



## William P. Symanko

October 21, 1925 - May 17, 2017

William Paul Symanko, 91, entered into eternal peace on Wednesday May 17th, 2017. He was surrounded by his loving family at his home in Stamford, CT. William was born on October 21st, 1925 to Mary Plazner Symanko and Paul Symanko in Stamford, CT. William was a decorated World War II veteran who served from France to the Czech border with the 89th Combat Infantry Division, the "Rolling W". William was a Corporal receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge for frontline duty which he was extremely proud of. He also received a Bronze Star for heroic and meritorious service in the Battle of the Rhine and numerous battle stars and ribbons. At the end of the war he served in the Army of Occupation. He was honorably discharged in May of 1946. William was a licensed master plumber and a 63 year member of Plumbers and Pipefitters Local 777. He was a charter member of St. Leo's Parish in Stamford, Connecticut. He is survived by his loving wife of 69 years, Barbara Cerulli Symanko, his 3 children, Lawrence Allen Symanko and wife Cynthia Shulga, Susan Symanko Ely, and Jacqueline Symanko Williamson and husband Scott Williamson. He is also survived by his 6 loving grandchildren, Justin William Ely, Sage Alexandra Williamson, Brooke Ely Miller and husband Robert Miller, Evan Scott Williamson, Logan Paul Williamson, and Lara Gabrielle Ely, as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by his mother, Mary Plazner Symanko, his father, Paul Symanko, his brothers Michael, George, and Alexander, his sisters Olga Symanko Marcel, Nettie Symanko Harry, and Helen Symanko DeVincent, and his son-in-law Kenneth Norman Ely. Known to many as Bill and lovingly to his grandchildren as "Pop", he was an extraordinary man who shared his time and talent with all who knew him. He was devoted to his family and grandchildren, who he greatly adored, playing with them, laughing with them, and instilling a legacy that will live on through all the lives he touched. Bill was a beloved son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle and friend to many. His memory will live on in our hearts as we remember him for his sense of direction, his story telling, and his handy man skills, but most importantly his graciousness, his kind-heart, and his ability to put a smile on anyone's face. A mass in celebration of William's life will be held on Tuesday, May 23rd, 2017 at St. Leo's Church, 24 Roxbury Road, Stamford, CT. 06902 at 10:30 AM. In Lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Catholic High School Scholarship Fund, 926 Newfield Avenue, Stamford, CT. 06905 in

William's memory. The family has entrusted William's final care to Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford, CT. If you would like to leave a condolence message online you may visit the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](http://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome).

# Comments

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“ Jacquie and family,I'm so sorry to hear of your beloved dad's passing. Prayers and thoughts are with you at this sad time. Jacqueline (D'Elia) Blackmore

**JACQUELINE BLACKMORE** - May 27, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I was so sorry to learn of "Willie's" passing. My heart goes out to the Symanko family...especially by friend "Barbie".

**Mary Jane McDonough** - May 26, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mrs. Symanko, Larry, Susan & Jacqui,We are so sorry for your loss. Mr. Symanko was a wonderful man to his family, friends, neighbors and country. We will miss his smile and wonderful stories. May he Rest in Peace. We love you Mr. Symanko. Keep an eye on Tree Top Court from up above. Love, Karen & Richie Pizzicara

**Karen** - May 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry,I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. Please offer Debbie's and my deepest sympathies to your mom, Jacqui and SusanMay your years of and happy memories ease the pain of loss you now experience. Again, Debbie and I offer our sympathies and our prayers for eternal peace.

**Gerry Costello** - May 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sad to hear this news. We were neighbors for 10 years on Tree Top Court. Our condolences to the Symanko family.

**Debbie** - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Barbara and family, So sorry for your loss of Willie. May he rest in piece. Your cousin  
Grace Cerulli Suppa.

Grace Suppa - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Pop was a wonderful man and it was my honor to have gotten to know him in the past few years. My condolences to everyone in your wonderful family and God bless you all.  
Gerald

Gerald Hees - May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry, So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. The longer they are with us the more difficult it is...you are in our thoughts and prayers. He must have been a wonderful man to have raised a special son. Our heartfelt sympathy, Janet & Bob

May 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry and family sorry for your loss. Iac

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“ Our deepest condolences on your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Michael and Robin Portanova and Family - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Barbara and family, I'm so sorry to hear this sad news; Willie's sweetness stood out to everyone who knew him. Seeing you both in recent months was such a treat after such wonderful memories of your friendship with our parents and the Chicatells. Sending prayers to you and your family,

Joyce DiCamillo - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jacqui, Susan, Larry, and of course Mrs Symanko, I'm so sorry for your loss. Jacqui, I have such wonderful memories of your dad. Loving and supportive, while keeping us in line :-). I hope you find some peace during these difficult times.

**Patricia Murphy Lorusso** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Heartfelt sympathy for your loss.

**Angie Calka** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry, I'm so sorry to see that your father passed away. Seeing the notice in the paper brought back a lot of memories. As a little kid I thought it was so cool when your dad fired up his torch to fix our pipes, but what I didn't realize was his heroic service in World War 2. Thank you Bill for your courage and self sacrifice in serving our country and preserving freedom. Please extend my condolences to your mother and sisters from an old friend and neighbor on Long Hill Drive. And Lord, please reward Bill generously for all the good he did in his life.

**Tommy Spievak** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ To All of the Symanko Family, I want to extend to you my deepest sympathy with the passing of Bill. Despite these many years, I still remember what a kind, gentle, and dignified man he was. May God bless you in every way during this time of loss.

**Robert Klein** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Cioci Bobbi, Larry, Susan, and Jackie: So sorry to read about Uncle Willie's passing. The years pass by quickly but I still remember the times spent together. All of you are in my thoughts and prayers. May eternal rest be granted onto him, oh Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of the faithfully departed, Rest In Peace.

**Connie Walkuski Smith** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ We want you to know that we are so very sorry for your loss of your loving husband , Willie.He was such a gentle soul!We are so richer for having been touched by his smile-his loss is so hard on you and your family because Willie is irreplaceable.He is the diamond at the center of your grief,why it hurts so much and why we are richer for having been touched by him.Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we wish you peace. With much love, Dr. Michael, Wendy, and Aimee Montanaro,

**Wendy Montanaro** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Barbara and family,I am so sorry to read of your sad loss. I was so happy to see you both after so many years at Barb's house. You, the Chicatell's and my parents shared many good times and laughs. Thinking of you and your family.Sincerely,

**Gloria DiCamillo Sinaguglia** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Larry & Family,God bless your Dad and may he rest in peace.

**Mark Roche** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Barbara and family so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

**Joan Cerulli Schacht** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Barbara and FamilyI am truly sorry for your loss.My thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Sincerely, Rosemarie Marrucco Blozio

**Rosemarie Blozio** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Dear Barbara and family, Thank you for posting Bill's smile as it was his trademark to me. To me his smile reflected his love of Jesus and his confidence that he was loved by Jesus. Bill was steadfast in the practice of his Faith. As a many decade parishioner of St. Leo's, Bill was an example to me of husband, father, volunteer, and friend who led by the example of his life. Be thankful for the gift of Bill's life in yours. Be confident in the Lord's love of you and your family by Blessing you with the gift of Bill's life. With total confidence we all know that Jesus greeted Bill with the words "Well done my good and faithful servant". Xo Don Bosak

**Donald Bosak** - May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ These men of our "Greatest Generation" were the bravest of the brave. Going off to war to bring freedom to others at such a young age is remarkable. These are the true heroes of the world. Thank you for your most honorable service to our country. May you now rest peacefully with your brothers in arms. A grateful American

May 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ Very sorry for your loss , he was a nice and kind soul who looked for the best in all. My deepest sympathy goes out to the Symanko family.

**Mike Ely** - May 20, 2017 at 12:00 AM