



## William E. Purnell, Jr.

June 29, 1952 - January 1, 2025

William E. Purnell, Jr., "Bill", of Woodbury, NJ passed away on January 1, 2025. Age 72. Son of the late William E. Purnell, Sr. and Betty Jane Purnell. Husband of 49 years of the late Martha Purnell. Father of Shannon (Brad) Porter, William Purnell III (Jamie), Gina (Phil) Zeilman, Angila Purnell, Jake Purnell (Dana). Raised grandson Anthony Purnell. Pop Pop to Brooke, Josh, Scott, Maddie, Billy IV and Charlotte. Brother of Linda (James) Sullivan, Shirley (Charles) Taylor and Judith (Steven) Boyer.

Bill volunteered for the Westville Fire Department in the 1970s. He was a member of the Mantua VFW Post 7679, Westville Grove VFW Post 2174, Woodbury American Legion and Deptford Elks' Club.

In his spare time Bill enjoyed crabbing, fishing, hunting, and being a Pop Pop.

Bill worked for Matheson Gas for 30 years before retiring from there in 2019. He then worked parttime driving a school van for the Delaware City Bus Company.

Celebration of life will be at the Mantua VFW 8 New York Ave Mantua, NJ 08051. January 18th, 2025 at 3pm.

# Upcoming Events

## Celebration of Life

JAN 18. 3:00 PM (ET)

Mantua VFW Post  
8 New York Ave,  
Mantua Township, NJ 08051  
<https://www.vfwpost7679.com/>

# Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William E. Purnell, Jr..

Yesterday at 08:48 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William E. Purnell, Jr..



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January 14 at 06:50 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. Purnell, Jr..



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“ We shared many good times at VFW functions. You will be missed my friend. May you rest in peace.

George Spink - January 13 at 08:45 AM

RN

“ Was Bill in California in the Marines in the 70's if so nice guy

Richard Nieckarz - January 11 at 04:06 PM

DC

“ We will so miss Bill stopping by. Bill has been always in our life from being school friends with Ed since grade school and myself knowing Bill from high school. We have gone thru life raising our families and staying in touch. He was always full of entertaining stories and enjoyed being with people He will be missed dearly. Deepest sympathy to Bill's family who have many nice memories to remember him by. Diane & Ed Carl

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**Diane Carl** - January 06 at 08:45 PM

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“ SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.....  
LOVE, PAM

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**Pamela Nelson** - January 03 at 06:33 PM