



William L. Abraham

March 9, 1944 - July 7, 2025

William L. Abraham, age 81, of Paden City, WV, formerly of New Martinsville, WV, passed away Monday, July 7, 2025, at WVU Medicine Wetzel County Hospital New Martinsville, WV.

He was preceded in death by parents, Lee in 2005 and Bill in 1995.

Bill did his graduate and undergraduate work at the West Virginia University School of Journalism. He was twice elected board chairman of the former New Martinsville Emergency Squad and was a member of the New Martinsville Rotary. He retired from the Wetzel Chronicle Newspaper and from Wetzel County Hospital.

Surviving are his dearest wife, Lynn, who made theirs such a good life and happy home; daughter, Anne Chirico and grandson, Willy of Rochester, New York; several cousins and in-law families; and lifelong friends, Ann Wells Clutter ("Rooney) of Dayton, OH Joseph Bradford ("Brad") and Paula Wells, of Southport, SC;; and Caryl Barkwill (the late Brooks Barkwill) of New Martinsville, WV. Long-time friends David and Jamie Fitzsimmons Benson, Jana and Mike Turner, Jim and Kim Drain, also a special friend and "MawMaw" to our pets, Flo Durant of Paden City.

At Bill's request, there will be no visitation, pallbearers, or flowers.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 21 Rosary Rd. New Martinsville on Wednesday at 11am with Rev. Fr. Joseph Abraham, VC, pastor of St. Vincent de Paul as celebrant.

Private burial in Greenlawn Memorial Park, New Martinsville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the charitable organization of the donor's choice; St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church 21 Rosary Rd. New Martinsville WV 26155 or to the Wetzel County Animal Shelter 399 Mollohan Dr. New Martinsville, WV 26155.

Arrangements entrusted to Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory New Martinsville, WV.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Park

N. State Route 2
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church
21 Rosary Road
New Martinsville, WV 26155

Tribute Wall

BM

“ Lynn,

I am so sorry. I knew you better than him. I knew he was a reporter and must-have started at the squad after he did. I started at the e-squad in 1990.

Betty A Mitchell - July 09, 2025 at 05:04 AM

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“ *Twenty-seven and a half years ago I was admitted to WCH and diagnosed with T1D. There were so many blood sticks and the worst experience of it all, a blood gas test. Bill quickly became my super hero with his bedside manner and sense of humor. I cannot imagine going through that as a nine year old without that man there. Over the last 2.5 decades I have had blood work every 6 months and without fail, I compare every tech to Bill. None stand a chance to ever measure up. Several ER visits and encounters with both Lynn and Bill and seeing him out in the community, and every time he said hi with a smile. The world is definitely a lesser place without him. Prayers for his family and friends as they begin to grieve. Thinking of you all!*

Kayla Richard (Lemley) - July 08, 2025 at 06:28 PM

LM

“ *There are so many wonderful things I could say about Bill, but I can't find the right words to really show the impact he had. We worked together at the Chronicle. He was easy to talk to and laugh with! He will be so very missed, and my sincere condolences go out to his family.*

Lauren Matthews - July 08, 2025 at 02:03 PM

JF

“ Dear Lynn, Jim and I are so very sorry for your loss. I will miss Bill tremendously but I will also be very grateful for the great memories of working together at the lab. Our weekend Chinese lunches will always give me a smile. Bill was a one of a kind really special person and will be truly missed. May he rest in peace.

Sincerely, Jim and Jodi Franklin

Jodi Franklin - July 08, 2025 at 07:30 AM

CB

“ I am so sorry to see this. Bill was such a great guy. Always had time to stop and talk and always with a smile. Prayers to Lynn and his family for comfort and peace.

Claire Blatt - July 08, 2025 at 07:26 AM

JB

“ My goodness, what can I say. What a great guy! We had lots of fun times working together at the New Martinsville Ambulance Service for years. Funny!!!! Wow did we have LOTS of laughs. I will miss you my friend. Until we meet again.

Jamie Benson - July 07, 2025 at 10:23 PM



“ The world will be all the more diminished without Bill in it. He embodied the class and high standards exhibited by those of his generation in everything he did. It was a true pleasure to have known and worked with Bill. Sincere condolences to all his family and friends. He will be missed.

Michael Galluzzo - July 07, 2025 at 10:11 PM

LC

“ Bill and I spent a lot of shifts together volunteering at the New Martinsville Emergency Ambulance Service. Bill was a quality EMT, always with his professional and impeccable appearance and presentation and never without a quick wit. Rest in Peace my friend and my god and friends provide Lynn with the comfort that she needs in this trying time.

Larry Couch - July 07, 2025 at 07:30 PM



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Michael Galluzzo - July 07, 2025 at 09:46 PM

JH

My deepest sympathies to the family. This is very sad to hear that we have lost him now too. We shared many times together in high school, were even room mates at a band festival back then. Prayers for all who were his friends too. I know he will be greatly missed.

John Halley - July 08, 2025 at 07:14 PM