



William "Bill" Cheehan

November 7, 1930 - December 23, 2025

William "Bill" Cheehan, 95, of North Tonawanda, New York, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, December 23, 2025, under the compassionate care of Schofield Residence.

Bill was the beloved husband of 64 years to Sylvia "Cindy" (Tucker) Cheehan, his loving and devoted wife. Born in Hazelton, Pennsylvania, he was the son of the late Joseph and Olive (Bradley) Cheehan. He is survived by his sister, Kathleen Shisler of Sebring, Florida, and his brother, Eugene Cheehan of Summit Hill, Pennsylvania.

A devoted father, Bill is also survived by his children: Michael Cheehan; Cheryl (Bill) Benjamin; and Tim (Terri) Cheehan. Also, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

At the age of 17, Bill left the coal mining region of Lansford, Pennsylvania, to serve his country by joining the United States Army. He proudly served as part of the Army of Occupation in Japan following World War II.

Throughout his working life, Bill held many industrial roles, including work in a steel foundry, machinery operation, facilities maintenance, machinery assembly, and as a machinist. He retired in 1993 from Keller Technology in Tonawanda, where he served as Facilities Maintenance Supervisor.

In his younger years, Bill enjoyed racing his BSA motorcycle in Ontario, Canada. However, his greatest joy came from the quiet solitude of the outdoors. He was an avid bowhunter and fisherman who especially treasured time spent deer hunting and fly fishing for trout. Bill was a lifetime member of the Frontiersmen VFW Post 7545 in Tonawanda and the LaSalle Sportsmen's Club.

During retirement, Bill and Cindy split their time between traveling and spending cherished days at his recreation camp, affectionately known as "The Cabin," nestled in the hills of New York's Southern Tier. Together, they also volunteered with Meals on Wheels, delivering food to homebound neighbors, reflecting Bill's quiet generosity.

Bill will be remembered for his strong work ethic, ability to build or fix anything, love of the outdoors, devotion to family, and humble service to his family and country. He will be deeply missed and fondly remembered by all who knew him.

The family will greet relatives and friends on Friday December 26, 2025 from 4 to 7 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 533 Meadow Drive in North Tonawanda, Where Funeral Services will be held on Saturday December 27, 2025 at 11 AM. Burial will follow in White Chapel Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to FeedMoreWNY.
<https://www.feedmorewny.org/tributes-and-memorials/>

Cemetery Details

White Chapel Memorial Park

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 26. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Wattengel Funeral Home (Meadow Drive)
533 Meadow Drive
North Tonawanda, NY 14120
(716) 693-0440
wattengelfh@gmail.com
<https://www.wattengel.com>

Funeral Service

DEC 27. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ 82 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wattengel Funeral Home - December 24, 2025 at 01:06 PM

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God bless the Cheehan family. Give them peace and comfort that Bill gave the best of his God-given talents and love to his country, his family, and his community.

Bill and Cindy have been faithful travelers with Way To Go Tours for years. I appreciate their kindness and interest in my efforts. They have been great friends and supporters. May our Heavenly Father keep you Cindy and the whole family in His Care during this time of grief.

Jerry Waldkoetter

Jerry Waldkoetter - December 29, 2025 at 01:36 PM

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“ *The Benjamin family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Cheehan.*

The Benjamin family - December 24, 2025 at 12:45 PM

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“ Bill and Cindy were always loving and caring for my parents when we were so far away. Thank you so much. Steve, Maureen and family.

Steven Tortorella - December 24, 2025 at 10:56 AM

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“ Jesse L. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William "Bill" Cheehan.



Jesse L. - December 24, 2025 at 09:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Cheehan.



December 24, 2025 at 09:11 AM

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“ Ashley planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bill" Cheehan.

Ashley - December 24, 2025 at 09:11 AM