



William Vainard Garibaldi III

July 19, 2025

William Vainard Garibaldi III was born on September 22, 1947, in New Orleans, Louisiana, to the late William Vainard Garibaldi Jr. and Mary Ford Garibaldi. He peacefully transitioned from this life on July 19, 2025, following a long and courageous battle with illness.

Affectionately known as Bill, he was a proud product of New Orleans public schools, attending Valena C.

Jones Elementary, Rivers Frederick Junior High, and the legendary St. Augustine High School. As a talented trumpet player, Bill marched with pride in St. Augustine's renowned marching band, a prelude to a lifelong love of music and discipline. He earned a music scholarship to Dillard University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business and accounting.

Over the course of his distinguished career, Bill served as an Accountant and Auditor for Shell Oil Company, Director of Internal Auditing for New Orleans Public Schools, and Director of Fiscal Affairs and Operations at the New Orleans Center for Creative Arts. He was also a proud small business owner and partner in a handful of local ventures around New Orleans.

Bill was a man of the outdoors. An avid fisher and skilled hunter, he found peace on the water in his boat and pride in his collection of firearms. He relished in Mardi Gras balls, community gatherings, and was legendary for hosting family and friends with warmth, food, and spirited conversation. His

door was always open, and his glass was always full.

Bill is survived by his devoted children: Dana Marie Garibaldi, Trina Garibaldi Bob (Terence Sr.), and William Vainard Garibaldi IV—born from his union with JoAnn Robert. He loved his children deeply and was fiercely proud of them. In turn, they honored him with unwavering care and presence throughout his lengthy illness. He was the cherished grandfather of Jovan Hughes and Terence Bob Jr., and great-grandfather of Jeilah Bob.

He also leaves behind his loving siblings: Dr. Brenda Garibaldi Hatfield (Charles) of Gonzales, LA; Wanda Garibaldi Cross Liggins (Joe) of Victorville, CA; and James O'Neil Garibaldi Sr. of Denham Springs, LA.

Bill's extended circle of love includes his goddaughters, Crystal Jourdain and Tracy Kirkland, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and lifelong friends.

Relatives and friends of the family, also priest and parishioners of Corpus Christi Catholic Church are invited to attend a Funeral Mass of Christian Burial at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, 2022 St. Bernard Ave., New Orleans, LA 70117 on Tuesday, July 29, 2025 at 10:00am. Visitation will begin at 8:00am until 10:00am. Father Henry Davis, Officiating. Internment: Private. Arrangements entrusted to D.W. Rhodes Funeral Home, 3933 Washington Ave. New Orleans, LA 70125.

Cemetery Details

Private

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 29. 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
2022 St. Bernard Ave
New Orleans, LA 70117

Funeral Mass

JUL 29. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SP

“ It was always a pleasure working with Bill at NOCCA. I remember him with great fondness. My deepest condolences to Brenda and all of Bill's family. Sally Perry

Sally Perry - July 28, 2025 at 01:07 PM

JF

“ Jim Ford and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Vainard Garibaldi III.

Jim Ford and family - July 28, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JF

“ Jim Ford and family purchased the Lavender Reflections Spray for the family of William Vainard Garibaldi III.



Jim Ford and family - July 28, 2025 at 09:59 AM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Vainard Garibaldi III.



July 27, 2025 at 07:55 PM

RW

“ Richard Hatfield & Bianca Williams purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of William Vainard Garibaldi III.



Richard Hatfield & Bianca Williams - July 26, 2025 at 12:15 AM

LL

“ My heartfelt to Dana, Trina, Billy and to all that loved him so very much. As I reflect the good ole days with the kids Joann and all the family. Proud hours of a laughter filled my mind. Big Billy as I called him brought so much support and knowledge to such small task that became monumental. Al those Facebook chats through the years will always be remembered as what I say will always be of a faithful brother in law always. I am gonna miss you and will prays for those wonderful hearts and minds of my nieces and nephew.

Lona Peters Lax - July 25, 2025 at 07:52 PM

TF

“ The Cooper Family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William Vainard Garibaldi III.



The Cooper Family - July 25, 2025 at 02:56 PM

KR

“ You will be missed. All the laughs we shared on the water and on land especially with the infamous Wet Laundry Gain. Rest well William 🙏🙏🙏

Kent D Robert - July 25, 2025 at 11:19 AM