



# William Andrew Warner

NOV 5, 1947 - NOV 8, 2023



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## **William Andrew Warner**

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**W**illiam “Bill” Andrew Warner was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on November 5, 1947, to his loving parents John Frederick Warner and Edna Cooke Warner. When he was 11 years old, he moved with his family to Roswell, New Mexico. He shared stories of growing up getting lost in Nebraska’s cornfields, of visiting grandparents for summers in Billings, Montana, of playing basketball for Roswell High, and of working with his brother John at The Plains Theater, which he always proudly shared became the UFO Museum in Roswell.

When he came to San Diego, California, to go to college, he met the ocean for the first time and fell in love. While volunteering at Neighborhood House in Logan Heights, he fell in love again, this time with his wife, Julie Warner. He graduated from United States International University in 1970 with a degree in business, and a few weeks later Julie and Bill were married. He held a few different jobs upon graduation, including being a substitute teacher, an assistant manager at Longs Drugs store, and an insurance agent for Northwestern Mutual.

Always being thoughtful about the kind of difference and impact he was making in the world, Bill made the choice to become an independent health and life insurance agent so that he would not be tied to selling insurance from one sole company. This way he would have the best chance of matching a person’s needs with the policy that best suited that person. While this sounds simple, it required a lot of determination and grit. Every morning, seven days a week, he would get up at three in the morning to deliver newspapers so he could make the money that he was not yet making in his business. Then he would go home, and five days out of the week, change into his suit to set about the work of creating a means to make a living while truly helping people in a way he found meaningful. He did this for a few years until his business could support itself and his family on its own. As a testament to the service he provided his community as an independent insurance agent, his clients remained loyal customers for years, even decades, and referred other people to him to help them with their insurance needs. He was also active in the Health Underwriters Association to advocate for his profession as a means to help the community, including working with legislators.



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Bill was a loving father, and his love spilled over into the communities that his children were in. He was active in scouting in various roles, including Scoutmaster, where he guided youth on the journey to becoming thoughtful citizens and shared his passionate love of and respect for nature and the outdoors. Scouts always looked forward to an adventure canoeing the Colorado River every year because Bill cared enough to complete the required training to be water-trek certified and lead the planning for this fun-filled outing. He also volunteered as a religious education teacher at St. Mary Magdalene Church, took food to God's Extended Hand for the homeless, and very much enjoyed singing in the church choir together with his wife. In short, he was always there to contribute in whatever way he could.

Throughout his life, Bill acted upon his belief in a God that loved everyone, and he demonstrated this with family as well as humanity as a whole. He passed away at the age of 76 years on November 8, 2023. He was preceded in death by his sisters Carolyn Myers and Mary Sue Warner, and is survived by his brother John Warner, all from Albuquerque, New Mexico. He leaves behind his wife Julie, his children Andrew, Lorena, and Paul, as well as his grandchildren Miguel, Mario, Isai, Logan, and Ethan. The best way to remember and honor Bill is to find your own way to make a difference and to continue the work of making our shared world a better and more loving place for all. In life, Bill donated to the Community Christian Service Agency (CCSA), KPBS, and the Sequoia Parks Conservancy, among many others. Please feel free to make a contribution to or volunteer at any charity of your choosing to remember him.

Services will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Church (1945 Illion Street, San Diego, CA 92110) on Saturday, December 9th. Rosary at 9:30am, Memorial Mass at 10:00am, followed by a reception in the church hall.




# Events


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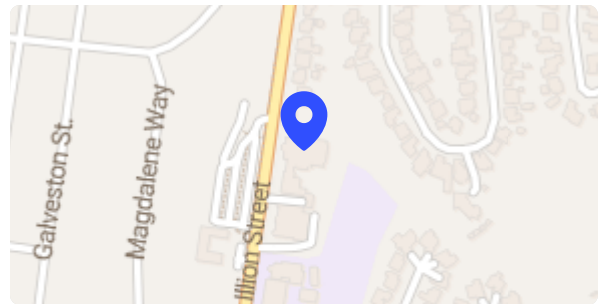
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## Rosary

 **Saturday**, December 9, 2023

 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM PT

 **Saint Mary Magdelene Church**  
1945 Illion St , San Diego CA 92110

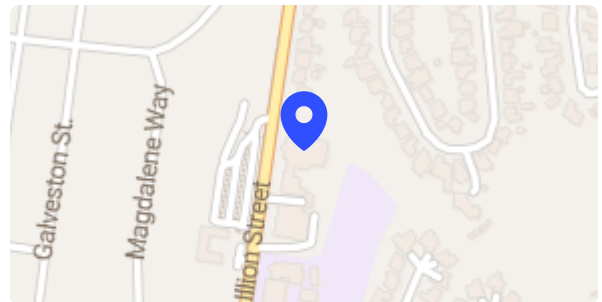


## Memorial Mass

 **Saturday**, December 9, 2023


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT

 **Saint Mary Magdelene Church**  
1945 Illion St , San Diego CA 92110

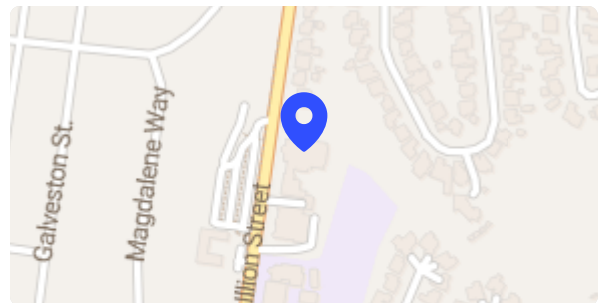


## Reception

 **Saturday**, December 9, 2023

 11:00 AM - 1:30 PM PT

 **Saint Mary Magdelene Church**  
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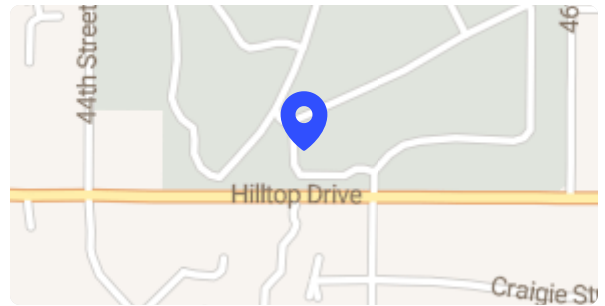
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## Placement of Cremated remains


 **Tuesday**, December 12, 2023

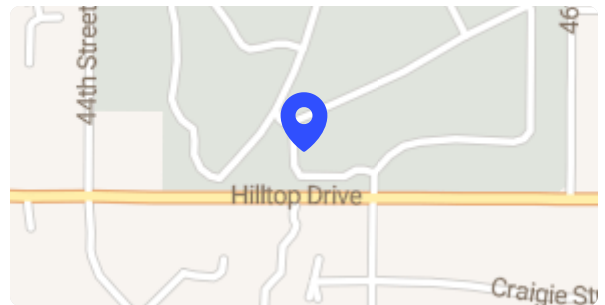
 **Holy Cross Cemetery**  
4470 Hilltop Drive, San Diego CA 92102

- ⦿ All are welcome to visit Bill's inurned cremains at Holy Cross Cemetery and Mausoleum starting Tuesday, December 12, 2023.



## Cemetery Details

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## Tribute Wall

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JM

**Joel Marcus** posted:

I have such fond memories of my dear friend Bill. We knew each other for over 25 years, first as insurance associates and then as friends. Through the years we had many lunch dates talking about business, our families and life in general. His number one passion in life was his family. For many years together we shared spreading joy and love to the children of the Rady Children's Hospital Special Needs Clinic and the Helen Bernardy Center at their annual SDAHU sponsored holiday party. Bill was always there to help whether fund raising, attending all planning meetings, or helping purchase toys. Bill and Julie also worked together greeting children, parents and care givers as they entered the holiday party and were so helpful interpreting for our Spanish speaking guests. Bill was my #1 Elf with his beautiful smile and big hugs and the children adored him. He always had a kind word for everyone. Bill will be remembered as a very kind and sweet soul by all who were privileged to know him. To call him my good friend is an honor and I will miss him. Reggie and I send our condolences to Julie and his family. Joel Marcus

December 9 at 4:09 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Serene Reflections Bouquet to the Warner family.



December 8 at 9:25 AM

MT

**Michael Faydo And Steven Teixeira** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



December 8 at 9:25 AM

SV

**Sarah Vo** posted:

Bill was always a bright light in the world. I grew up with him, as Lorena and I have been friends since we were 7. He was always kind and funny, and was never short on stories to tell. As an adult, he always made sure to ask about my girls and my parents. I'll miss his chuckle, his smiles, his constant love and support, and his bright, bright light.

December 8 at 9:23 AM



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December 8 at 7:43 AM

LS

**Love & Prayers, Pamela Swan** sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Warner family.

December 5 at 6:04 AM



LS

**Love & Prayers, Pamela Swan** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

December 5 at 6:04 AM



KM

**Katherine M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

December 4 at 3:40 PM





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BI

**Bob Indseth** posted:

We walked the same streets in the neighborhood as our families were growing up, and although I've known him for nearly 40 years, I never realized how close we were in our beginnings. Both from the Midwest and born just a day apart, there was a strong reason why he was so familiar. His warmth and friendliness greeted you with a smile and an open heart whenever you encountered him. It would be a better world if there were more like him, but we are all richer for having him in our lives and I will always be looking for the unique walk by which I could identify him half-a-block-away. bob indseth

December 4 at 11:36 AM

GS

**Gabrielle Silao** lit a candle in honor of William.

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December 4 at 9:56 AM



GS

**Gabrielle Silao** posted:

Bill was a kind and generous person who always wanted to help others. I worked for him for several years when he was working out of the Hesselebarth Insurance Office. I will never forget the day before my heart surgery. I stopped by his office, and he prayed with my sister and myself. I always felt those prayers, and Julie's prayers played a great deal in my speedy recovery. (We always said that "Julie has a special gift when she prays.") My heartfelt condolences to Bill's family, He will be missed deeply by all the people whose lives he touched.

December 4 at 9:54 AM

SS

**Stephen M Shushan** posted:

I was a neighbor of Bill and Julie for over 20 years. Bill was the nicest person. Friendly and always wanting to help others. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. Steve Shushan

December 3 at 12:38 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Warner family.

December 3 at 11:13 AM





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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Warner family.



December 3 at 9:09 AM



**Daniel, Kelly, And Mark Lind** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



December 3 at 9:09 AM



**Kathleen Korn** shared 2 photos to the **Tribute Wall** album.

I knew Bill for over 20 years through SDAHU's support of Rady Children's Hospital Special Needs Clinic and The Bernardy Center. Bill helped raise money and gather gifts for the annual Holiday Party. He and his wife Julie would joyfully staff the event by helping Spanish-speaking families. Bill was one of the kindest people I've ever known. I will always remember his sweet smile. Thank you Bill for your support and friendship. My condolences to Julie and his family. Kathleen Korn



November 21 at 7:41 AM



**Larry And Patty Fulton** posted:

We have known Bill and Julie since our oldest son Chris was born in 1975. We joined a babysitting cooperative in the area and Bill and Julie were also members with Andrew. We have literally spent a lifetime in friendship with them. Bill has always been someone who wanted to help out people. His work with the boy scouts was wonderful. He helped with so many activities so these boys could grow to be strong young men. He almost single-handedly trained the boys in canoeing and arranged to bring trailer fulls of canoes and equipment to the Colorado River for overnight long distance canoe hikes. His son Andrew and our son Chris both obtained their Eagle Scout at the same time. Bill is also the one who helped me start teaching Sunday School at St Mary Magdalene 20 years ago. He was always full of encouragement for me personally and of course Julie has also been an angel in my life along with Bill. He was always over the years asking what can I do to help? His career in the health insurance business was run the same way as everything else. Everybody else's wants and needs came first and he always put that before his own goals. If ever there was a man who lived his faith in God everyday it was Bill. He was a quiet servant who never made a big deal about what he was doing but it was always in his mind. I am so sorry that I won't see him anymore but he won't leave my heart and I will always remember the examples that he set for me.

November 29 at 12:58 PM



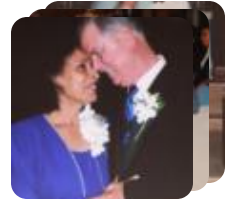
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CL

**Carole Lecren** shared 3 photos to the **Family Photos** album.



November 21 at 7:41 AM

EU

**Eleanor Unger** posted:

Bill was a true gentleman and a great friend and colleague to my late husband, David. Our condolences to his family. Eleanor Unger

November 27 at 3:44 PM

JL

**Joan Lonie** posted:

Bill was the most caring person I have ever had the opportunity to work with. He would call and always cared so much for all of our family and how could he help with all our insurance needs. He was just a beautiful person. Our condolences to his family. Bill was a true friend and we will always remember him. Joan Lonie

November 22 at 4:31 AM

MC

**Michael Cummings** posted:

Uniquely giving person. A good friend since 1990. Always positive

November 21 at 7:19 PM

MS

**Michelle Schumacher** posted:

Bill you will be dearly missed, you were so lovely and wonderful to work with. Thank you for your time care and attention over the years. Prayers to your family and enjoy your heavenly home.

November 21 at 7:41 AM



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December 3 at 4:31 AM





# Media

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**Carole Lecren** shared 3 photos to the **Family Photos** album.

November 28 at 2:03 PM





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## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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