



William "Bill" Venberg

May 21, 1929 - May 28, 2025

William Robert "Bill" Venberg, 96, of Louisville, KY, husband for 58 years of the late Elizabeth "Betty" (Shilosky) Venberg, passed away May 28, 2025, at the University of Louisville Hospital. Born in New Britain in 1929, Bill was a former Granby, CT, Minneapolis and Broomall PA resident before moving to Louisville for the past 16 years.

A graduate of New Britain High School Class of 1947, he was a member of the State Championship football team. He received a Journalism Degree from Rutgers University where he was a proud member of DKE fraternity, and a degree in Insurance from the University of Connecticut. Bill served with the US Air Force during the Korean War from 1951-1953 and was discharged as a 1st Lieutenant and later served in the Reserves as a Captain until 1962. He was a member of the former St. John's Lutheran Church in New Britain.

Bill worked for Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, aka Cigna, from 1953-1990, beginning in Hartford CT, then Minneapolis and Philadelphia, retiring in 1990.

Surviving is a son, Richard Venberg (Lynn Baete) and granddaughter Marie Adele Venberg of Minneapolis, MN; a daughter, Lorraine Venberg (Tom Cunningham) of Louisville, KY; sister-in-law, Susan Venberg of New Britain; and three nieces, Lori Roop (Jon), Pam Anderson (Bryan) and Sharon Poinelli. In addition to his beloved Betty, Bill was predeceased by a brother, Raymond Venberg. He is also survived by sister-in-law, Nancy Madden, and nephews Allen, Danny and Tim Madden, and niece Mary Rinaldi.

Bill was known for his wry and mischievous sense of humor, and skill at storytelling. Also for his willingness to travel and try new adventures. When asked how he was doing, Bill's pat response became, "Fair to middling. Never admit to more, or somebody from the home office will send you more work." A Memorial Service will be held Monday (August 11, 2025) at 6 PM at Carlson Funeral Home, 45 Franklin Square, New Britain. Calling hours will be held Monday from 4-6 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial with military honors will be Tuesday morning 9AM in Fairview Cemetery, New Britain. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Ascension Lutheran Church, 13725 Shelbyville Road, Louisville, KY 40245 or Camp Schade (formerly Fresh Air Camp) where Bill worked many summers with his bff Cy Cosgrove. Please share a memory or note of sympathy at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Previous Events

Calling Hours

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Carlson Funeral Home
45 Franklin Square
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Memorial Service

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Burial

AUG 12. 9:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ We were friends for over 70 years and had many trips and memories. Goodbye my dear friend. Sharon Scholke, class NBHS 1947.

Sharon Scholke - July 23, 2025 at 12:07 PM

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We love you and thank you Sharon. We are so glad you have been an amazing friend! Lorraine and Richard

Lorraine - August 04, 2025 at 09:10 PM