



## William Alton Rada III

October 11, 1960 - November 21, 2016

William A. Rada III, 56, passed away on November 21, 2016, at Talbot Hospice in Easton following a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Easton, MD, on October 11, 1960, William was raised in Queenstown, the son of William A. Rada Jr. and Mary Frances "Susie" Rada. He is survived by his parents; his wife of 15 years, Alla Rada; his daughters, Janna Gilbert, Hannah Rada, Olga Drigo, Gillian Rada, and Vladislava Rada; grandchildren Kyra and Destiny Mundy, Iyona Brown, and Deven Drigo; and siblings, Tina Sappington, Kimberly Rada, Michael Rada, Amy Rada and Jason Rada. His brother, Eric Rada, and grandson, LeShane Robert Rada-Mundy, preceded him in death.

He attended schools in Queen Anne's County and graduated from Queen Anne's County High School in 1979. He was a member of the Queen Anne's County High School wrestling team, grades nine through twelve. He was a Cub Scout, Webelo, and a member of Boy Scout Troop 148 in Queenstown. He also served as an altar boy at St. Peter's Church in Queenstown and Mother of Sorrows in Centreville.

He served proudly and honorably from 1981 to 1987 in the U.S. Army and Reserve ascending to the rank of Sergeant. During this time he was stationed in Aschaffenburg, Germany, with the 1st and 4th Infantry and in Fort

Campbell, KY, with the 1st & 506th Infantry. After active duty he served in the U.S. Reserve Control Group. He received a number of meritorious distinctions including the Good Conduct Medal, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal, Air Assault Badge, Sharpshooter Badge M16 Rifle, and Sharpshooter Badge Hand Grenade.

After serving his country, he worked with his father at William A. Rada Jr. Plumbing, Heating and Air Conditioning and later for the Town of Queenstown as a wastewater treatment operator. In 1990, he went into business for himself as William A. Rada Construction and Excavation. He retired in 2015 after 25 years in business. During his years in business, he had a reputation for excellent customer service. All his life, he actively assisted the elderly and served his community.

Passionate about his family and their history, William wrote and published two books about the Rada family ancestry and drafted two additional books that he was unable to complete. He was an active contributor to the Rada family Facebook page, communicating with family members throughout the world.

A funeral service will be held Monday, November 28, 2016, at 11 AM, at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., Easton, where friends and family may call one hour prior, from 10 – 11 AM. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Peter's Cemetery, Queenstown, MD.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, are respectfully requested.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Peter's Catholic Cemetery

5319 Ocean Gateway  
Queenstown, MD 21658

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 28. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Easton Location  
200 S Harrison St  
Easton, MD 21601  
(410) 822-3131  
info@fhfuneralhome.com

## Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Alton Rada III*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Alton Rada III*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Alton Rada III*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mishelle Cummings lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



**Mishelle Cummings** - November 28, 2016 at 08:43 PM



*Hannah, so sorry for your loss.*

**Mishelle Cummings** - November 28, 2016 at 08:44 PM

CD

“ *Chesapeake College Maint. Dept. lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Chesapeake College Maint. Dept.** - November 28, 2016 at 07:18 AM

JC

“ *Anyone who knew Billy had more than one story. The antics, the sarcasm, his laugh, his fierce defense and love of his family...most of all, his heart and his kindness. Billy always knew where he was going, even if it didn't seem like it to others. Although it's been a couple of years since I last ran into him, he was the same Billy, only happier.*

*St. Peter...Eric was just the warm up act. The Rada boys are in town...you're on your own!*

*Our love, prayers and condolences to the entire Rada family.*

*John & Martha Caputo*

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**John Caputo** - November 27, 2016 at 07:37 AM

LA

“ *Lisa Lister Adkins lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Lisa Lister Adkins** - November 26, 2016 at 09:15 PM

WM

“ Cordova will not be the same now that we will never again see you walking Mugsy up and down our street. We hope you are at peace, and we know that you are finally free from all the pain and suffering you have had to endure. You put up a good fight and we will never forget you.

*The Moyer Family  
(Bill, Mary & Ray)*



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**William J. Moyer** - November 26, 2016 at 03:00 PM

PR

“ Just heard the news that Billy has past from this world. May God bless and comfort the entire family while they morn his passing.

*Will remember his smile and laughter, especially when he drove that little orange VW with the custom painting.*

*Rest now in the God's comforting presence.*

*Pam Greaves-Reed and Jack Reed*

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**Pam Reed** - November 25, 2016 at 06:00 PM

AF

“ Aunt Linda and family purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William Alton Rada III.



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**Aunt Linda and family** - November 25, 2016 at 12:53 PM

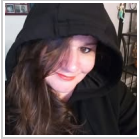
BC

“ *Bonnie Coleman sent a virtual gift in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Bonnie Coleman** - November 23, 2016 at 11:18 PM



“ *I will always remember mr. Billy as a hard working man who loved his girls. Rest in piece I know you must be up there rocking away in your rocking chair watching all of us*

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**Rachel Campbell** - November 23, 2016 at 08:35 PM

KR

“ *Requiescat in pace.  
Condolences to the family.*

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**Karel Rada** - November 23, 2016 at 04:30 PM

GC

“ *Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville sent a virtual gift in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Gene & Lynda Palmatary, Centreville** - November 23, 2016 at 12:31 PM

LP

“ *Lisa Stubbs Plummer lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Lisa Stubbs Plummer** - November 23, 2016 at 11:51 AM

JT

“ *My thoughts and prayers for the Rada family. Billy was a great guy*



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**JT Taylor** - November 23, 2016 at 08:30 AM

KA

“ *Billy will always be a sweet memory for me and my children. We moved to Queenstown in 1978 or 79 and we had a terrible blizzard that winter. Billy and Eric cleared my sidewalk and steps and they worked for cookies and hot chocolate. He would occasionally baby sit for me so I could work. My kids LOVED him! I could always count on him to help me if I needed him. I cannot count how many match box cars and socks he pulled out for the toilet from my kids who wanted to find out what could float...LOL  
My deepest sympathy to Billy's family and friends. Rest in peace sweet fellow..*

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**Kathy Abey** - November 22, 2016 at 11:35 PM

PG

“ Pam Gates lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III



Pam Gates - November 22, 2016 at 08:12 PM

TJ

“ Terrie Jarrell lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III



Terrie Jarrell - November 22, 2016 at 07:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Alton Rada III.



November 22, 2016 at 06:51 PM

MW

“ Rest easy now cousin. Thank you for your service to our country and to our family.



michele marie willey - November 22, 2016 at 06:43 PM

SE

“ *Sherri&Steve Eller lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Sherri&Steve Eller** - November 22, 2016 at 06:22 PM

RJ

“ *Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Ronnie & Rhonda Jewell** - November 22, 2016 at 05:45 PM

LB

“ *Linda Bennett lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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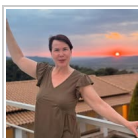
**linda bennett** - November 22, 2016 at 04:57 PM

ME

“ so sorry for your loss!!!! there is nothing i can say to you to make it any easier on you, but just no that he is not suffering anymore, and he has more in heaven than we can ever have here on earth!!!! i only met him once but he was a great guy and loved his family, just take one memory a day and cherish it that will help you through the hard times. susie, amy, mike, jason i will keep you in my thoughts and prayers i love you all to the moon and back and if you need anything please let me no !!!! melissa elsey-wynne



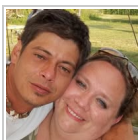
melissa elsey-wynne - November 22, 2016 at 04:56 PM



“ 2 files added to the album Billy



Alla Rada - November 22, 2016 at 04:53 PM



“ I'll love you forever, Brother.



Amy Rada - November 22, 2016 at 04:20 PM


VR

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Alla, Vlada, and the rest of the family.*

*Valarie and Jeff Robbins*

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**Valarie Robbins** - November 22, 2016 at 03:49 PM

 Sarah  
Royle

“ *You will be missed Billy.*



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**Sarah Royle** - November 22, 2016 at 03:46 PM

NB

“ *Billy will always have a special place in my heart....prayers to his family at this difficult time...*



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**Nancy Baker** - November 22, 2016 at 09:47 AM

LP

“ *Lisa Plummer lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Lisa Plummer** - November 22, 2016 at 09:40 AM

DF

“ *David E Wenck Jr & Family lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**David e Wenck jr & family** - November 22, 2016 at 04:55 AM

PM

“ *Pam Morgan lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Pam Morgan** - November 22, 2016 at 04:49 AM

JT

“ *Judy Thompson lit a candle in memory of William Alton Rada III*



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**Judy Thompson** - November 21, 2016 at 09:21 PM

JS

“ *My sweet Billy, my heart aches at your passing. You were always like my little brother. You could make me laugh and totally piss me off in the next second. I will always remember your silly laugh and your loving kindness. Thank you for your service to our country and my life is richer for having known you. I'm sure Eric was waiting at heavens gate to welcome you with open arms. You will always hold a very special place in my heart*

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**Josie Simons** - November 21, 2016 at 07:32 PM



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**Amy Rada** - November 22, 2016 at 04:17 PM

JA

“ *Rada Family- I am so sorry to hear that Billy has passed. He fought a long, hard battle. May he Rest In Peace and may God provide all of you comfort and peace. I bet Eric was waiting to welcome him home! Much love to all of you!* ”

**Jane Anthony** - November 21, 2016 at 06:59 PM