

William R. Dyon

January 13, 1938 - August 2, 2016

William R. "Bill" Dyon, age 78, of Kankakee, passed away Tuesday, August 2, 2016 at Riverside Medical Center in Kankakee.

Bill was born January 13, 1938 in Kankakee, the son of Ambrose & Cleva Hubert Dyon.

He retired as the Vice President of 1st Trust Bank in Kankakee. He also had been the Director of Personnel for Riverside Medical Center. Bill had also worked for General Motors Corporation in the Electromotive Division after graduation from College.

Bill was also a Licensed Funeral Director & Embalmer. He was a 1956 graduate of St. Anne High School and a 1960 graduate of Olivet Nazarene University. He had attended numerous professional banking seminars and schools.

He was a longtime member and past president of Kiwanis. He was a past board member of Kankakee Chapter of the Red Cross, past board member of the Kankakee Historical Society, and past president and founding board member of Hospice of Kankakee Valley.

Bill was a past charter board member of the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, past treasurer and board member of the Salvation

Army Advisory Board, past board member of Kankakee County Mental Health Center, past board member of the Riverside Foundation, and past board member of Heritage House Retirement Home. He received the Riverside Samaritan of the Year award and the Kankakee Chamber Citizen of the Year award.

He enjoyed antique automobiles and belonged to the Momence AACA, Classic Car Club of America, and Packard Automobile Club.

He was a member of the St. Anne Masonic Lodge and the Kankakee Order of the Eastern Star.

Bill served as an organist and Master of Ceremonies for many civic events. He was a long time member of Faith Reformed Church.

In 1982, Bill helped start the Kankakee Trinity Academy.

Surviving are two sons, James William & Michelle Dyon of Whitefish, MT and Michael Richard & April Dyon of Columbia Falls, MT; one daughter and son-in-law, Margaret & Greg Stenger of Columbia Falls, MT; his mother, Cleva Dyon of Kankakee; one sister, Betty & Albert Biggs of Meridian, TX; six grandchildren, Justin James Dyon, William Ambrose Dyon, John Michael Dyon, Gabrielle Theresa Stenger, Grant William Stenger, and Morgan Rose Stenger; two nieces, Lisa Altman and Shauna Turner; one grandniece, Alexis Rose Boswell; and longtime friend, Peggy Carlson of Scottsdale, AZ.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Ambrose Dyon.

Visitation will be held 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Friday, August 5, 2016 at Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home in Kankakee, where funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 6, 2016. Rev. Kelly Douglas will officiate the service.

Interment will follow at Kankakee Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Aroma Township.

Memorials may be made to the William R. Dyon Scholarship at Riverside Healthcare Foundation, Hospice of Kankakee Valley, or Kankakee Trinity Academy.

Cemetery Details

Kankakee Memorial Gardens

15 S. 3000 E. Rd.
Kankakee, IL 60901

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 5. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Kankakee - Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home
1480 W. Court St.
Kankakee, IL 60901
(815) 932-1214
cgfuneral@gmail.com

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GM

“ My deep condolences to family. I apologize for the lateness of this post but I just learned moments ago of his passing. Bill & I would share interesting eMs about vintage cars. If we came across pictures of restored vehicles we'd attach to our posts. I knew Bill through my late wife, Christine (Diebold) Moscato. Her father, Robert Diebold & Bill were friends and co-workers at Electromotive years ago. They exchanged stories about vintage cars, too. When Christine's mother passed away (1988), she donated many volumes of car books to Bill. He was very happy to receive these treasures (his word) and promised safekeeping in their new home. As previously stated, Bill was a true gentleman and friend. I shall miss him.



Gerald Moscato/Downers Grove Illinois

Gerald Moscato - April 02, 2017 at 01:57 AM

PP

“ I am so sad to hear of Bill's passing. Bill and I were the best of friends while I lived in Kankakee. After I moved to California we still met up at various car shows/auctions in Phoenix and Auburn. Bill was a true friend and will be greatly missed. We spoke on the phone early this year for the last time. I will miss those calls. I will also miss having a true gentleman I could call my friend.

My deepest condolences to his family. I know that they too will miss him.

Peter J. Porter

Peter J. Porter - August 18, 2016 at 02:04 PM

EA

“ Even though I now live in Las Vegas with my son I will miss Bill; He was our banker for many years and I will always remember and appreciate how he and his parents entertained us for so many years. RIP.

Evelyn C Anderson - August 15, 2016 at 04:39 PM

EF

“ Bill is a great loss to his friends and family. Edward Fountain was among the group of five friends who were in high school together, sharing fun times and pranks. Bill was the Best Man at Ed and Nancy (Rothman) Fountain's wedding in 1978. Ed Visited Bill (picture) in late October when they attended their 50th ONU Homecoming Celebration. Ed's health prevented him from attending the services.



Ed and Nancy Fountain - August 13, 2016 at 05:16 PM

CM

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bill's family. I can't think of Bill without smiling. He and my Dad never were together without hysterical laughter. I know my dad and many of their mutual friends were there in heaven to welcome him home.

Chris Marquart - August 09, 2016 at 09:56 AM

MH

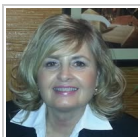
“ I first met Bill years ago when he earned a role in my KVT production of Mame. He played the role he was in with flair, and even played piano onstage at Mame's cocktail party in the opening scene! He was a fun-loving guy with multiple talents, all revolving around people and antique cars! He gave us a tour of the antique cars in a show over in Ohio one weekend, many years ago, and that was such fun! We enjoyed his playing at Quadrille each month, and watching him dance and enjoy himself over many years. He was the best joke-teller ever!



*Bill made the lives happier for many,many people.
He will be missed by all of them.*

Marsha and Lee Hill

Marsha Hill - August 06, 2016 at 07:54 AM



“ With heartfelt sympathy to the family of Billy Dyon. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We will miss our good friend Billy.

Deepest Sympathy,

*Bonnie Lynn (Bonnie Sirois) and Denise Lynn
Lois Billings (Lois Sirois)
Donna Moore (Donna Sirois)
Dale Sirois*

Denise Lynn - August 05, 2016 at 10:22 PM

SO

“ My deepest sympathy to Bill's family. He was a dear friend to me and my parents. He was truly a gift to all of us and I feel honored to have been his friend. SueAnn O'Connor

SueAnn O'Connor - August 05, 2016 at 10:57 AM

GH

“ Remembering Bill will always make me smile!
Bill loved ice cream and me not so much. Ice cream was often served at the Kiwanis lunches. So when I was served ice cream, I always asked the waitress to serve it to Bill. When he got my ice cream, he'd always look for me, smile, and give me a salute!

I will forever be grateful to him for hiring me at Riverside Medical Center (probably Riverside Hospital back then) when I was still a senior in college. Thanks to Bill, I went on to a very successful 23 year stint there. Thanks, Bill!

What an absolutely wonderful guy whom I will miss dearly, but thoughts of him will always make me smile!

Gwen Hopkins - August 05, 2016 at 07:49 AM

MS

“ We are saddened at the news of Bill's passing. The first person to greet us as we walked through the doors of Faith Church 37 years ago was Bill. A wonderful man who would light up a room wherever he went. A treasure to this community... We will miss him so much..

Milt and Cindy Smit

Milt and Cindy Smit - August 05, 2016 at 06:10 AM

LP

“ *The family members of Ross and Inez Milk and Lynda Petit wish to extend our deepest sympathies to all of Bill's family. Bill was a dear family friend, a man who gave of himself to others in so many ways - and in our hearts, his music plays on...*

Lynda Petit - August 04, 2016 at 10:19 PM

FP

“ *We would like to extend our sympathy to the family. We knew Bill for many years. He was a friend of the family and we had many good times at church. He will be greatly missed. Fred and Karen Prestinario*

Fred and Karen Prestinario - August 04, 2016 at 08:11 PM

CS

Bill was a dear family friend. Such a wonderful talented man. My prayers are with Cleva and his children. Cathy Martin Schley

cathy Martin Schley - August 04, 2016 at 08:48 PM

CM

When I first moved to town in 2005, Bill Dyon was welcoming and kind and helped me feel I had made the right move. I am grateful to him and his dear Mother for their generosity and friendship.

Charles Harvey MD - August 05, 2016 at 09:15 PM

CM

“ I remember Bill when he played the piano with his mother Cleva at Westwood Oaks. My mother lived there for 3 years and always enjoyed when they were the entertainment.



Deepest sympathy to Bill's family in their loss. Prayers for all.

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema

Cathie (Bergan) Miedema - August 04, 2016 at 05:47 PM

DB

“ So sad to read of Bill's passing...my sympathies to Cleva and the entire family. He was a great musician, ballroom dancer and good friend to my family for years. There aren't many men with as big of a heart as Bill had. He will be missed.

Deb Best - August 04, 2016 at 03:49 PM

RM

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was my first Personnel director when we opened Riverside . He and his many talents will be missed. He had a fantastic memory. I had a great visit with him when in Kankakee last year and, as usual, Bill greeted me with the date of my birthday. When I left from our visit he headed over to the organ and began playing.

Robert Miller - August 06, 2016 at 11:04 AM

EL

“ Joe and I want to extend our sympathies to Bill's family members. We so enjoyed knowing him at church and seeing him out and about at so many community events. He was so kind to Joe's mom and always made the senior ladies feel so special and cared for. He will be greatly missed.

Elaine - August 04, 2016 at 11:32 AM

LS

“ Vern and I want to extend our sympathies to Bill's family at the death of a very fine gentleman, and gentle man. We were Bill's Pastor and wife for 13 years and enjoyed having his pleasant personality in our midst. He shared his smiles, financial help, and piano music with so many people. He also gave so much of his time to the very institutions he had need of the last few years. He will be missed among those populations as well. Linda and Vern Smith

Linda and Vern Smith - August 04, 2016 at 09:26 AM

JW

“ Many times I had the great pleasure of enjoying Bill's music. He was one great guy and will be missed. Cleva since I met and talked with you at Westwood Oakes I have prayed for both you and Bill nightly. My sincere sympathy I extend to you and family at this time of great sorrow! God's richest Blessing Cleva.

Jean Warburton - August 03, 2016 at 10:15 PM

JM

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He and I were friends in St. Anne High School, and after graduation as well. And after I came home from a tour in the Army we connected again, and were friends since. Although I live in Florida now, still have some great memories of Bill during those years. He was a super guy and good friend. Was our parents banker for years, they used to love the talks he gave at meetings of bank patrons years back.

Joe Mancuso

Joseph Mancuso - August 03, 2016 at 07:00 PM

DG

“ We have known Bill for many years and always enjoyed time spent with him. He was always so cheerful and with his joking sense of humor, he always made us laugh. We spent many times sitting next to him at the piano, singing along to all those old tunes. We are so sorry for your loss and we know he will be missed. Deepest sympathy to you on your loss. Dorothy and Jay Griswold

Dorothy Griswold - August 03, 2016 at 06:33 PM