

William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.

February 21, 1933 - March 25, 2014

William F. "Digger" Young, Jr., 81, of Butler, passed away on Tuesday, March 25, 2014.

He was born February 21, 1933 in Grove City, PA, the son of the late William F. Young, Sr. and Joy Cora (Wylie) Young.

Digger was a lifelong funeral director licensed in 1955. He graduated from West Sunbury High School in 1951 and from Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science in 1953. He had worked at Castle Rubber during his funeral directing training for over two years and also at Armco for over seven years. He purchased the Young Funeral Home in West Sunbury in 1963 becoming a partner with his father and in 1970 purchased the Atwell Funeral Home in Butler which became Young Funeral Home, Ltd. where he continued to work up until his death. He was the Butler County Coroner from 1970 until his retirement in 1999. Digger also had served as president for both the Butler County Law Enforcement Association and the Pennsylvania State Coroners Association. In his younger years, he played and coached baseball all around Butler county.

Digger was a member of the West Sunbury United Presbyterian Church, the AM Rotary, the Moose, the Elks, the ROJ Court 2 and Kachina Klub. He held very close his involvement with his Masonic and Shrine organizations; Victory

Lodge # 694, New Castle Scottish Rite, Syria Temple, having served as a Harige Clown and Potentate in 2001. He received his 33rd Degree in 2000. He also belonged to Butler Caravan #14, Acacia Club and Butler Shrine Luncheon Club.

Digger's pride and joy were his children, grandchildren and great grandchildren and he cherished every chance he got to spend with them. He loved traveling, going to the casino with his family, playing cards with his friends, going to Steeler and Pirate games and much more. He was a very giving man who lived a very full life and will be greatly missed by all.

Surviving are his son, William F. (Cynthia) Young, III of West Sunbury; his daughters, Monica (Vic) Campagna of Slippery Rock and Robin (Arnold) Christy of West Sunbury; his companion, Kay McCandless of Valencia; his granddaughters, Jodi Campagna (Liam) Brennan of Mars, Cori Christy (Owen) Brown of Mars, Courtney Burgoon of York and Carol (Jim) Callender of Butler; his grandsons, Tad (Laura) Campagna of Slippery Rock and Cole Wm. Christy of West Sunbury; and 10 great grandchildren, Lainey, Eden, Brady, Freddy, Elle, Corey, Kailey, Jameson, Nolan and Adrian; his ex-wife, Rachel J. (Gardner) Young of Butler; his brother, Edwin L. (Kim) Young of West Sunbury; and a number of nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by father who died in 1976 and his mother who died in 1997 and his brother, Breaden Young.

Friends will be received from Friday, March 28, 2014 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm with Masonic Services at 6:30PM and also on Saturday, March 29, 2014 from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm & 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm at the Young Funeral Home, Ltd., 127 W. Jefferson St., Butler, PA. Services will be held at the West Sunbury United Presbyterian Church on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

Private burial in the West Sunbury Union Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Digger would want contributions made in his memory to the Syria Shrine Transportation Fund, 1877 Shriner's Way, Cheswick, PA 15024, the Moniteau Scholarship Foundation, PO Box 226, West Sunbury, PA 16061 or to the donor's favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

West Sunbury Union Cemetery

West Sunbury, PA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 28. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Young Funeral Home, Ltd.
127 W. Jefferson St.
PO Box 1522
Butler, PA 16003
(724) 283-3333
youngfuneralhome@zoominternet.net
<http://www.youngfuneralhomes.com/index.php>

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Service

MAR 30. 2:00 PM (ET)

West Sunbury United Presbyterian Church
215 E. Church St.
West Sunbury, PA 16061

Tribute Wall

SG

“ Dearest Young Family,

I am shattered. I had no idea, I was somehow drawn to look at the Butler obituaries and found this notice. It is difficult to process that our beloved Digger is gone. Marguerite Henry wrote, "Some creatures shine with a special light." If ever a person on this earth embodied that saying, it was Digger. Our family adored him. He was a joyous companion through the good times and a staunch rock upon whom we leaned in some of life's worst times. He brought us so much love and laughter, no words can express our joy and gratitude.

I can hardly imagine your grief at this time, but I know you all have a wealth of memories to treasure and the faith to guide you through these days of healing. I will be in touch, but know that John and I are thinking of you and send you all our deepest sympathy and love.

*Sydney
(Mr. and Mrs. John S. Geikler)*

Sydney Geikler - April 10, 2014 at 11:15 PM



SG

“ Sydney Jane Geikler sent a virtual gift in memory of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.



Sydney Jane Geikler - April 10, 2014 at 10:38 PM

KJ

“ *Monica, Robin, and families,
I was sorry to hear of your loss. Although I didn't know your father, I certainly was aware of what an active man he was and all the contributions he made to Butler over the years.
Maybe I'll see you this summer. Take care.
Sincerely,
Karen Joy*

karen Joy - March 31, 2014 at 12:54 PM

BW

“ *Digger and I have been friends for close to 40 years.He was at Va Beach last year with Kay. We told him we would come to see him this spring. after it go a little warmer there..He loved to see people have a good time . and could keep you laughing .
We spent time together at various places over the years. He will be missed.God be with the family , and remember he love all his family
Buster Ward*

Buster Ward - March 31, 2014 at 08:05 AM

JM

“ *To: The Young Family
From: Jim Mitchell, Grove City, PA*

My sincere sympathy to you at this time. I have lost a true honest friend Robin. I may call you soon.

jim mitchell - March 31, 2014 at 07:39 AM

TS

“ Tom & Candy Streams lit a candle in memory of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.



Tom & Candy Streams - March 30, 2014 at 11:32 AM

TS

We paid our respects at the funeral home on Saturday afternoon. Our dear friend Digger will be so missed at our retired coroner's get together in Altoona this September. Little did we all know his jokes, friendship and shared memories would end so soon. God bless his family and our dear friend Kay. She ask for our email and phone number. Please stay in touch dearest Kay. (tstreams@Hotmail.com.) 724-809-1632. Candy & Tom

Tom & Candy Streams - March 30, 2014 at 11:37 AM

MH

“ Growing up in West Sunbury, Bill was walways there. Can't imagine the town without him and my dad. My prayers are for his family and hoping we all see him again in heaven. Mary Hayden, Greensburg,PA

Mary Hayden - March 30, 2014 at 07:20 AM

GD

“ To the family of one great person who helped any and all who needed him we go back many many years as he helped with the lose of my family members thank you Bill I will miss you RIP you've done a great job here on earth now enjoy your place in heaven . Gary McDougall and Rick Anderson

Gary Mc Dougall - March 29, 2014 at 04:55 PM

DM

“ My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family of William "Digger" Young. ONE of the most Greatest, kindness man I've met. God Bless you, you are surely missed.

Debby Manny - March 29, 2014 at 11:34 AM

CU

“ In a persons life if lucky enough you will meet a few "Good Men" and even fewer "Great Men",we lost one of those "Great Men" with "Diggers " passing. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of the Young family
With deepest sympathy
Chip Uhl.

Chip Uhl - March 29, 2014 at 08:25 AM

JR

“ Condolences too family Digger will be missed
So sorry Joan Rhodes



Joan Rhodes - March 29, 2014 at 07:16 AM

CK

“ My condolences to the entire Young family. He was truly a nice man! RIP Digger!

Cheryl Daubenspeck Keenan

Cheryl Daubenspeck Keenan - March 29, 2014 at 02:32 AM

LP

“ *Lori Look Pavlik lit a candle in memory of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.*



Lori Look Pavlik - March 28, 2014 at 09:46 PM

LP

My prayers and memories go out to Digger's family he is one of the great men that walked on this earth!

Lori Look Pavlik - March 28, 2014 at 09:48 PM

DN

“ *2 files added to the album New Album Name*



Dee Dee Pensy Newcaster - March 28, 2014 at 02:15 PM

PS

“ MY DEEPEST CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS GO OUT TO DIGGERS FAMILY.
I WAS PRESIDENT OF THE GROTTO CLOWNS IN 1975 AND AND IF IT WASN'T FOR DIGGER OUR NATIONAL CLOWN CONVENTION IN 1976 WOULD NOT OF BEEN A SUCCESS.I ALSO REMEMBER HIM HAVING US UP TO BUTLER FOR THE TWO OR MORE CHILDRENS CHRISTMAS PARTY. I KNOW NOW HE IS UP THEIR WITH THE OTHER GOOD CLOWNS LIKE PEANUTS AND PATCHES. HE ALWAYS WAS THEIR WHEN YOU NEEDED ADVISE OR HELP.

SINCERELY
PAUL (JINGLES) KRINER

PAUL (JINGLES) KRINER SR - March 28, 2014 at 01:50 PM

KL

“ *Our deepest condolences and prayers for the Young family.*

Keith and Kirby Litzenberg

Keith Litzenberg - March 28, 2014 at 11:16 AM

EG

“ *Deepest condolences and prayers for the Young family. Bill always had a smile, a joke, or a hug when it was needed the most. Helped me through many losses of family members and friends. Bill, when you run into my dad, mom, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends give them my love.*

Liz and Robert Grossman



Elizabeth Grossman - March 28, 2014 at 10:16 AM

GD

“ We have many fond memories of Digger, one of a kind Our deepest sympathy to the entire Young Family. The Daugherty's Gene and Betty Jane Boiling Springs, Pa..

Gene and Betty Daugherty - March 28, 2014 at 06:23 AM

MW

“ I am so sorry to hear of his passing. He and his family helped me ease the pain of losing my aunt, my step-father and most recently, my mother. My thoughts go out to the family during this time. RIP William.

Michele Wehr - March 27, 2014 at 11:42 PM

KY

“ We lost a great man on Tuesday. My Uncle Digger was a great Uncle but the Grandpa I never had. He lived life to the fullest and helped many others get their lives in the right direction. He was and still is my role model on how I want to be successful, ambitious, persistent, caring, and a strong Christian. He will be remembered for his talent, generosity, love, happiness, and humor. Don't stop "Clowning" around Uncle Digger. I love you. -Korynne

Korynne Young - March 27, 2014 at 09:07 PM

PG

“ Digger was a very special man with a huge giving heart!!!!!!!!!!

paul gregg - March 27, 2014 at 06:13 PM

LH

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lisa Hall - March 27, 2014 at 05:48 PM

DF

What wonderful memories they made together. Glad they have each other in heaven. We miss you both, Love Debbie (Look) Fecich

Debra Fecich - March 28, 2014 at 09:42 AM

LP

*Friendship is to be cherished, and these 2 were compatible working side by side! They also took time to enjoy and share with loved ones many Shrine events!
Virginia Beach memories will be with us forever!*

Lori Look Pavlik - March 28, 2014 at 09:33 PM

LP

What wonderful memories they made together. Glad they have each other in heaven. We miss you both, Love Debbie (Look) Fecich

Lori Look Pavlik - March 28, 2014 at 09:36 PM

LP

Great friends and co-workers. We will miss them both. You are all in my prayers. Love Lisa Hall

Lori Look Pavlik - March 28, 2014 at 09:38 PM

GL

John and Digger were wonderful friends on earth and now are in heaven making a place for us to join them. We all love you both. Love Gerry Look

Gerry Look - March 28, 2014 at 10:05 PM

PM

“ *My condolences to the entire Young family and funeral home staff. West sunbury/Butler has lost another great citizen.*

Pat Moser - March 27, 2014 at 05:31 PM

SS

“ *Stephanie Yeager Shaffer lit a candle in memory of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.*



Stephanie Yeager Shaffer - March 27, 2014 at 04:34 PM

CV

“ *To the Young family :
My deepest sympathies. Digger was that one-of-a-kind person everybody should have gotten the chance to know. I am thankful that I knew him and also for all the kindnesses he extended to my grandfather, Aloysius Lehnerd.
In my mind, my grandparents were probably up there waiting for him at the gate when he arrived !
Your family is in my prayers.*

*Craig VanGrootenbruel
Deputy Coroner Lehnerds grandson or as Digger called me... "Lois's boy".*

Craig Van - March 27, 2014 at 04:03 PM

FR

“ *You will definitely be missed, old friend.*

Frank Robinson - March 27, 2014 at 03:40 PM

JL

“ Sending my sincerest condolences to the entire Young family. Digger was a one of a kind class act, an incredible mixture of service, compassion and humor. He touched the lives of so many people, in so many ways, and will be remembered as a cornerstone of the West Sunbury and Butler communities. RIP Digger, you will be missed.

Jeanie Lukavich - March 27, 2014 at 03:31 PM

DL

“ Our prayers and thoughts go out to the Young Family. "Digger" was a good and kind man who will be missed by all.

Dan Lewis - March 27, 2014 at 01:01 PM



“ What a wonderful, kind man. Digger you will be missed. Although I knew you from the theatres in town (MTG and BLT) you were also so good to a Old cold Mailman! God Bless you !



Rick Stutz - March 27, 2014 at 12:53 PM

JC

“ My deepest condolences go out to the entire Digger Young family and the West Sunbury communitiy. I was stunned to hear of his passing. Digger was never to busy to stop and talk with anyone on the street, whether he knew them or not. He never met a stranger he didn't like, or a hand that he was too busy to shake. He was a mainstay, not only in West Sunbury, but throughout the Western Pennsylvania area. Throughout his life he touched so many people. I am honored to call him both a friend and Brother.

Rest in peace my dear friend ... You deserve it.

Jim Christie

Jim Christie - March 27, 2014 at 12:48 PM

CM

“ Digger did so much for his community and did not have to wait around for a "thank you" He was in a class of his own..They just don't make them like him anymore. Sympathy to the family and closest friends.

Cindy McKnight - March 27, 2014 at 11:14 AM

JT

“ On behalf of the Butler A.M. Rotary Club, I want to extend our deepest sympathies to the Young Family for your loss. Your emptiness is shared by many as Bill was one of the most giving persons, that anyone that knew him, understood. Never wanting public recognition for anything he supported but always the first one willing to help. His Heart was very big and his Smile was bigger. Bill was a true Rotarian living our Motto of “Service Above Self” and our FOUR WAY TEST: Of the things we think, say or do.. Is it the TRUTH... Is it FAIR to all concerned.. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS.. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned. We say Good bye to a Dear Friend and we thank you for sharing him with us for so many years. You are in our Thoughts and Prayers.

*The Butler A.M. Rotary Club
Jim Thompson- President*

Jim Thompson - March 27, 2014 at 10:57 AM

PD

“ Our deepest sympathies to the entire Young families, you are in our thoughts and prayers.

*Paul and Cindy Dallos
Chesapeake, VA*



Paul and Cindy Dallos - March 27, 2014 at 10:54 AM

TD

“ To the Young family you ALL have our condolences on the loss of such a great part of your lives as well as many of the lives Digger has touched. May you cherish your memories to get you through this tough time. Digger was a good man and will be missed by many. Sympathy to your family from ours

*Sam & Toni Tiche
Boyers PA*

Toni DeMatteis-Tiche - March 27, 2014 at 10:22 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr..



March 27, 2014 at 09:49 AM

JJ

“ What can you say about a man who has touched so many lives and gave so much to his community.....we sadly note his passing but we will remember him fondly.

Jerry and Denise Johnston

Jerry Johnston - March 27, 2014 at 09:45 AM

SB

“ My heartfelt condolences to my beautiful sister-in-law, Jodi Brennan, and the entire Young family during this difficult time. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Shamus and Kirsten Brennan - March 27, 2014 at 09:20 AM

KC

“ My condolences to you all. We have many good memories of Digger & the many parties we all attended. He always had a wonderful humor that he loved to share. He will be remembered with a smile. Love and prayers, Dan & Kay Clark

kay clark - March 27, 2014 at 07:56 AM



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March 27, 2014 at 07:41 AM

BC

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Digger's passing. He was a presence in my life as far back as I can remember. The Young Family has given many of my family members a dignified, compassionate final journey which I appreciate very much. During his time as Coroner, Digger must have seen some horrific things but he always managed to make the rest of us laugh. Digger Young was truly a good guy. RIP Digger. My sincere sympathies to Monica, Robin, Billy and the rest of the extended family on your loss.

Becky Christie

Becky Christie - March 27, 2014 at 06:52 AM

BS

“ I have had many years in EMS and had the pleasure of getting to know Digger over the years. He was a great man and will b missed.

Brian Dowdy SR - March 27, 2014 at 05:53 AM

ME

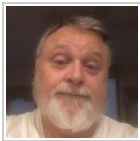
“ This was the nicest man i have ever met, when we lost our son Russell last August, this man stepped in and helped us out dearly. Him and his family at Youngs Funneral Home played a big part in our lives. and we will miss him greatly. Our hearts go out to the whole family.

Marcell Ervig - March 26, 2014 at 10:47 PM

D#

“ So proud to be able to have called him my brother. Bill was not only an outstanding man in our community but with his work as a Mason as well. He will be truly missed by many.

Donald A. Knox, PM Argyle Lodge #540 - March 26, 2014 at 10:18 PM



“ All of my family respected Bill. My mother, Arlie Hartley, was in high school with him and told of him doing hilarious stuff in high school. He certainly knew how to bestow great dignity on people at the times when they had suffered a great loss of a loved one. Blessings and peace to all of Bill's family!

Gary Butler - March 26, 2014 at 10:05 PM

CB

“ OUR PRAYERS GO OUT TO ALL OF THE FAMILY..WE KNOW HE WILL BE MISSED. THE BENCH FAMILY

Christine Bench - March 26, 2014 at 09:15 PM

LH

“ *Linda & Dale Brown Syria Highlanders lit a candle in memory of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.*



Linda & Dale Brown Syria Highlanders - March 26, 2014 at 07:59 PM

LH

"Gods Speed" Digger, you will be missed and always remembered.

Linda & Dale Brown Syria Highlanders - March 26, 2014 at 08:01 PM

LW

“ *Digger a wonderful man. He did so much for so many. God bless the Young Family. Lee & Phyllis Weber.*

Lee & Phyllis Weber - March 26, 2014 at 06:59 PM

KS

“ *My deepest sympathies to the Young family. It was always a privilege for me to work with you during my time as pastor in the Boyers/EauClaire area. You all are in my thoughts and prayers. Digger made the world a better place, and I'm sure he's resting in the arms of our Savior now. Blessings to you all,
Reverend Kathleen Soltis
Myrtle Beach, South Carolina*

Kathleen Soltis - March 26, 2014 at 06:09 PM

JM

“Joyce And Paul Montag lit a candle in memory of William F. "Digger" Young, Jr.



Joyce and Paul Montag - March 26, 2014 at 05:44 PM

YF

“The way his family admired him and his kindness, may his Love and Memories carry you through this most difficult time. God bless you all!

You Friend - March 26, 2014 at 05:41 PM

JW

“My deepest sympathies to the family of Digger. He was a kind man that could always make you smile. He was great friends with my Uncle Ron Bennett and Digger was always there for him. RIP Digger! You will be missed by many!

Joy Bennett Waller - March 26, 2014 at 05:38 PM

ST

“Digger will be dearly missed. I will miss how he always made me laugh and smile. He was one of the best! Deepest sympathy to his family and friends. He will always be remembered and loved by all who knew him. Steve & Sue Trufley

Sue Trufley - March 26, 2014 at 04:37 PM

KH

“ Digger was a unique, long time member of the Butler County Funeral Directors Association, where we hold dear our numerous memories of him. He will be missed and never forgotten.

Keri Raisley Hays - March 26, 2014 at 03:50 PM

LM

“ Bill was a good friend of my Mom, Dody (McChesney) McKain. They went all through school together, she loved him like a brother:). Tell my Mom hi for me:). Condolences to your family.
Leslie McKain

Leslie McKain - March 26, 2014 at 03:37 PM

TL

“ Thank You for your services in Butler County anytime we called you always was there.
Officer Trina Loesch
Former- Jackson Twp Police Officer now Evans City Police Department.

Trina Loesch - March 26, 2014 at 03:04 PM

TD

Digger was a wonderful person, with a humorous and comforting personality. He will be greatly missed. God's speed my friend.

Terry Dean - March 26, 2014 at 04:35 PM

DL

Our sympathy goes out to the Young Family. Digger was a kind and gracious person who will be greatly missed. RIP - The Lewis family-

Dan Lewis - March 27, 2014 at 12:57 PM

BA

I had the priveledge of playing baseball with Digger, against Digger and for Digger for many years. When I left the Butler area in 1974 he told me that whenever I came back to visit to let him know and he would have tickets to a Pirates game. You know what ? I saw a lot of Pirate games courtesy of Digger Young. I remember one time I had surgery at the old Bashline Hospital in Grove City. As I was coming out of the anesthetic I knew someone was sitting beside my bed. When I recognized who it was I asked him if he was making a personal call or a professional call. He was a great friend through the years and my condolances go out to his family.

Bill Atkinson - March 28, 2014 at 12:57 AM