



Mr. William "Bill" Oliver

June 1, 1925 - August 4, 2022

William "Bill" Oliver

Proprietor Oliver's Family Variety
& Bill's Bar

LOWELL—William "Bill" Oliver passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 4, 2022, following a brief illness. He was 97 years old. Bill was the beloved husband of Kay (Koch) Oliver who died in 2012.

Born in Lowell on June 1, 1925, he was a son of the late John and Altana (Andrews) Oliver. Bill was a graduate of the Lowell Schools. A Navy Veteran of WWII, Bill was a Boatswain Mate. He served the U.S. Navy in the Philippines.

Bill married the love of his life, Kay Koch, on October 13, 1946, and together they celebrated 65 years of marriage, raising three loving children.

Bill and Kay were very well known in the neighborhood as the proprietors of Oliver's Family Variety Store on Gorham Street for many years. Bill also owned and managed Bill's Bar and Grill, also on Gorham Street.

Bill was known for holding neighborhood benefits, raising money for whatever seem to be needed. His famous watermelon eating contests were legendary for many years. The variety store was a neighborhood institution, allowing families to get by, week to week, with groceries and necessities.

Bill and Kay enjoyed trips to Alton Bay, NH to their cabin, and traveling around in their motor home. Boating and fishing in Newburyport were also some of

Bill's favorites.

Prior to operating the variety store, Bill worked for many years with his father, John, as a corduroy cutter at the Hawkmeier Mill until its closing in the 1950's. He then began his career in the construction trade. He was a very handy craftsman, and built many things for family members.

In his younger years, Bill played baseball in the Gas Light League. He was President of the Chambers Street Baseball League, later named after Bill's late nephew, James William Oliveria.

Bill held membership in the Lowell VFW Post 662. He was an avid gardener, growing vegetables and flowers in his greenhouse and yard. He also loved animals. Bill enjoyed his grandchildren and great grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren, especially around the holidays.

Bill was the father of the late Karen G. Nelson who died on May 6, 2020. He is survived by a daughter, Linda J. Brousseau of Lowell, and William M. "Bill" Oliver and his wife Kathie of Tyngsborough; seven grandchildren, Thomas, Timothy, Katie (and husband Han) Stutz, Dustin (and wife Lynn) Neild, Margaret Brousseau (and husband Joel Margi) , Billy and Sam (and wife Vanessa) Oliver; his eight great grandchildren, Tasha (and her husband Joe) Kenney, Samuel, Emily, Ryan, Kaitlin, Scout, Mason, and Jackson; two great-great grandchildren, Evan and Lydia; two sisters, Gladys Carignan of FL, and Thelma Curran and her husband Don of CA; his brother, Neil Oliveria of Lowell; many nieces, nephews, grandnieces, grandnephews, and cousins. Bill was the brother of the late Joseph (and wife Dorothy) Oliver, James Oliveira, and brother-in-law of the late Dorice Narbonne and Oscar Carignan, Teresa Oliveira. He was also the father-in-law- of the late Donald Brousseau, Jr.

Family and Friends can call at FAY MCCABE FUNERAL HOME 105 MOORE STREET LOWELL, on TUESDAY from 4 until 8 PM, with a brief prayer service

at 7 pm. BILL's FUNERAL will take place WEDNESDAY MORNING at 11 o'clock in the Funeral Home. Burial will follow in Westlawn II Cemetery. As an expression of sympathy, donations may be made in Bill's name to the charity of your choice.

ARRANGEMENTS BY THE
FAY McCABE FUNERAL DIRECTORS
978-459-9222 www.faymccabe.com

Cemetery Details

Westlawn II

Boston Road
Lowell, MA 01852

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 9. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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An Evening Prayer Service

AUG 9. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Funeral Service

AUG **10**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

AUG **10**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William "Bill" Oliver*

January 28, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *I will always remember my Uncle Bill as one of my favorite people on the planet! He was always doing something for several others at any given time. He had a stellar work ethic and strong sense of family. His work ethic never ended. He was a doer with much talent for building and gardening. He will be sorely missed but I like to now think of him as having returned to the love of his life Kay. Happy together for eternity.*

Susan Harris - August 12, 2022 at 04:00 PM



“ *I met Bill in 2016 when I was buying one of his houses. I was a single mom with three kids at that time and Bill was 91. He was still energetic and trying to do everything by himself. He showed me how to put a fence in my yard and always tried to help me with the house. He build a swing chair for my daughter Julie so she could come to his yard to enjoy the swing, which she loved doing. Bill also billed sandbox for my 4 year old son at that time and filled it with sand so Michael would have sand box to play in. He was always generous and caring towards me and my children. Bill was my friend and neighbor across the street and former owner of the house where I still live with my family. We are going to miss Bill dearly. Rest in peace in your Father's Haven. Viktoriya and the family.*

Viktoriya LaBelle - August 09, 2022 at 05:37 PM

CH

“ Sending condolences to the Oliver family from the late John and Elsie Clark family. Many memories shared at Olivers variety as a child and grew up with the family. May peace surround you all.

Cindy Hunter - August 09, 2022 at 03:29 PM

NM

“ Our sincere sympathy, so many years have passed since I have seen Billy but remember my cousin so well. Such a giving man, he was blessed with a long life and will be surely missed.

Norma (Ramos) Maille - August 09, 2022 at 01:32 PM

MW

“ He was dearly loved by so many who have stories to tell to keep his memories alive. A life well lived. Such a loss for this world.

Madeline Wolfe - August 09, 2022 at 06:27 AM

JT

“ He was a wonderful uncle. I'll always remember the family gatherings and he would throw popsicles all over the ground and tons of us cousins laughing and grabbing at them. We would go in his variety store with a nickel and walk out with 3 pounds of candy. I still hang the Woden ghosts he made in our yard every October. He was a quiet man with a huge, huge heart!

joy troxel - August 08, 2022 at 08:17 PM

SR

“ Sean & Erin Rourke lit a candle in memory of
Mr. William "Bill" Oliver



Sean & Erin Rourke - August 08, 2022 at 07:30 PM

PF

“ So very sorry for your loss I remember Bill and Kay since I was a
little girl he he was a friend of my dad Roland Santos . R I P Pat
Santos Freitas

Pat Santos Freitas - August 07, 2022 at 10:10 AM