



William "Bill" Volesky

March 30, 1933 - December 9, 2016

It is with tears in our eyes and heavy hearts that we share William (Bill) Volesky passed away, after battling a long illness, on Friday December 9, 2016 at his home in Fort Collins, CO.

“Papa” was born on the farm in New Hradec, ND on March 30, 1933 to Joseph and Mary (Karsky) Volesky. He graduated from high school after which he joined the United States Air Force and was part of the Thunderbird air demonstration team as a mechanic. After a short time at Arizona State University, he attended Northrup Aeronautical Institute in Los Angeles, CA where he earned his A&E license.

After graduation, Papa moved to Denver, CO and was hired by United Airlines as an A&E mechanic, and later, as a supervisor of aircraft maintenance. While at United, Papa met the love of his life, Marcia (Lobel) and they were married in 1962. From that union, they were blessed to have four children.

Papa left United Airlines in 1973 in order to pursue his life-long dream of farming, starting in Brighton, CO. In 1979, Papa moved the family to Wellington, CO where he and Marcia bought their own dairy farm. After years of challenging and rewarding experiences alike, the family was forced to sell the farm in 1985 due to an injury Papa received in a motor vehicle accident. After moving to Fort Collins, Papa unfortunately was stricken with prostate

cancer in 1999. He suffered years of declining health and serious ramifications due to the cancer treatment. He underwent multiple surgeries and procedures, remaining strong and a survivor through the years.

During healthier times, Papa enjoyed rebuilding a 1931 Model A and a variety of handy man projects. He was very skilled at woodworking, building everything from shadow boxes to a library with a built in roll-top desk. He was incredibly skilled and there was never a project he was unable to master.

Papa had been a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church since 1979. He was a member of the Legion of Mary for many years and active in hospital, homebound, nursing home and jail ministries. In addition, he was a Lector and Eucharistic Minister.

Papa came from a family of twelve brothers and sisters. He is survived by his wife (Marcia) of 54 years; three children: Tim, Greeley CO; Kristy (Lee), Fort Collins CO; Jay (Jennifer), Broomfield CO; six grandchildren: Paige, Rachel, Brandon, Amanda, Jenna and Brody; one great-grand-daughter: Brielle; his furry daughter: Elle; five brothers: Edwin (Irene), Dickinson ND; Tony (Bev), Dickinson ND; Al (Cele), Helena MT; Frank (Sue), Warrensburg MO; Joe, Rapid City SD; two sisters: Ella Sadowsky, Dickinson ND; Bridget (Tom) Glaser, Dickinson ND; one sister-in-law: Clara, Helena MT; two brothers-in-law: Herman Hauck, Billings MT and Ben Weigel, Bismarck ND and a herd of nieces and nephews.

Papa was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary; his oldest son, Greg; two brothers: Charles and Bob; two sisters: Dorothy and Marian; two brothers-in-law: Bob Sadowsky and Ray Froehlich; three sisters-in-law: Pat, Betty and Linda.

Recitation of the Rosary will be held at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 101 N

Howes Fort Collins CO at 2 pm on Friday, December 16th. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow, beginning at 2:30 pm. Services with full military honors will conclude at the church.

Papa was a faithful Bronco fan, a lover of sweets and a man of virtue. He was first and foremost devoted to his family and his church. He will forever be in our midst as an inspiration, a truly amazing individual that we all aspire to emulate. Papa we love you and will miss you always.

Previous Events

Rosary

DEC 16. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MT)

St. Joseph Catholic Church
300 W Mountain Ave
Fort Collins, CO 80521
<https://www.stjosephfc.org/>

Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 16. 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM (MT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Volesky*

October 25, 2022 at 06:14 PM



“ *I am so sad to learn of Bill's passing. He was a sweet man; I often remember seeing him chatting with my dad and fixing things around our house. They were two of a kind and Heaven has some wonderful angels now. My heart goes out to you, he will be missed by all who were lucky enough to know him.*

Nancy (Scovie) Burkhart - December 23, 2016 at 10:30 AM



“ *I remember Bill when we worked together at St. Joseph's School. He will sorely be missed. My sympathies to the family. Lynn Wendt*



Lynn Wendt - December 22, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Volesky Family,
We are very sad to learn about your loss. Bill was an incredible person, always willing to help everyone else in spite of his own crises. He was wonderful to my parents and I am eternally grateful. We say good bye to a gentle, kind and loving soul who spent his life in service to others.*

God bless you.

Sue and Steve Schell

Susan Schell - December 21, 2016 at 08:53 PM

CW

“ Dearest Kristi, my sincere condolences on he loss of your dear dad.
May the memories you treasure bring you comfort.

Chloe Wolf/Srta. Lobo

Chloe Wolf - December 16, 2016 at 11:11 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the
family of William "Bill" Volesky.



December 15, 2016 at 08:43 PM

SS

“ Steve & Marilyn Stevens lit a candle in
memory of William "Bill" Volesky



Steve & Marilyn Stevens - December 14, 2016 at 08:16 PM

ST

*Marcia and family,
We still miss our neighbors and friends from so many years ago.
We will keep all of you in our prayers and thoughts*

*Much love
Steve and Marilyn Stevens*

Steve - December 14, 2016 at 08:20 PM

TO

“ *A truly wonderful and amazing man. I remember when he would sell me my baby calves to raise and sell. Think of him and the great times we had on the dairy farm. Sending love to the family. Terri Koras O'Keefe*

Terri Koras O'Keefe - December 14, 2016 at 09:37 AM

SS

“ *Such a wonderful man he will truly be missed! My thoughts and prayers to you all!! Love and God Bless.*
Sandi Shaner

Sandi Shaner - December 14, 2016 at 08:25 AM

BU

“ *My condolences to the Volesky family, went to school with Greg and Tim. Brian Usher*



Brian Usher - December 13, 2016 at 03:23 PM

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“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



Kristy Volesky - December 12, 2016 at 03:27 PM

CH

“ *Chrissy lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Volesky*



Chrissy - December 12, 2016 at 02:42 PM