



William E. Ross

May 15, 1939 - December 14, 2025

William E. ("Bill") Ross, age 86, of Limerick, Pennsylvania, husband of the late Mary Louise (O'Neill) Ross , passed away on Sunday, December 14, 2025 after a brief battle with leukemia. Born in Portland, ME, Bill was the son of (the late) Ruth Libby and George Clarence Ross.

After attending Rochefort American High School in France, and Winthrop High School in Maine, Bill moved to Pennsylvania and was a 1957 graduate of Phoenixville Area High School. Bill then graduated from the University of Maine with a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering and a master's degree in pulp and paper and business management. He was an ROTC member and served 2 years in the United States Army before settling down in Phoenixville to raise his family.

After 39 years, Bill retired from Container Corporation of America in Manayunk. Upon retirement, Bill and Louise were able to travel throughout North America and

spend

quality time with their beloved grandchildren. Bill was then able to devote time to

service, helping to start the St. Ann's Hope Ministry, which created a volunteer network

of members to provide rides to doctor appointments to those in need. He also volunteered delivering Meals on Wheels and helped to organize a group of former

Container Corp employees, known as the Boxbusters, to stay in touch with his former

colleagues. Bill supported his wife Mary Louise through her long battle with Parkinson's

Disease, and met every obstacle with strength, forbearance and optimism, as they

navigated her health challenges together until her passing in 2019.

Bill is survived by his three children: Lawrence E. (Diane) Ross, Elizabeth R. (Steven)

Meissner, Michael D. (Susan) Ross, his seven grandchildren - James, Samantha (Levi),

Christopher, Catherine, Michele, Christine and Carter; and 1 great-grandson- Dalton. He

was preceded in death by his wife Mary Louise Ross, and his sister Margaret Agnes

Ross.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at St. Ann's Chapel, 604

Main St. Phoenixville, PA 19460, on Friday, December 19, 2025 at 11 am.

Burial will

follow in the St. Ann's Cemetery. Friends will be received from 10:00 AM-

10:45 AM at

St. Ann's Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation, www.parkinson.org. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell -

Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc. Condolences may be offered online at www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 19. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

St. Ann Chapel
604 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Mass

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. Ann Chapel
604 S. Main Street
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Tribute Wall



“ *Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William E. Ross*



Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 17, 2025 at 10:03 AM

BB

We are so very sorry for your loss. Bill was a good kind man. Glad we had the opportunity to get to know Bill through our friendship with Mike and Susan. May he rest in peace.

*Sincerely,
Al and Barb*

Barb and Al Benson - December 17, 2025 at 03:51 PM



For Bill Ross

*He moved through the world
without urgency for praise,
a man shaped by duty, patience,
and the quiet discipline of showing up.*

*Born near the sea, educated across borders,
he learned early how to belong anywhere
by listening first.*

*France, Maine, Pennsylvania—
each place left him steadier,
never louder.*

*Engineer, soldier, colleague—
thirty-nine years of work done carefully,
as if precision itself were a form of care.
When the work ended,
the caring did not.*

*He gave rides where worry sat in the passenger seat.
He delivered meals, not just food.
He gathered old coworkers
so no one drifted too far from memory.
Service, to him, was never a headline—
just a habit.*

*Beside Mary Louise,
he practiced love as endurance:
learning new forms of patience,
meeting illness with optimism,
meeting loss without bitterness.
Calm, even when the ground shifted.*

*He was—friends say—
four for four:
a good husband,
a good father,
a good grandfather,
a good father-in-law.
The rare kind of completeness
that needs no explanation.*

*To classmates, he was “one of the good guys.”
To friends, a kind man.
To family, an extraordinary life
lived without spectacle.*

*Now he rests
where calm no longer has to work so hard.
What remains is what he always offered:
steadiness,
decency,
and the quiet assurance
that kindness, practiced daily,
is enough.*

Leon Wilk - December 18, 2025 at 11:11 AM



To Bill's kids and grandchildren:

What He Gave You

*He showed you love
without ever making it loud.*

*You learned it in the way he stayed—
steady at the table,
steady in the room,
steady when answers were not easy
and patience mattered more than words.*

*As a father,
he taught by example:
that responsibility is a form of love,
that work done well is a quiet gift,
that calm can hold a family together
when life pushes hard.*

*As a grandfather,
he gave time—
the rarest thing—
and made it feel unhurried.
You were never a distraction,
never an obligation,
always someone worth stopping for.*

*You saw him stand beside your grandmother and sister Margie,
through years that asked everything of him.
In that devotion,
he left you a lesson
stronger than advice:
love is presence,
again and again.*

*He did not need to be remembered loudly.
He lives in how you speak to one another,
how you show up,
how you meet difficulty without losing kindness.*

*If you ever wonder
what of him remains,
look at yourselves.
What you pass on—
the steadiness, the decency, the care—
is where he continues.*

From: Pat & Leon Wilk

Leon Wilk - December 18, 2025 at 11:20 AM

GR

“ *I was diagnosed with Parkinson’s disease four years ago. For over two years, I relied on Levodopa and several other medications, but unfortunately, the symptoms kept getting worse. The tremors became more noticeable, and my balance and mobility started to decline quickly. Last year, out of desperation and hope, I decided to try a herbal treatment program from NaturePath Herbal Clinic. Honestly, I was skeptical at first, but within a few months of starting the treatment, I began to notice real changes. My movements became smoother, the tremors subsided, and I felt steadier on my feet. Incredibly, I also regained much of my energy and confidence. It’s been a life-changing experience I feel more like myself again, better than I’ve felt in years. If you or a loved one is struggling with Parkinson’s disease, I truly recommend looking into their natural approach. You can visit their website at [www. naturepathherbalclinic .com](http://www.naturepathherbalclinic.com).
[info@ naturepathherbalclinic .com](mailto:info@naturepathherbalclinic.com)*

Greta - January 09 at 09:11 PM

MM

“ *To Bill’s family: I just found out about his passing. My name is Marybeth McNally and I used to work at Genesis Spring Mill and Spring Mill Living. I was one of Mary Louise’s therapists back then and knew her, Bill, and Bill’s sister Margaret during that time. I’ve often thought of Bill after he moved to Arcadia wondering how he was. Bill was one of the great ones and I always enjoyed our conversations. I used to tell him that I loved his accent too. Thinking of all of his family at this time especially around the holidays.*

Marybeth McNally - December 24, 2025 at 02:44 PM

FG

“ I lived with Bill at Arcadia for over a year. I admired his love of God, his family and his Philly Sports teams. He will be missed. Fr. John Gibbons

Fr. John Gibbons - December 19, 2025 at 06:03 PM

TF

“ The Satterfield - Heath Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William E. Ross.



The Satterfield - Heath Family - December 17, 2025 at 11:47 AM

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“ The Satterfield - Heath Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William E. Ross.

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AK

“ So sorry for the loss of Bill. His life was extraordinary to say the least.
Adrienne (Landes) Kirk, Class of '57

Adrienne Kirk - December 17, 2025 at 09:07 AM

MV

“ Dear family of Bill Ross,
Please accept my sincere condolences on the passing of Bill. I have fond memories of him and Mary Louise. We were in the same graduating class from Phoenixville High School. Bill was one of the good guys.

Marie Vargo - December 17, 2025 at 07:47 AM

LK

“ Leon & Pat, Karen and Krista planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William E. Ross.

Leon & Pat, Karen and Krista - December 16, 2025 at 09:57 PM

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“ Leon & Pat, Karen and Krista purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William E. Ross.



Leon & Pat, Karen and Krista - December 16, 2025 at 09:57 PM

SM

“ Bill was one of the rare people that was 4 for 4 in a man's life. He was great father, grandfather, husband and father in law. He always maintained a great calmness when times weren't always smooth. He will be missed by all!

Steven Meissner - December 16, 2025 at 07:14 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William E. Ross.*



December 16, 2025 at 02:56 PM