - November 04, 2019 at 10:00 AM

MW

“ Jean, Anne, John, Katherine and Paul: What a privilege to have known Bill and your entire family. The Trewartha’s are an inspiration to all of us. You are in our prayers.

Mike Walz - November 03, 2019 at 03:58 PM

GH

“ *Bill and Jean were one of the first people to welcome us to Fort Collins when we arrived in 1981, and we have always remembered that. Our condolences to the family. As a deacon, he was dedicated to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. He will be missed by many in the community,*

Gordon and Linda Hadlow

gordon hadlow - November 03, 2019 at 01:16 PM

KW

“ *Dr T gave m my start in life ugh this pains me*

Karla Wunch - November 02, 2019 at 06:04 PM



“ *Such a blessing Dr. T. You were instrumental in healing my poor aching feet and putting a smile back in my face. You and Jean opened your hearts and your home to our family and SEAS Parish. We love you and will miss you. Thank you for choosing to serve this community and sharing so much of yourself with us.*

Melba Reuth and Family

Melba Reuth - November 02, 2019 at 05:28 PM

BC

“ *I'll NEVER forget you , Bill.....you gave me so much to remember. Love you to heaven and back.*

Barbara Cain - November 02, 2019 at 11:19 AM

DR

“ To Dr. T's family, and to the community who knew him; I am sorry for your loss. His was a life lived with a joy that cannot be earned, or taught. Dr. T's life made a difference.

David Roy - November 02, 2019 at 07:14 AM

MM

“ Deacon Bill was the Sunshine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seaton's parish. I cannot believe there was anyone there who didn't love he and Jean. When I first came as a stranger he made me feel welcome to be here. Once while giving me communion, he said "nice boots" and instead of Amen, I said thank you and he gave me my Host. My son-in-law, Kregg Listen, met him in re-hab and had fun stories of him being there and making everyone smile. He was a true and gentle soul who will be greatly missed. We do all know where he is now though he left us with a heavy heart. What a wonderful, beautiful day for his passing. All memories I hold dear of him are of his special way of making every one else seem special. M. J. Matteroli

M.J. Matteroli - November 02, 2019 at 12:55 AM



Bill was one of my best friends at our fitness center. And he seemed to be everyone's friend there. He will be greatly missed.

Bill Thompson - November 03, 2019 at 10:47 PM

SB

Deacon Bill was one of the best for his compassion for other people's feelings. He gave Brad and me great support when our daughter, Andrea, passed two years ago. Bill be missed in the community as well as St. Elizabeth's. Our condolences to Jean and the entire family are prayers. and s one of the best for his compassikon for other people's feelings. He gave Brad and me great support when our daughter, Andrea, passed two years ago. Bill be missed in the

Sandy and Brad - November 04, 2019 at 09:51 AM

RP

*Bill was a great neighbor, doctor, and friend. Our family sends condolences and love to you, Jean, and your wonderful family.
Richard and Carolyn Park and family*

Richard and Carolyn Park - November 04, 2019 at 06:53 PM

MS

Jean & Family

*Jean I am so sorry for your loss,
I only met Bill once and that was at a 'memorable' luncheon. It turned out to be a lot of fun as your husband saved the day by making it enjoyable with his quick wit in the conversation. I hope you take care of yourself Jean and when you return to rehab, hopefully I will be back by then. Your family I am sure will be very helpful during this difficult time.
My deepest sympathy,
Marjie Smith*

Marjorie Smith - November 07, 2019 at 03:19 PM