



## Vilis "Bill" Sauskis

December 9, 1930 - December 21, 2019

Vilis A. (Bill) Sauskis, 89, passed on Saturday, December 21, 2019, peacefully at his home. He was born to Peter and Julija Sauskis on December 9, 1930, in Elksni, Lavita, Europe. Please take a moment and share a fond memory or kind expression of sympathy for Bill's family at [www.andersonbethany.com](http://www.andersonbethany.com).

Vilis and his family immigrated to the USA in 1950, sponsored by the Catholic Church. Bill entered the USA Airforce and was stationed at Walker Airforce Base in Roswell, New Mexico. He met the love of his life, Aneda (Ann) Savedra from Tinnie, New Mexico. Bill and Ann married on February 11, 1956, and made their home in Roswell. Their union lasted sixty-three years and brought them, three daughters. Mary Ann, Aina, and Kathryn.

Bill was a jack of all trades and a masterful mechanic. He could fix anything or break it beyond recognition. He had a long career as a Mechanical Tech. Bill worked eighteen years for Desmond Ford. He then retired after twenty years with Transwestern Pipeline Company. Bill was fortunate to retire at the age of fifty-five, so he and Ann went fishing. They spent many wonderful years at Lake Amistad with lots of close friends. Bill liked to hunt, fish, camp, grow his pecans, peaches, and tomatoes. He always had a project and we loved his unique repairs. Dad taught us all how to take care of things from the school of hard knocks. . . a true Man's Man.

SURVIVORS: Those left to carry on Bill's memory are his wife, Aneda (Ann) Sauskis; Mary Ann and Robert Stacey, Aina and Katy Sauskis; along with several grandchildren, great children, nieces, and nephews; Vilis and Susan Catman, Kira and Steve Rafuse, Bobby and Mandy Sauskis, and Valentine Duttle.

PRECEDED: Vilis is preceded in death by his parents and siblings.

MEMORIALS: In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in his honor to The Poor Clare Monastery.

SERVICES: Graveside services will be held by Deacon Martinez on Friday, January 3, 2020, 10:00 AM, at General Douglas L. McBride Veterans Cemetery located within South Park Cemetery. There will be a reception after the ceremony at the family home, 718 Apple Lane, Roswell, New Mexico.

In loving memory from your family:

Quietly I am remembering you in the silence of my heart.

Each thought of you a treasure while we are apart.

At times I am filled with longing, your face I would love to see.

To feel your warmth, to hear your voice, to have you here with me.

But God has a plan; He created you and numbered all your days.

May He hold you in His loving arms and surround you with his grace.

With the hope of a reunion in Heaven again one day.

I entrust you in His care.

Cherished memories of you live on in my heart.

Life is a gift we shared. . .

We will go on with your presence in our lives each day.

Bill's tribute was lovingly written in his honor by his family.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Vilis "Bill" Sauskis*

December 29, 2022 at 05:26 PM



“ *Rest In Peace my dearest Godfather. Bill and Ann we're chosen to be my god parents, what an honor to have known such a loving and kind person. I remember the day I was baptized like it was yesterday. Bill was so very nice to us every time we saw him. Thank you for spiritually supporting me in my youth and know in heaven. This is a very special time for our family as we will be baptizing our oldest daughter Lily Joy on Sunday. I pray that Bill will continue to guide me and Lily, in the image of God. Love Chris.*

**Christopher Crotzer** - January 03, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ *I will always remember Bill and Ann. They were two of the nicest people I can remember as a child. I remember going to their house with my father and sitting in the shop with Bill. He should always be remembered as a kind loving man. May he Rest In Peace with our father in heaven and his loved ones who are there waiting for him. Brian Crotzer*

**Brian Crotzer** - January 03, 2020 at 10:38 AM

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“ Uncle Bill was a great man. I looked forward to seeing him and Aunt Ann (& the cousins if they were coming!) when they visited Missouri. He astounded me with his mechanical prowess - he saw an old weed infested utility vehicle on one visit and proceeded to work on it, have it sputter to life and took it on a drive in the field. I believe Bill lived with my Mom and Dad in Belgium (after WW2) for a while before coming to the United States. My memories of Bill coincide with seeing Bill and Ann together, along with their daughters. He was born into a very interesting life and I regret not hearing his biography in both Europe and America. God bless his soul and Linda and I send our sincerest condolences to Aunt Ann and cousins: Mary Ann, Aina, and Katy and respective families. Nephew 'Rysard'/Richard.

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**Richard Drzakowski** - December 31, 2019 at 02:40 PM