



## William Downs

December 17, 1943 - February 16, 2021

William Downs, Jr., born and raised in Mount Holly, surrounded by his loving family, was called home on February 16, 2021, at the age of 77.

William was born on December 17, 1943 in Mount Holly to the late William and Myrtle (nee Gaunt) Downs. He was preceded in death by his brothers Joseph and Robert, Mother and Father-in-law Harry and Ida (nee Matarese) Danley, and brother-in-law Harry Danley. Survived by his childhood sweetheart, loving wife Barbara (Danley); sons William Chuck III (Lynda) and Bradford; Grandchildren William IV (LB) (Samantha), Zachary and Jacob, and great-granddaughters, his pride and joys, Teagan and Adeline. Also survived by his sister-in-law Dolly and (late) Raymond Weeks, Brother-in-law Frank (Barbara), his great nephew Robert Faulkes (Reanna) and many other nephews and nieces.

Bill was a proud member of the Mount Holly Fire Department for over 20 years. He served his community as a Lieutenant and Captain of the Relief Fire Company, then later joined the America Fire Company. Bill was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Mount Holly as well as a member of the Elks Lodge #848 for the last eleven years. Bill was very proud to be able to coach both his sons in CYO baseball during the 70's and also loved playing fast-pitched softball in the Mount Holly League. Besides enjoying being with his grandchildren and great-granddaughters, Bill was an avid fisherman, being alongside his best fishing buddy "Captain Ray" on Ray's boat "Scuttlebutt." He also loved the beach for surf fishing and camping with his family. Golfing was

another favorite activity alongside his golf buddy Harold Garrison. But most of all, he loved taking long drives and bus trip tours with his loving life partner and wife, Barbara. He loved his Philadelphia Sports Teams, but also favored the Yankees and the 49ers. Bill worked for Burlington Army Ammunition Plant, later to become a career truck driver working for Southland, where he received many driver's awards. Later in life, he finished his driving career working for Miller Ford.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, from 11 AM – 1 PM, with a service at 1 PM, at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Interment to follow at Sacred Heart Cemetery, Hainesport. Face coverings must be worn and social distance guidelines followed. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name, to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

Take a few minutes to watch Bill's tribute video here:

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/4GCFL2MPG8SZT2YF>

# Cemetery Details

## Sacred Heart Cemetery

Washington St.  
Hainesport, NJ

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 23. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels  
438 High St.  
Mount Holly, NJ 08060  
(609) 267-0399

## Funeral Service

FEB 23. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Downs*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *William Downs*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Downs.*



March 09, 2021 at 04:28 AM



“ *Our hearts & love go out to all of you! We love you very much & we are always here for all of you. We are very sorry for your loss & you are in our thoughts & prayers. Uncle Billy has touched so many lives & is loved by everyone whoever had the pleasure of meeting him! He is deeply missed more than words can even express & he will be loved forever! ❤️🙏  
Love, Terri & David Benn & Family ❤️*



**Terri Benn** - February 22, 2021 at 11:10 AM



“ I've know him and Barbara for years my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family

Paula Baker - February 21, 2021 at 05:42 PM

AC

“ Amy Collom lit a candle in memory of William Downs



amy collom - February 20, 2021 at 07:33 PM

MB

“ Sorry to hear about the passing Bill. Volunteered with him at the Relief Fire Company #1, and drove trucks with him at Larrymar and Southland. Had many good times and conversations. May he Rest In Peace.

Martin Bruce - February 20, 2021 at 12:35 PM

MB

“ Your dad (and mom) always treated us like family, and that's how we feel about them. I'll miss his quick smile and the twinkle in his eye. Wishing you comfort and strength. Love you, Mia

Mia Baker - February 19, 2021 at 10:48 AM

BK

“ *Billy, a special memory that quickly comes to mind is a trip to Ocracoke Island with Dolly and Ray you and Barbara and Ed and me. Barbara, Dolly and I were riding in the tailgate of the truck and you were in the cab with Ray, Ed and our dog Freya. You were on the jump seat and Freya was crammed in there with you and she suddenly had an explosion of gas! The truck stopped suddenly and we girls didn't know what happened but Rays door flew open and you tumbled out of the door gagging and saying some interesting words and we were all laughing and you laughed so hard you had tears. We had some fun times over the years and I will miss you but I know you are ok and have no more pain. Love you, Barbara K*

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**Barbara Karg Kowalski** - February 18, 2021 at 03:28 PM