



## William J. Kesnick

November 6, 1923 - July 24, 2020

WILLIAM KESNICK passed away peacefully on Thursday, July 24, 2020 at the age of 96 and was fondly remembered by friends as Bill or Willie. Bill was born in Bridgeport, CT to the late John and Johanna (Telep) Kesnick and moved to Stamford where he has resided since his youth. After graduating from Stamford High School in 1941, Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy with his lifelong friend Ted Guzda. He participated in many convoy missions between New York, Trinidad and Cuba. On the D-day Invasion of Normandy, both Bill and Ted were aboard USS PC 552, a patrol craft, where Bill served as a Coxswain. In January 1945, Bill was honorably discharged and settled down in Stamford, CT.

Bill was married to Vera Kiselewich, his high school sweetheart, for 50 years and was the sole proprietor of the Waterside Liquor Store for more than 40 years. You could always count on a handful of his childhood friends being at the store at any time of the day keeping Bill company during his twelve-hour workday.

Bill is survived by two children: Jerry (Darlene) Kesnick of Montgomery, OH and Kathryn (Nicholas) Kobbs of Stamford, CT along with four grandchildren: Christine and Michael Kesnick and Alexander and Thomas Kobbs as well as several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his loving wife Vera, his sister Dorothy Sawicki and granddaughter Kimberly Kesnick.

Bill had many friends and was loved by one and all. He will be remembered most for his love of family and friends and life in Stamford. Someone so special and dear to us will never be forgotten. Memory Eternal!

Please consider making a donation in his memory to: Homes for our Troops at <https://www.hfotusa.org/> .

Family will receive relatives and friends on Tuesday, July 28th from 4pm to 8pm with Panahida Services to be celebrated at 6pm, at the Bosak Funeral Home, 453 Shippan Avenue, in Stamford. His burial service will be held at 11am on Wednesday, July 29th at Woodland Cemetery, 66 Woodland Place, in Stamford, CT.

In compliance with state mandates, those attending the services must wear face coverings and maintain social distancing.

If you would like to leave a condolence message online please visit the family guestbook at [www.bosakfuneralhome.com](http://www.bosakfuneralhome.com) or at [www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome](https://www.facebook.com/bosakfuneralhome) to share memories with his family.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 28. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 325-9300  
<https://www.bosakfuneralhome.com/>

## Prayer Service

JUL 28. 6:00 PM (ET)

Bosak Funeral Home  
453 Shippan Avenue  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 325-9300  
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## Burial

JUL 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

Woodland Cemetery  
66 Woodland Place  
Stamford, CT 06902  
(203) 323-2681

# Tribute Wall

ME

“ *Jerry and family,  
On behalf of the letter carriers of br.60, I would like to extend our  
deepest sympathies.  
Our hearts and prayers are with you in your time of need.*

*Mike Ely*

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**MICHAEL Ely** - July 28, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JO

“ *Jerry and Family, Our thoughts and prayers are with you on the  
passing of your Father. An American Hero and a friend to the  
carriers.*

*Joe & Judy Otis*

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**Joe Otis** - July 28, 2020 at 05:24 PM

SB

“ *Jerry and Darlene and family,  
Our deepest condolences in the passing of your dad may he rest in  
peace! I had the pleasure of meeting him one day with Darlene  
while dropping off food he was a delight ! Treasure your memories  
you will have them forever!*

*Love Sandi & Scott Bailie*

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**Sandi & Scott Bailie** - July 28, 2020 at 04:06 PM

MH

“ Dear Dear Kathy, I can't imagine how you are feeling now. I will ask God to help you deal with your sorrow and His healing hand will touch you and your family I am sure. In addition, time and memories that are eternal will carry you through this difficult time. God bless you and may your wonderful father rest in peace.  
Love, Mary and Gerry Howard

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**Mary Howard** - July 28, 2020 at 02:19 AM

EH

“ Dear Kesnick Family, so sorry for your loss. He was a wonderful guy. Great memories of sitting in his store talking about old times. My thoughts and prayers to your family.  
Love Al Hernandez

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**Eligio Hernandez** - July 27, 2020 at 05:25 PM

MP

“ Dear Kathy, Jerry and Family.  
Your Dad was a special man.  
Thinking of you with heartfelt sympathy.  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Joe and Mary (Uhrich) Pobieglo

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**Mary Pobieglo** - July 27, 2020 at 03:51 PM

TG

“ Jerry Sorry to hear about your dad. What a great life they made them tough back in the day. All the boys are together again the stories will be flying now Rip TOM Gallo Dummerston Vt

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**Tom Gallo** - July 27, 2020 at 09:03 AM

ML

“ My deepest sympathy to Willie's wonderful family. He will be sorely missed by all of us.. Rest in peace.

*Julia Kiselewich*

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**Marian S Libby** - July 25, 2020 at 04:34 PM

DC

“ My wife and I got to know Willie over the course of writing a book about the ship he was on during World War II. We got to know him well and received an occasional phone call. Each year, he would send us a Christmas card and each year, we appreciated it, hoping we would get one the next year, but always certain we would not due to his age. The following year, we always discovered we were wrong. Well, this year, we will be right.

*Willie always seemed like a kind soul to us. He packed a lot into his life and did it well. We will miss those calls and cards.*

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**David Cary** - July 25, 2020 at 04:29 PM

LG

“ Sending my heartfelt sympathy to the family. I loved Willie dearly. I will miss our conversations and that beautiful smile. Such a special spirit and bright light in our lives. The friendship he and my dad shared was exceptional. They taught me what friendship means and the value of a lifelong shared journey. Happy Trails, Willie... I love you, God Bless you. - Laurie Guzda

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**Laurie Guzda** - July 25, 2020 at 12:38 PM

PG

“ Well right now I'm sure that Willie and my Dad ( Ted Guzda) are together again in Heaven talking about their experiences in the Navy and their time together here in Stamford. For me, Willie was my unofficial Uncle! He was a kind, gentle man who meant so very much to me and the rest of my family. Rest in Peace Uncle Willie. Thanks for being a part of my life!

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**Paul Guzda** - July 25, 2020 at 12:00 PM