



William "Bill" M. Cipkala

October 29, 2016 - November 10, 2016

William "Bill" M. Cipkala, age 59, of North Huntingdon, passed away Thursday, November 10, 2016. He was born October 29, 1957 in Homestead, the son of the Late William G. and Martha (Seals) Cipkala. He is survived by his wife of over 30 years Yu I "Jennifer" (Lin) Cipkala; sister Janice Rosenberg of Harrisburg; and nephew Edward Raymer III of Phoenix, Arizona. No Visitation, private service. Arrangments handled by the William Snyder Funeral Home, Inc. 521 Main Street, Irwin, 724-863-1200. For online condolences please visit www.snyderfuneralservices.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" M. Cipkala*

October 07, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *William "Bill" M. Cipkala*

August 23, 2022 at 04:00 PM

ER

“ Uncle Bill

"B" as I used to call him when I couldn't pronounce it. Billy was extremely unique, very intelligent and I spent time under his tutelage up until now. I often find myself passing on the same passions about life to my children that my uncle instilled in me. He made me read the Declaration of Independence at an age probably beyond my comprehension, then grilled me to tell him what it meant for the signors of this document, what they had put at risk. It was profound and meaningful.

He would read me Bullfinch's mythology and Edgar Allen Poe. He had a full wall of classical albums and would sit me down with headphones on the play record after record as I listened intently. He was an artist. I have paintings and drawings from him. He would send me fossils in the mail. He took me to arcades and ate pop rocks with me. We would set up toys solders on "Americas Bricks" and shoot them down with an air pistol loaded with Q-tips. Phone conversations that were hysterical where we needed to catch our breath from laughing.

I could go on and on about how he was apart of what has made me who I am today. I have a small family so its sad to lose him.

Thank you everyone on here that has had such kind and positive things to say about my uncle and thanks for looking out for Aunt Jennifer.

Eddie Raymer

Edward Raymer - November 14, 2016 at 03:15 PM

JH

“ sorry to here about Bill Jim&Sandy Hillwig

Jim Hillwig - November 13, 2016 at 02:46 PM



Thank you - Eddie Raymer

Edward Raymer - November 14, 2016 at 02:44 PM

JW

“ I always hear horror stories about people's neighbors. Some are too loud. Others are too critical about how you take care of your lawn or driveway. Bill gave me a ton of crap for not finishing Fallout 3 quickly enough because he was desperate for me to try Fallout 4. I would tell him that I had to get through New Vegas first, so I'm looking right now at the New Vegas hintbook that he gave me to get done quicker. I'll have to add that to my schedule soon.

Bill and his wife Jennifer are awesome people. Our two families often played together in the front yard, especially in the summer. Bill would let his three pups (Dizzy, Mookie, and Zoey) out in the evening and our three human pups (Carrie, Evie, and Cooper) would chase after them. There really aren't a lot of kids for Cooper to play with on the street, so sometimes I'd comment that the dogs were his best friends. Bill and I would use this time to talk video games, politics, religion, whatever. Some of the conversations got pretty deep.

I wish I could be having one of those conversations with him right now.

There aren't a lot of people in the world that "get" me, especially when I'm being my most honest, or darkest, or most unabashedly abrasive. I'd say the number is in the single digits. But Bill was one of the few folks that did.

Goodbye Bill. I promise that we'll be here for your amazing wife Jennifer to help with anything she needs. I also promise that sometime in the not too distant future, when the pain of loss has dulled yet not departed, there will be laughter and barking in our front yard once again. When that day comes, though, we'll still be thinking of you.

James Walls - November 13, 2016 at 11:03 AM

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Thank you - Eddie Raymer

Edward Raymer - November 14, 2016 at 02:44 PM

LC

“ *Pettigrew Road..lest we forget. Great times..Great friendships...Great memories. RIP Bill...till we meet again. Lynn Clark*

lynn clark - November 12, 2016 at 07:39 PM

PH

“ *I met Bill through the classical music forum that we both participated in, and enjoyed his contributions there for the past several years. More recently we spoke by phone on a number of occasions - too few, I now feel - and I was able to get to know him much better.*

I enjoyed those conversations with him that covered a wide range of topics. He was a smart and articulate man, knowledgeable about many things, and most enjoyable to speak with.

He had a very well developed sense of humor with a particularly quick wit that was never hurtful, and he was clearly a very compassionate and considerate man.

Bill made an impact on me and my life and I will not forget him.

My wife and I send our deepest condolences to Jennifer and the family in this very sad loss.

Phil and Jackie Harmon

Phil Harmon - November 12, 2016 at 05:22 PM

ER

Thank you - Eddie Raymer, My uncle was very influential on me when I was growing up. He introduced me to classical music, Star Wars, played early video games with me. He was my idol. I used to say when I grow up I want to be like Billy.

Edward Raymer - November 14, 2016 at 02:49 PM

TA


“ I only knew Bill for a short time, but we had many wonderful conversations. I was honored to call him a friend, and my life is better because of him. My thoughts and my love to Jennifer and his remaining family. I will not forget you, Bill; may you rest in peace. - Tom Anderson

Tom Anderson - November 12, 2016 at 04:28 PM

LC

“ Rest in Peace Bill.....Those were good times we grew up in. Hanging with you, you certainly had a positive impact on my life. I will never forget...LC

Larry Clark - November 11, 2016 at 09:21 PM

 Pam Sloan

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. Growing up as a Pettigrew Road Kid is one of my most precious blessings...farewell, my childhood friend. We will meet again - probably on a swing set in heaven. Love to your wife, Janice and the rest of your family....Pam McGhen Sloan

Pam Sloan - November 11, 2016 at 07:26 PM

CC

I remember bill when he was growing up on Pettigrew Road was at our house many times as he and our 2 oldest were friends RIP Bill Clyde Clark

Clyde Clark - November 12, 2016 at 08:06 PM

ST

" Lord, take good care of this guy.

We had a lot of good times growing up.

As always, we all go our ways, but memories are never lost.

I can still recall many good times.

Good bye old friend."

Sal (Butch) Trovato

Sal (Butch) Trovato - November 15, 2016 at 07:53 PM