



## William B. Skibinski

November 16, 2023

Went to be with the Lord Thursday, November 16, 2023 after living a long, fulfilling life to 92 years of age.

Born to Frank Skibinski and Martha Sadowski in September of 1931 on Rutland Avenue in St. Francis, WI. Bill was born into a large Polish family of 11 siblings. He was well acquainted with adversity, since such a large family was familiar with limited means. Two years following his birth, twin boys were born to his mother on his birthday, September 12th.

Bill attended Boys Technical and Trade School and later enlisted in the Army, serving his term in the states. He was then hired by Johnson Controls and learned electroplating, of which he became very skilled and meticulous at performing.

Bill met Joan Jezak and married her in 1961. One daughter was born to them, Cynthia. Bill was also a step-dad to a son, Bill Leer. Unfortunately, their marriage was shortened when Joan became ill from a rare, inherited disease which took her life at age 44.

Despite this, Bill excelled at being a wonderful and loving father. He was always willing to sacrifice, in order to provide for his daughter. He also was very active at his church, St. James Catholic Church. He served as an usher,

lay communion minister, managing shoveling the steps of the church at 7:30 am whenever needed, and numerous other service tasks. His faith was most primary in his life. His life evidenced his love for Christ. He was continually pursuing ways he could help other people throughout his whole life.

Bill spent many years being active in the Knights of Columbus fraternal organization. He achieved honors to the 4th degree and served at many various events. He also enjoyed photographing various children's events that the organization would sponsor, such as the annual picnic, Easter egg hunt, Christmas party, etc.

Bill also was an avid dancer and loved gardening, playing cards, bingo, and dice games. He joined the Dick Kossins Fan Club and traveled with a group of 50 people, to perform ballroom dancing in Southeastern Wisconsin. He had pursued this for at least 10 years.

Bill retired from Johnson Controls at age 63, and then met Betty Muehlbauer, who also had been a dancer all her life. Bill and Betty would spend the next 20 years of their life together, dancing, playing bingo, and spending time with friends.

Towards the later years of Bill's life, health and memory issues affected him, which required him to seek living arrangements to meet changing care needs. All the while, however, he delighted people with his gentle smile, easy-going attitude, and witty sense of humor. He was always eager to connect with people and bring joy to their day.

Special thanks to Hales Corners Care Center, for their astounding compassionate care, and Ramsey Woods for their years of ongoing care and kindness offered to Bill.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Cynthia; grandsons Matthew William (Laura Elizabeth) and John Evan (Amanda Rose); great-grandchildren Elizabeth Florence and William John; daughter-in-law Regina; step-grandchildren Vanessa, Estelle, Aaron, and Cassandra; and many nieces and nephews.

Visitation Thursday, November 30 from 4:00 - 7:00 PM at ROZGA-WALLOCH CHAPEL. Mass of Christian Burial to be celebrated Friday, December 1 at 10:00 AM at ST. JAMES CATHOLIC CHURCH (7219 S. 27th St, Franklin) (Please meet at Church). Interment St. Adalbert Cemetery.

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services  
Rozga-Walloch Chapel  
4309 South 20th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Cemetery Details

## St. Adalbert Cemetery

3801 S. 6th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 30. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Rozga Funeral & Cremation Services - Rozga-Walloch Chapel  
4309 South 20th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221  
(414) 281-7145  
<https://www.rozgafuneral.com/>

## Mass of Christian Burial

DEC 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. James Catholic Church - Franklin  
7219 S. 27th St.  
Franklin, WI 53132

## Interment

DEC 1. 11:45 AM (CT)

St. Adalbert Cemetery  
3801 S. 6th Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53221



# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sympathy to Cynthia and her family.  
I am forever grateful to your dad for helping me join the Knights of  
Columbus  
and to deepen my Catholic faith.  
Vince Pawelski*

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**Vincent Pawelski** - November 21, 2023 at 04:30 PM