



## William Lawrence McCarthy

September 22, 1931 - February 11, 2015

William L. McCarthy, 83, of Casselberry, Florida passed away peacefully on February 11, 2015. Born on September 22, 1931 in NYC to Lawrence and Helen, he spent his youth in Flushing, Queens attending St. Andrew Avellino School and graduating from Xavier High School in NYC.

He was an enthusiastic participant in ROTC and the Bugle Corps., ultimately serving in the US Army in the 1950's. His military service sent him overseas, allowing him to travel through France, Germany, Austria, Holland and Denmark.

But music was his passion. He played trumpet and led his own 17-piece orchestra entertaining at clubs and colleges throughout the New York area. Following his military service, Bill graduated from St. Peter's College, married Ann Carraher and moved to New Jersey where together they raised two sons. He spent much of his business career in paper sales at Bulkley Dunton, but Bill still continued to play trumpet at town memorials and local theater productions. He found time to join the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick Glee Club in NYC. It was in this organization that he would sing alongside his father, a member of the same glee club since 1931.

After his divorce, Bill moved to Casselberry, Florida in 1984. He was a proud supporter of the Central Florida Jazz Society and a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church.

Bill is survived by his brother Thomas of Donora, PA, his two sons and one grandson in NJ, and his longtime companion Nancy Gibson of Longwood, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests a donation be made to Cornerstone Hospice ([www.cshospice.org](http://www.cshospice.org)) in honor of their father.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

APR **18**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Augustine Church  
375 Sunset Drive N.  
Casselberry, FL 32707

# Tribute Wall

MM

“ I met Bill through nancy many years ago. Bill was a sweetheart, with a kind and gentle soul. I remember how much he loved his cat, and cats. I remember how crazy he was about nancy. Those two were a pair together! It had been a while, but when I use to get together with nancy and Bill, he was always a thoughtful person, quick with a kind word to say. Bill had a nice smile and laugh that I will remember well. I remember years back, going to the beach with Bill and Nancy and meeting up with other friends for lunch. We had a great time messing with the metal detectors, and finding "treasures", that made us all laugh. It was a blessing to know Bill, and I am thankful to have had his friendship. Our memories are surely a wonderful gift from God. So sorry for your loss of Bill.

Sincerely,  
Maria Morse

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**Maria Morse** - April 16, 2015 at 11:19 AM



“ 65 files added to the album Life Tributes



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**DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory** - April 09, 2015 at 12:27 PM

CC

“ *I remember the warm reception and acceptance I received from Bill when we met. I knew he was someone special. It was a beautiful experience meeting Scott's dad and sharing his love of family. May God's love and promise of eternal life give family and friends strength and peace at this time of sorrow.*

*Cindy Chojnowski*

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**Cindy Chojnowski** - April 06, 2015 at 09:04 PM

SM

“ I shall always remember...

*The many road trips I took with my father. No one knew his way around New Jersey like Bill. I still get lost there!*

*The reams of paper he provided from his work, fueling my early attempts as an artist.*

*The many jazz concerts I attended with him, watching Count Basie, Woody Herman, Benny Goodman - and his idol, Harry James - while they were still alive.*

*The way he participated in the lives of me and my brother, always encouraging us to do what we enjoyed, and excel at it.*

*As I entered adulthood, I tried to distinguish myself from my father, as most sons do. But as I matured, I discovered how much I emulate him. My loves of model building; music and the arts; dogs and cats; travel (anywhere); and laughter.*

*I had - and sought - many mentors. But I only had - or needed - one father. And you were the one, Bill.*

*- Scott Lawrence McCarthy*

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**Scott McCarthy** - March 23, 2015 at 05:28 AM

PH

“ March 10, 2015

*" The young man with a horn. He played a golden trumpet and did much of his own arranging in college for Bill McCarthy & His Orchestra. Growing up in Flushing NY with Bill beginning in 1941 was great. A few years later Bill, Marty and I became life-long best friends. Great memories."*

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**Pete Hamel** - March 14, 2015 at 01:40 PM

MC

“ *The only persons who laugh at my jokes,just to make me feel good. Enjoyed my short time knowing him,will miss him.*

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**Mary Ellen Compo** - March 06, 2015 at 10:19 AM

JB

“ *Our family was so saddened to hear about Bill's illness and of his death. We spent time with Nancy and Bill on just a few occasions, but we enjoyed him so much. He was very warm and easy to get to know and connected quickly with our musical son. I am glad we got to know him and send our sincere condolences to Nancy and his family members.*

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**Judy Bechtel** - March 06, 2015 at 10:08 AM

SM

“ *What a very special GENTLEman! I so enjoyed my time with him and only wished I had known him longer. He had a great sense of humor and what a wonderful laugh. You had to laugh yourself when you saw him enjoying the moment so much. He told me many times he was so lucky to have his special angel, Nancy in his life and he truly was blessed in that respect. Bill, you are missed.*

*Susie Macfarland*

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**susie macfarland** - March 04, 2015 at 11:32 AM



“ *To my dear friend & companion for 27 years, Bill, when you left me you took my heart with you. The things I miss most are our quiet evenings when we would bring in some dinner, have wine & watch our favorite TV programs. Of course, we loved our nights out at our Vet's club. After so many years there's just so many memories. It breaks my heart that those times have come to an end.*



*You are so missed & loved.*

*Nancy.* 😞

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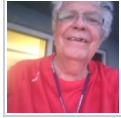
**Nancy Gibson** - February 26, 2015 at 06:03 PM

AW

“ *To Mr. William Lawrence McCarthy Family, I would like to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family for your loss. May you find comfort in the loving memories of Mr. McCarthy. While grief of your loved one is great may God bring peace and comfort to your family during this difficult time. 2 Corinthians 1:3,4*

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**AW** - February 15, 2015 at 08:19 AM



*Bill was a very nice man enjoyed having breakfast at the Casselberry veteran club he's sense of humor will be missed. R.I.P Bill*

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**Donald Chapman** - February 27, 2015 at 12:32 AM