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Obituary

Mr. James William Onley, 66, of Hagerstown MD, passed away on May 8, 2022, after a brief illness. "Billy" as he was so affectionately known, was born February 4, 1956, to the late William James and Christina Onley (Young) in Point of Rocks, MD. He was a graduate of Brunswick High School in 1974 where he excelled in baseball and football. He was an avid fan of all sports whether it be football, baseball, hockey, or softball. Billy worked for the Department of Energy in the shipping and receiving department for 30 years. He enjoyed having chess matches with his son Brian, who was the love of his life. Billy's greatest accomplishment was the upbringing of his son, Brian. He was a hands-on dad, following Brian as he played lacrosse and many other sports. He always encouraged him to be his best. He had a love of family and enjoyed the times when we would get together for our annual Thanksgiving dinner. Billy leaves to cherish his memory, his son Brian Thompson, brother Kevin Onley (Judy), sisters Helen Sewell (David), Dianne Onley, and Keena Moore, brother-in-law George Brown, nieces Kelly Onley and Stacey Onley, nephew Jason Onley (Sara) and a host of grand and great-grand nieces and nephews. He will also be missed by many special friends. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by a brother Keith J. Onley and a sister Anna M. Brown.

A visitation will be held from 11am-12pm Thursday, May 12, 2022, at Resthaven Funeral Home & Community Center, 9501 Catocin Mtn Hwy, Frederick MD, where the funeral service will be held at 12pm. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society in his name.

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



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LF

Love You, Dianne And Family posted:

Spring's bounty basket was purchased for the family of James Onley by Love you, Dianne and Family. Send Flowers

September 28 at 6:06 AM

AC

Arthur C. posted:

Medium spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of James Onley by Arthur C.. Send Flowers Thanks for always telling jokes, having a smile on your face and providing words of encouragement. I only worked with you a few years, but those were filled with laughter. Sending Prayers. Arthur C.

September 28 at 6:06 AM

AN

Anna posted:

Never forgotten was purchased for the family of James Onley by Anna. Send Flowers My thoughts and prayers are with you. Anna

September 28 at 6:06 AM

DA

Donna Atkins posted:

I was so sorry to hear about Billy, I knew him from DOE. Love the picture you posted it so represents Billy. He always had that amazing smile and was one of the kindest gentleman I had the pleasure of knowing. I am so sorry for your family's loss. Prayers for you all.

May 25 at 10:55 AM

DB

Debbie (Russell) Brawner posted:

My thoughts and prayers are to Billy's family. I went to school with Billy Class of 1974. He was always friendly and made you smile when you saw him. He was very athletic in baseball and football. God needed an angel. May God wrap his loving arms around you. RIP Billy.

May 14 at 4:04 AM



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SM

Sherri Mallis posted:

So sorry to hear of Billy's passing. Sending condolences to all his family and friends. He was always a pleasure to talk to. Also, always happy to assist in any way he could. Thankful to have known and worked with him for 13 years at DOE. He will certainly be missed by all that knew him.

May 12 at 3:21 PM

JS

Julie Stambaugh posted:

Billy....I'm so so sad to hear of your passing. I can't believe it. I worked with Billy for 30 years. He was the kindest and friendliest man and would do anything to help out. Early in his career he was a furniture mover with Timmy and that's how we all knew him. We would constantly see them up and down the halls moving big furniture. They were always together along with Stanley. Later, Billy worked in purchasing and receiving with Ellen. Billy always referred to me as sweetie or sug(ar). Those early 1990's and late 80's were the days. May you rest in eternal peace and may your family be comforted by our Heavenly Father. With Deepest Sympathy, Julie (Stitely) Stambaugh

May 12 at 7:32 AM

DB

Dion Bazemore posted:

I had the pleasure of having Billy as a team member, and friend for 14 years. He was a wonderful human being, had an amazing sense of humor, not to mention one of the most honest, sincere, hard working, dedicated individuals I've ever had the pleasure to be in the company of. I will miss you Billy.. May You Rest In Peace my friend..

May 12 at 7:02 AM

DC

Donna Crouse posted:

I knew Billy from working at DOE. He was always a pleasant person who will be missed by many Im sure. Prayers to his family and friends. RIP Billy.

May 11 at 4:15 PM



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KB

Kathy Burall posted:

This is very sad news. Billy was one of the nicest guys you would ever meet at the Department of Energy. Billy was always smiling which was contagious. He lit up the room whenever he entered it. He was always telling jokes and kidding around with everyone. He always had such kind words to say to anyone he saw. He will be missed by many. Sending thoughts and prays to his family and friends. God surely got another angel with Billy.

May 11 at 1:54 PM

PS

Paul Saunders posted:

To all of Billy's family and friends, My condolences to all of you with dealing with the passing of Billy. He was a wonderful guy and will be sorely missed by all who knew him, I must agree with Ms. Blackstone's descriptor about Billy being a "gentleman." I always enjoyed our "talks" down in his office. I'll never forget that smile! Rest in peace my friend. Paul (DOE)

May 11 at 7:58 AM

WW

Wayne Williams posted:

Billy was always pleasant and willing to help. He could talk about how much he loved his job and especially putting in 30+ years. He is already missed. What a great man. Wayne Williams

May 11 at 6:42 AM

TH

Tony Henderson posted:

What A Great Person. My Deepest sympathy For The Loss Of Your Father, Brother & Uncle. Tony Henderson Class Of "74"

May 11 at 6:07 AM

TH

Tony Henderson posted:

Billy was a great friend doing our time at Brunswick High. So, So Sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy. May God keep Bill and the family in his loving arms. Tony Henderson, Class of "74"

May 11 at 6:01 AM



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Debbie Jackson Blackstone posted:

Sending my condolences to Billy's family. Billy was my classmate BHS Class of 1974. I am sorry Billy passed away. I remember Billy's smile. It seemed he often made others laugh. Billy was a gentleman. God Bless you all. Peace be with you

May 11 at 5:50 AM



Camille Moser posted:

Billy was a wonderful man, I worked with him for 13 years, he always had a beautiful smile anytime I saw him. He always went the extra mile to help. Camille

May 10 at 6:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring James by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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