



(Sir) William Bela C. Vitez

July 28, 1955 - July 28, 2016

(Sir) William Bela C. Vitez, 61, Lebanon, passed away Thursday, July 28, 2016 at his residence. He was the husband Dawn A. Sullivan Vitez for 24 years. William was born in Budapest, Hungary on November 8, 1954, son of the late Bela C. Vitez and Maria C. Szendrey Gombas.

William was a well-known entertainer/violinist for most of his life. His grandfather, Andre Vitez was knighted for his heroic military achievements during WW I and received the title of "Sir". This title is bestowed upon the oldest son, thus Sir William Bela C. Vitez. William was able to escape with his Mother during the 1956 Hungarian Revolution. He came to the United States in 1962 and began playing at age 8. At age 10 he received numerous music awards for solo performances. By age 12 he appeared and performed in orchestras in Milwaukee, WI. At age 15 he performed with orchestras in Boston, New Hampshire, Vermont and all over New England as well as solos during the 1970's throughout the US and parts of Europe. In addition to his concerts, William Bela mixes humor along with his violin performances for audiences much like Jack Benny did back in the 50's and 60's

William Bela is a graduate of Boston State College with a degree in music and psychology. He resided in Cornwall with his wife Dawn who was Executive Director of the Lebanon Chapter of the American Red Cross. He was a member of the Lebanon Kiwanis Club, Post E Travelers Protective Assoc. He also volunteered at the Mt. Gretna Theatre and Sacred Heart of Jesus Church, Cornwall. He enjoyed lighthouses, golf and vintage cars.

In addition to his wife he is survived by brother Lt.Col. Wallace A. Vitez, Attorney of Lebanon, sister, Dawn Snsvary of Stoneybrook, NY, 9 nieces, 1 nephew, 2 great Nieces and 2 great nephews. William Bela's extended family is great aunt Sylvia Kelecsenyi of Chicago, mother in law Anita Sullivan of New Albany, brother in laws Patrick and Bonnie Sullivan of Mansfield, Charles Farrie of Sparta, NJ and sister in law Jean and James Heinrichs of Shirley NY. He was preceded in death by father in law Patrick Sullivan, sister in law Sheryl Farrie and brother in law Wayne Sullivan.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to attend William Bela's funeral services on Wednesday, August 3, 2016 at 7:00 PM from Porterfield-Scheid Funeral Directors & Cremation Services, Ltd, 890 Isabel Dr., Lebanon, PA and Thursday, August 4, 2016 with a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at 1:00 PM from St. Basil's Catholic Church, Dushore, PA. Viewings will be held Wednesday from 6 to 7 PM at the funeral home and 12:30 to 1 PM at the church. Interment will be made in St. Basil's Cemetery, Dushore. In lieu of flowers it was William Bela's wish that a toy be donated in his remembrance to a children's charity of your choice or brought to the service.

Tribute Wall



“ (Sir) William Bela C. Vitez

October 22, 2023 at 10:35 PM



“ (Sir) William Bela C. Vitez

October 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM



“ (Sir) William Bela C. Vitez

October 05, 2023 at 11:43 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. William will be fondly remembered as a true friend. So positive and always looking forward!

Stan & Steph Brown Brown - Lebanon, PA - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ So VERY sorry to hear of your loss. William was a highlight and will be missed. I will miss his stories and jokes

Brad Cox - New Albany, PA - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for the families loss. Heaven has another violinist

Bonnie Tenney - Annville, PA - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are sorry to hear about the untimely passing of Sir William. He definitely had a one-of-a-kind type personality and always had a joke to tell. He will be sorely missed by all that knew him. Our condolences to Dawn and the rest of the family during this time. - Drayer PTI, Lebanon, PA

Drayer Physical Therapy - Lebanon, PA - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thoughts and condolences to Dawn and Williams family. The light in the world just got a little dimmer.

Rennie Eldredge - Lancaster, PA - August 01, 2016 at 12:00 AM