



William John Shaffer

November 25, 1939 - August 21, 2025

William (Bill) Shaffer (85) of Penn Hills, passed away peacefully on Thursday, August 21, 2025. He was survived by the love of his life, Vicki, his wife of 49 years; his sister, Kathy (James) Schwenning; his children, Rosanne (Peter) Cotney, Karen (Yazir) Gabani, and William (Kerri) Shaffer Jr. Bill was also survived by numerous grandchildren, nieces, and nephews.

Bill worked at Armor Meat Packing and at Hussey Copper until he was injured. Bill then became a journeyman plumber. Bill, referred to as "Sweet William", was a vocalist in the musical group, Memories, which played venues all over Pittsburgh. Bill had a love of fishing, nature, and animals. He enjoyed watching the birds, deer, squirrels, turkeys, groundhogs, raccoons, and even a black bear that came into his backyard. Bill was a jokester who loved family functions and Vicki's homemade Italian cooking.

At Bill's request, there will be no service.

Professional services entrusted to Thomas M. Smith Funeral Home & Crematory Ltd, Blawnox. www.thomasmsmithfuneralhome.com.

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“ My condolences and sorrow to Vicki and the family from me and the rest of The Memories. Bill was the 1st reason I performed with the group. My brother Billy had so much soul when he sang. He sang lead on one of our recordings called LOVEY DOVEY. That track will always be a favorite recording of ours. "Sweet William", you will be missed. And we all will meet again.



Jerry Mellix - August 27, 2025 at 07:10 PM



“ My memory of my daddy is talking on the phone with him for hours about good food and recipes, and him telling funny jokes and making funny comments, I will miss talking to him and seeing him in the phone everyday. And talking about old times and good , he would tell me stories about when I was little and we would laugh , I only wished I had more time with him. I love you Daddy I'm so happy we had the time we got to spend together .
Love, your daughter,
Karen

Karen Gabani - August 26, 2025 at 05:09 PM



“ *Karen Gabani lit a candle in memory of William John Shaffer*



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“ *Roseann Shaffer Cotney lit a candle in memory of William John Shaffer*



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