



William "Bill" Scroggins

November 27, 1937 - June 24, 2020

William F. "Bill" Scroggins, age 82, of Kankakee passed away Wednesday, June 24, 2020 at his home.

He was born November 27, 1937 in Kankakee, the son of Leo & Mary Clark Scroggins.

He married Rosemary Quigley on September 21, 1963 at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army, having served 1961-1962.

Bill earned a B.S. in Psychology in 1960 from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale. In 1962, he received his Graduate Counseling degree from University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK. He was a 1964 graduate of the Police Training Institute at the University of Illinois in Champaign. In 1980, he graduated from the FBI National Academy, Police Administration, at the University of Virginia in Quantico, VA.

William had a distinguished career in law enforcement and security operations in the Kankakee area. He also taught Law Enforcement at Kankakee Community College (1968-1990). He was most proud of his tenure spent at the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department (1964-1986) where he moved up the ranks until he was elected Sheriff in 1978. He served two terms. He was selected by the Federal Bureau of Investigation to attend the 121st National Academy Class in Quantico Virginia (1980). William enjoyed working and loosely retired by taking a part-time position at the Circuit Court of Kankakee County as a Bailiff for 18 years. Bill retired on December 31, 2019.

Bill was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Kankakee.

Bill had a love for seasonal decorations and sharing that love with his family and neighbors. He enjoyed the great outdoors, especially hunting with his best friend, Jim Zopf. Known as the dog whisperer, he was loved by his many labrador retrievers. Most of all, Bill was adored by his wife, kids, family, friends, and two grandchildren.

Surviving are his wife, Rosemary Scroggins of Kankakee; two sons, Christopher Scroggins of Lisle and Jay Scroggins of Tillamook, OR; two daughters and one son-in-law, Julie & Brett Bennett of Chicago and Cassandra Scroggins of Chicago; two grandchildren, Jack William Bennett and Abbey Rose Bennett; and one sister, Betty Benoit of Edina, MN.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Mary Dolores Scroggins Goudreau.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a celebration of life ceremony will be held at a later date when it is safe to gather.

Arrangements by Clancy-Gernon-Hertz Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall

MJ

“ It was an honor to work for you as your dispatcher. Your kindness and integrity were an inspiration. Rest In Peace. Condolences to your family.
Marcia (Pomon) Jennings



Marcia Jennings - July 12, 2020 at 02:57 PM

Mary Morgan

“ Mary Morgan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Scroggins



Mary Morgan - July 03, 2020 at 02:39 AM

LH

“ Lauren And Rick Hana lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Scroggins



Lauren and Rick Hana - June 30, 2020 at 10:01 PM

LH

Julie, Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your whole family. So sorry for your loss. Lauren and Rick Hana

Lauren & Rick Hana - June 30, 2020 at 10:13 PM

MB

“ Dear Rosie, Cassie, Jay and family. I am sending you my deepest sympathy in your loss. I have known your family since the early 1970's.....Rosie, remember our Bunco Club? The good old days and I miss them. I wish this Covid "thing" were behind us. I just want to reach out and give all of you hugs from me. It just saddened me greatly to read this in the paper....he was a great person and so admired by all. Hugs and hugs....love to all. Mary Lou Bates

Mary Lou Bates - June 28, 2020 at 05:16 PM

MC

“ Mark-Sheila Carter sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Scroggins



Mark-Sheila Carter - June 28, 2020 at 01:12 PM

DM

“ My condolences to Rosie and family. Bill was a great guy!

David L Hegg, MD

David L Hegg, MD - June 28, 2020 at 10:04 AM

GF

“ I spent a lot of time in the Scroggins home on Evergreen during my time at St. Pats with Julie, Tammy, Mary, and more friends. So sorry for your loss. Prayers for the family.

Gina Fiore - June 27, 2020 at 05:53 PM

JC

“ My condolences to the Scroggins' family. Bill was a great person; kind, compassionate and caring. I'm grateful for the opportunity he gave me for a lifetime of service to others. My he rest in peace and may the good Lord comfort your family during your time of sorrow.



Jeffery T. Cavender - June 27, 2020 at 12:36 PM

VD

“ Virginia R Dominick lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Scroggins



Virginia R Dominick - June 27, 2020 at 12:21 PM

DL

“ Rosemary, may condolences to you & all your family on Bill's recent passing.



Debra Lambert - June 27, 2020 at 10:30 AM

MZ

“ Rosemary and family,
Sorry for your loss, Bill was a great neighbor, friend, mentor and boss to my husband Brian. Rest in peace Bill.
Brian Zasada, Sr., MaDonna (Mazzuchi)
Zasada, and family



Madonna (Mazzuchi) Zasada - June 26, 2020 at 12:07 PM

ES

“ Dear Rosie and family,
We were so sorry to learn of your loss, and we extend to you and your family our sincere sympathies and condolences. Our prayers and thoughts are with you all.
With sympathy,
Ed & Jean Smith

Ed & Jean Smith - June 26, 2020 at 11:41 AM

BP

“ Rosie my deepest sympathy, thoughts, and prayers are with you and your entire family at this time.

Beverly Perkins

Beverly Perkins - June 26, 2020 at 10:01 AM

DR

“ My deepest sympathy and prayers to Rosie, family and friends.. We were neighbors and friends for many years. Mr. Scroggins was a mentor and great community leader he will be dearly missed.

Sincerely, Deborah Regnier

Deborah Regnier - June 26, 2020 at 01:48 AM

JC

“ Our prayers and thoughts are with you Rosie and your family. Enjoyed working with Bill at Kankakee Federal.
Jan & Carl Coleman

Jan Coleman - June 25, 2020 at 09:22 PM

CM

“ Rest in peace, Prayers for your wife & family during this difficult time.

*Cathie (Bergan) Miedema
Retired Bradley PD*



cathie miedema - June 25, 2020 at 09:14 PM

KP

A true friend. Dedicated to public service. Kind and always equal in his decisions. Truly a very special man.

Ken and Judy Ponton - June 26, 2020 at 09:40 AM

DR

My prayers for Rosie and the family at this time. I have many wonderful memories growing up as your neighbor.

*Sincerely,
Dawn Siefman Roach*

Dawn Roach - June 27, 2020 at 06:26 AM

JK

“ *Bill and Rosie lived across the street from my parents for decades. They were kind neighbors and were so caring towards mom when dad passed away in 2016. When I would visit Tanner Ave from Colorado, I could always count on a wave from Bill. Rosie is in my thoughts and prayers. Jacki (Ritsema) Kintz*

Jacki Kintz - June 25, 2020 at 05:17 PM

JF

“ *Jim Marcotte Family lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Scroggins*



Jim Marcotte family - June 25, 2020 at 03:44 PM

JS

“ *Janice Shenk lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Scroggins*



Janice Shenk - June 25, 2020 at 01:25 PM

JS

Sure going to miss you Bill! RIP!

Janice Shenk - June 25, 2020 at 01:25 PM

JM

He was a great guy and public servant. He did a great job in the probation office and the Sheriff's office.

john F Michela - June 25, 2020 at 01:42 PM