

WILLIAM GEORGE BLUEMLE JR.



Age 78, of McKees Rocks, was called to rest on January 5, 2025. He was born July 10, 1946, to Vera and William, Sr. in McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania. William lived a beautiful life of service. He served as a Sergeant First Class in the Army, receiving recognition for many honors, including his work as a Nuclear Weapons Maintenance Specialist, the Sharpshooter Award and the Army Reserve Achievement

Medal. He was a proud graduate of Duquesne University, majoring in history and political science. He enjoyed the adventures of life and served as a Port Authority dispatcher for many years in the greater Pittsburgh area before his retirement. Bill was a life-long artist and performer. He did exquisite work painting miniature figures and delighted in sharing them through his small business, "Small Scale Painting". He loved traveling to conventions and collected new clients and friends at each one. Bill shared his talent for performing with many companies in the area, including the Pittsburgh Savoyards and Stage 62, where he brought countless characters to life. An accomplished vocalist, Bill performed with The Greater Pittsburgh Chapter of the Barbershop Quartet and was a cantor at Ascension Parish in Ingram for over 20 years. Prior to his passing, Bill served as a cantor at Archangel Gabriel Parish at Holy Trinity. He loved sharing his gifts with the community and passed them along to his daughter, who enjoyed sharing the stage with him. Bill easily made friends everywhere he went, bonding over his love of bourbon, his vast military knowledge, love of cinema and literature, his cats, college football games, music and so much more. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his beloved cat, Buddy. He leaves behind his only child, Wren; his best friend, Charles Morgan; his cat, Drew Hairymore; his nieces and nephew, numerous cousins, and countless friends. Bill shined a brilliant light on this world and his memory will live on in the hearts of all who knew his warmth and kindness. Relatives and friends received Monday, January 13, 2025 and Tuesday, January 14, 2025, from 1-3 and 6-8 P.M., at **SCHEPNER-McDERMOTT FUNERAL HOME, INC.**, 165 Noble Avenue, Crafton. Funeral prayer Wednesday, January 15, 2025, at 10 A.M., at the funeral home, followed by Mass of Christian Burial, at 11 A.M., in Archangel Gabriel Parish, Holy Trinity Church, 5718 Steubenville Pike, Robinson Township, PA 15136. Interment in The National Cemetery of the Alleghenies with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to Frankie's Friends, 750 5th Avenue, New Kensington, PA 15068 or (www.frankies-friends.org).

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