



William Frank Kritselis

December 11, 1926 - August 30, 2015

William (Bill) Frank Kritselis, age 88, a lifelong resident of Sault Sainte Marie, passed away at his home surrounded by family and friends on Sunday, August 30, 2015 after a battle with leukemia. Bill was born to Frank and Potia Kritselis on December 11, 1926. Bill attended Sault Area High school then transferred to St Johns Military Academy in Delafield, Wisconsin graduating in 1945. Bill was drafted into The United States Army and stationed in Italy as an occupying force. He transferred many Italian and German prisoners of war back to their homes. Bill took over the family business, The Alpha Bar, which was established in 1920 and became a well-known businessman. While there he sponsored many local sports teams, making lots of lifelong friends and memories along the way. He retired in 1992. Bill was a very patriotic man who loved this country; he was never afraid to voice his convictions and would talk politics with anyone. He was member of the American Legion, The VFW, The Masonic Lodge, and The Sault Shrine Club. Proud of his Greek heritage, Bill was a member of AHEPA and served in various capacities at St George Greek Orthodox Church. Most will remember Bill for his love of storytelling and an easy laugh. At the age of 80, Bill overcame his fear and decided to pursue his lifelong dream of singing. He took professional voice lessons and preformed locally, competing in International Idol at the Sault Theater. Bill was a sports fan and supporter of LSSU athletics. He was a huge fan of hockey especially the Lakers and Eagles. Also an avid college football fan he enjoyed nothing more than a Saturday afternoon watching U of M games, often flying

the maize and blue flag on his front porch, even though he had once attended Michigan State. Bill was recently honored as Grand Marshal of his 75th class reunion at The St Johns Military Academy. Bill leaves behind his loving wife of 52 years Dena, two sons Frank Kritselis, Stathi (Jennifer) Kritselis, and grandson Kristofer Kritselis all of Sault Ste. Marie. He is also survived by his sister Anne Malemes of Richardson, Texas. Bill was preceded in death by his sister Harriet Coroneos of Garland, Texas. Visitation will be held on Tuesday September 8th at St George Greek Orthodox Church in Sault Ste. Marie from 10:30am until 11:30am followed by service with Father Ciprian Streza officiating. Burial will be at Riverside Cemetery following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in his memory to the Greek Orthodox Church and Hospice of the EUP. Clark Bailey Newhouse Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements. Online Condolences may be left at www.clarkbaileynewhouse.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Frank Kritselis*

October 05, 2023 at 09:54 AM



“ *William Frank Kritselis*

October 02, 2023 at 10:14 PM



“ *William Frank Kritselis*

September 01, 2022 at 07:49 PM



“ *What a great man that supported his family, LSSU & the Soo. The Alpha was my home for 3 years. No not the bar but the apts.*

Mike Ryman - September 13, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dena & family: We wish to express our heartfelt condolences. We will always remember Bill at St. George's as a very kind and soft-spoken man. Thinking of you during this difficult time.*

Maria Yannelis-McHardy - September 10, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Dear Dena, Anne and Family: My deepest sympathy and condolences on the loss of Bill. Always had a visit with him in later years when I visited the Soo. Regardless of the years in between, it seems as if nothing had changed since the days he managed the Alpha, I was delivering beer and we would solve the problems of the world as we completed our business. The last of my generation. Just a good man, whom I had the pleasure to know! May his memory be eternal. Richard B. Gustafson*

Richard B. Gustafson - September 04, 2015 at 12:00 AM