



## William E. Corbett

June 13, 1936 - January 5, 2024

William E. "Bill" Corbett, 87, of Leeper, passed away peacefully on Friday, January 5, 2024 at his home with his family by his side.

He was born on June 13, 1936 in Strattanville; son of the late Gerald "Jack" and Beulah White Corbett.

Bill was a 1954 graduate from Clarion Area High School. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving from December 29, 1954 to December 18, 1957. Bill moved back to Clarion and graduated from Clarion State College in 1961 with an education degree.

He was a History and Drivers Education Teacher at Towanda Area High School for 35 years. After his retirement, Bill still taught Drivers Education to his family and friends. He was rarely a passenger, but when he was, Bill always had a remark for the person who was driving.

He was a member of the Alpha Gamma Phi Alumni Association, Pinecrest Country Club of Brookville, Marienville Rod & Gun Club, PA Association of School Retirees, and a longtime supporter of Clarion University. Bill was also a lifetime member of the American Legion Post #066 and Moose Lodge #101, both of Clarion.

Bill was an avid golfer and card player. He always looked forward to his biweekly poker games with his friends. Bill enjoyed spending time with his family and was an active dad, grandad, and uncle. He was a good friend to many and will be missed by everyone he touched.

He is survived by his son, William H. Corbett and his wife, Melanie; his

daughter, Cynthia C. Hoffman and her husband, Daniel; and his 5 grandchildren, Elisabeth and Megan Corbett and Henry, Edward and Levi Hoffman. Bill is also survived by his sister-in-law, Jean Corbett of Clarion and his nephews, Timothy Corbett and his wife, Terri, of Clarion, Steve Courson and Sam Courson; along with numerous great nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his siblings, Robert Corbett, Bonnie Courson and Raymond 'Bing' Corbett.

Military Honors will be accorded by the American Legion Post #066 at 10:45 a.m. on Saturday, January 20, 2024 at the Robert V. Burns Funeral Home in Clarion where funeral services will follow at 11 a.m. with Worship Leader, Gina DeLair, presiding. A luncheon will immediately follow services.

Interment will take place in the Cedarview Memorial Park in Strattanville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in Bill's honor to the Clarion Forest VNA, 271 Perkins Road, Clarion, PA 16214.

# Cemetery Details

## Cedarview Memorial Park

1923 Fisher Road  
Strattanville, PA 16258

# Previous Events

## Military Service

JAN 20. 10:45 AM (ET)

Robert V. Burns Funeral Home  
638 Wood Street  
Clarion, PA 16214  
(814) 226-6300  
<https://www.rvburnsfuneralhome.com>

## Service

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# Tribute Wall

AF

“ Andy Klark & Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William E. Corbett.



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Andy Klark & Family - January 18, 2024 at 04:09 PM

AF

“ Andy Klark & Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William E. Corbett.

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Andy Klark & Family - January 18, 2024 at 04:09 PM

CG

“ Sending heartfelt condolences to Cinde, the Hoffman men, and all the Corbett family. What a remarkable life. May his memory be a blessing.

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Cindy Green - January 14, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William E. Corbett.



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January 11, 2024 at 03:18 PM

BH

“ One of the benefits of being a cheerleader on the sidelines of the James Monroe High School tennis matches was to be with "Grand Dad" Bill and see his involvement as a spectator. He was a true fan of his grandsons` participation and I loved watching Bill in heat or very cold weather, pacing along the side lines and even some times second guessing the calls of the linespersons'. Grand Dad was the most devoted grandfather that I ever met. He leaves so many memories, but the Yellow Jacket Fan Club of Henry, Edward and Levi is one of the most outstanding. Enjoy the wonderful memories. Love to Cinde', Dan, Henry, Edward, and Levi, Bette, Bubbie

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**bette hoffman** - January 11, 2024 at 02:46 PM

CV

“ So sad to hear this news. I have so many fond memories of him as for all 4 years of high school I sat directly behind his son, Billy and I consider his daughter, Cinde to be one of my dearest friends. I spent a lot of time in their home in Towanda and lovingly called him Bill "Dad" Corbett. I can still hear his laugh and see his warm smile. I don't recall him being cross very often but, as teenagers, we did create some chaos in his world from time to time. He never seemed to stay mad for long though. As a teacher, he had a calming nature, even in the Driver Education car with very new and inexperienced drivers! He was a special man and he will be missed by many. My heart goes out to Cinde and Billy and their families. May God grant you all peace knowing that he is, indeed, in a better place. Much love, Kippy xo

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**Christina Vail** - January 10, 2024 at 07:55 PM

BQ

“ *Billy, Cyndi, and Family,  
So very sorry to learn of your Dad's passing. So many super  
memories of him of which I will always cherish. God Bless.  
Love,  
Brian Quiggle & Family*

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**Brian Quiggle** - January 10, 2024 at 01:09 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about the death of your dad. My father, Dick  
Allen taught school with Bill for many years. I have heard many  
stories about the end of the school year trips to the cabin. My family  
stayed at the cabin several times when I went to Slippery Rock. My  
dad sends his thoughts and sympathies to your family. Eileen Allen*

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**Eileen Allen** - January 10, 2024 at 11:28 AM

AE

“ *Dear Cindy, Dan and Bill,  
I am writing as one of Corbie's friends. I am the one standing next to  
him on the picture "One of the Guys" on the funeral home web  
page. I played a lot of golf and poker with Corbie. Even though I  
usually lost to him, somehow a loss to Corbie wasn't all that bad.  
The obituary mentioned that he still taught driver's education to  
family and friends. I had a few badly-needed lessons on our golf  
trips. I think that even his skill was challenged so he often just took  
over the driving himself. He was a great friend. I will miss him at  
golf, at poker and everywhere.  
Al Exton  
aexton65@gmail.com*

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**Albert Exton** - January 09, 2024 at 03:59 PM

CB

*One of the best guys I ever knew. Bill was a great friend and helper when he lived in Towanda. Heard many "good" stories about the hunting camp trips. Not sure if there was any elaboration on the stories but they were all pretty good. Bill was good at everything! Besides the golf and card playing he was also a great bowler. I was on his bowling team for years and he carried me through and always with a great smile and a joke or two. RIP Bill. Thanks for the memories.*

Cathy Bellanca - January 09, 2024 at 06:46 PM

GB

“ So sorry as a Classmate of 1954. Bill was a Long Time Friend.

Gene Brosius - January 09, 2024 at 02:18 PM

BU

“ Bill and I were teachers together in Towanda for years and retired at the same time. He always had the students first in his heart and mind. My sympathy to all his family and friends. Rest in Peace, Bill. Sincerely, Barbara Ulatowski, Kissimmee, FL



Barbara Ulatowski - January 09, 2024 at 12:28 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William E. Corbett.



January 09, 2024 at 07:46 AM

PU

“ *Physicians and Staff of UAF planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William E. Corbett.*

Physicians and Staff of UAF - January 09, 2024 at 07:46 AM

DS

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



David Stake - January 08, 2024 at 08:59 PM

DS

*Bill fishing Millstone Creek, one of his favorite streams.*

Dave Stake - January 09, 2024 at 06:29 PM

RG

“ *4 files added to the album Clarion Proud, Alpha Gamma Phi and Clarion Football Alum*



Robert "Bo" Garritano - January 08, 2024 at 05:51 PM