



## William Patrick Risch

November 28, 2020

William (Billy) Patrick Risch, age 54, of East Windsor, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, November 28, 2020 at his home. Born in Montclair, he lived in Toms River prior to moving to East Windsor 21 years ago. He was a Sales Manager of International Shipping for Hapag-Lloyd in Piscataway. Cargo really was his passion.

Billy was a proud Toms River High School North Hall of Fame inductee, as part of the 1983 State Champion soccer team. He was a member of the Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity at Belmont Abbey College, where he made many lifelong friends. Billy was a die hard, loyal Jets fan, through thick and thin. He was a true family man, that would go out to his way to do anything for his wife, children, family, neighbors and friends. A man that made every individual he spoke with feel loved and special, whether you were a close friend or an acquaintance.

He was predeceased by his father, Justin "Judd" Risch; his father in law and mother in law, Edward and Bonny Beecher.

Billy is survived by his loving wife of 26 years, Debbie Risch (Wilson); children, Kevin Risch and Erica Risch; mother, Marlene Risch; sisters, Denise Decker and Kathy Lenz and her husband, Mike. He is also survived by his brother in law, Dale Wilson and his wife, Lori; nieces and nephews, Allison Lenz, Zachary, Philip and Soren Wilson, Travis and Megan Decker, his beloved dog, Molly, and grandpuppy Sadie.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 2, 2020 from 4-7pm at Carmona Bolen Home for Funerals, 412 Main St., Toms River. A funeral service will be held Thursday at 10:30am at the funeral home. Interment will follow at Old Tennent Cemetery, Tennent, NJ.

Condolences may be sent to <http://www.carmonabolenfh.com>.

# Events

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**DEC**   **Visitation**   04:00PM - 07:00PM

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Carmona - Bolen - Toms River

412 Main Street, Toms River, NJ, US, 08753

**DEC**   **Funeral Service**   10:30AM

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Carmona - Bolen - Toms River

412 Main Street, Toms River, NJ, US, 08753

# Comments

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“ So very sorry for your loss. You all are in our thoughts and prayers~

With heaviest hearts~  
Rick, Lisa, Courtney and AJ Jaworowski  
Fort Mill, South Carolina



**Lisa Jaworowski** - December 06, 2020 at 05:19 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing  
I had the pleasure of working with Bill back in the mid-90's in Woodbridge  
He was a great member of a great team  
My sympathy's and prayers with the family

Rob Leventhal

**robert leventhal** - December 03, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Bill over several years at Hapag-Lloyd. He was passionate about his work and sincerely kind to everyone he came in contact with. We shared many stories about youth ice hockey as both our families were involved in the sport. I am thankful to have known him.  
My thoughts and prayers to his family and friends at this difficult time.



**Bill H** - December 03, 2020 at 10:58 AM

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“ I’ve been in a state of numbness since I heard the sad news of Bill’s passing. Bill and I have know each other for 10 years or so from our time at Hapag-Lloyd  
I really started to get to know him from visiting GSA meetings in Fort Myers. Bill was very competitive and GSA was his baby so at first my involvement was a bit difficult. As time went on we grew into good friends and relied on each other  
One day Bill called me to ask about the NY/NJ Managers position. He valued my advice  
I told him to go for it and that he’d be perfect in that position  
Over the past few years we grew from colleagues to become close friends and confidants. We trusted each other. We spoke almost daily about work and life. Bill understood me and vice versa. We talked about our families. Bill spoke about Debbie but even more about Erica and Kevin  
He was a proud Dad. He bragged about them and I feel like I know them. He loved Debbie and wanted me to know that.  
We talked about the challenges at work. As sales managers there are always challenges  
Bill wanted and warranted respect. When he spoke, people listened  
I’m going to miss him. Going to Fort Myers will NEVER be the same. I’ll miss his calls and his friendship.  
I’ll miss being called a Massachusetts liberal by him.  
The world sucks without Bill.

**Eric Brenner** - December 03, 2020 at 10:47 AM

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“ A great colleague , a better person ..  
May the love of family & friends help you through this very difficult time .  
Mike Johnson

**Michael Johnson** - December 03, 2020 at 10:19 AM

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“ To the Risch Family,

Such a great guy. Have known Bill since mid 1990's while at Hyundai. When I came to Hapag LLOYD, he was instrumental in bringing me into sales. Since then, he became a great friend as well as colleague. An absolute family man who doted on his wife and children. To say I and all will miss him is an understatement. Please take comfort in knowing Bill has touched and befriended everyone he knew. Always long talks about music and sports and family. I hope to one day meet him again. Please know I wish you peace and comfort at this time and smile in time with great memories.

Always,  
George Pollock

**George Pollock** - December 03, 2020 at 10:01 AM

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“ To Bill's family,

I am very sorry for the loss that you and your family have encountered. My condolences.

Dominick Licciardone

**Dominick Licciardone** - December 02, 2020 at 11:28 PM

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“ I am so sorry for this tremendous loss. Bill was a great friend to me at work. I met him 5 years ago when I became part of the HL family and he helped me to get acclimated to the new company. He challenged and inspired me to always be better at whatever I did and was a trusted advisor. I will miss the days of sales meetings in Atlanta, spending down time at Taco Mac catching up. I'll miss his phone calls just to check in and talk shop and family. Mostly family. He was so proud of you all. Family and friends were always first with Bill, Rest in peace, my friend. You are greatly missed by so many.



**June Leto** - December 02, 2020 at 11:26 PM

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“ Chris Allen lit a candle in memory of William Patrick Risch



Chris Allen - December 02, 2020 at 07:02 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 02, 2020 at 05:21 PM

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“ I knew Bill well for only about 4-5 years but anyone who saw us together would have thought we were besties since grade school. That is just how Bill rolled. He was there for me in every way professionally and privately.

Bigger than life in so many ways. I will miss his laugh, I will miss his jokes, may even miss hearing the same stories over and over. One thing you wouldn't normally see that I will miss most is just a short text, note or call when something reminded him of me. If he passed a landmark I spoke about, or heard a Springsteen song, saw a sign that reminded him of some inside joke he would always just send a text and a pic, and it always brought a smile.

Bills devotion to Deb and pride for the kids was the essence of who he was as a person. Everything came back to that center for him. The smile was always bigger when Kevin scored a goal or got a new job or Erica aced a class or even just he and Deb had a nice lunch on the boardwalk.

The outpouring of best wishes from around the world really is just the greatest testament to how many lives touched. How many people who appreciated their interaction big or small with my friend Bill. I was lucky to know you.

PJ

**PJ McGrath** - December 02, 2020 at 03:57 PM

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“ Dear Risch Family,

I'm very sorry to hear about Bill's passing. We worked together at TMM Lines from '99-'01, starting in Secaucus, then moving to Woodbridge. We worked hard and had a lot of fun along the way. We enjoyed talking about our football teams and playing golf. He was very proud of his children, and whenever we'd bump into each other over the years, we'd talk about our kids and catch up on our careers, and mutual friends in the industry. Bill has had a positive impact on me, and many people in the shipping business, and will be dearly missed. I know that once this pandemic is over, his friends and colleagues will gather to celebrate his life.

John O'Brien

**John J O'Brien** - December 02, 2020 at 02:16 PM

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“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 02, 2020 at 10:44 AM

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“ Debbie,  
Sorry to hear of your husbands passing. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.  
Please accept our deepest condolences.

**Jim Tiknis & Tom Caufield** - December 02, 2020 at 10:13 AM

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“ Valerie Fudala lit a candle in memory of William Patrick Risch



**Valerie Fudala** - December 02, 2020 at 09:41 AM

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“ I attended high school with Bill, and he was always a good friend. We played on the same Little League team, and he was always there to make you smile and laugh.  
God bless.  
Robert Fairweather

**Robert fairweather** - December 02, 2020 at 09:23 AM

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“ Very saddened to hear that Bill passed. He was such a personable guy and great colleague. Great wit and personality. I remember we talked about youth hockey and how he was so excited to learn that my son was interested in ice hockey. Of course, he was very passionate about his own children and their life goals. He will be missed. God be with you all in this time.  
David DiSclafani, Hapag-Lloyd

David Disclafani - December 02, 2020 at 09:10 AM

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“ Eileen Hendershot lit a candle in memory of William Patrick Risch



Eileen Hendershot - December 01, 2020 at 09:32 PM

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“ So sad the hear the passing of a good friend. An incredible competitor who helped me in so many ways with “ acclimating “ to a Hapag Lloyd world. We shared many laughs and customer discussions but again the true focus in his life was his family!

My sincere condolences to Debbie, Kevin and Erica. Bill and I exchanged Holiday wishes only last week, I will miss him.

Dennis

Dennis Sheehan - December 01, 2020 at 09:30 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 01, 2020 at 09:28 PM



“ So sad to hear of Bill's passing. I knew Bill through our work and always enjoyed his visits. Bill was so proud of his family and always had an update on how everyone was doing. My sincerest condolences to Bill's family and many friends.

**Jeff Bundens** - December 01, 2020 at 07:04 PM

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“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 01, 2020 at 04:36 PM

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“ I have worked with Bill for several years and on reflecting back, the utmost thing that stands out is his devotion to his family. He was so incredibly proud of his children and would never miss an opportunity to give us an update on what was going on in their lives and detail their many accomplishments. Bill will be very missed, not only for his kind demeanor, but his sense of humor and infectious laugh. So very sorry for your loss.

**Jessica Niederhaus** - December 01, 2020 at 04:11 PM

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“ Thoughts & prayers to the Risch family! I worked with Bill within the Hapag-Lloyd organization and he was a nice guy to work with and as always helpful. He will be missed. My deepest condolences go out to his family. - Vanessa Caldwell Hapag-Lloyd Detroit



**Vanessa Caldwell** - December 01, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 01, 2020 at 03:53 PM

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“ Thoughts & prayers to the Risch family! I worked closely with Bill the past few months at Hapag and he will be missed.  
My condolences,  
Kimberly Becker



**Kimberly Becker** - December 01, 2020 at 03:00 PM

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“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 01, 2020 at 01:22 PM

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“ Ines Reinhardt lit a candle in memory of William Patrick Risch



**Ines Reinhardt** - December 01, 2020 at 09:59 AM

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“ Aunt Peggy and Richard, Cecy, Megan & Chris Peters purchased the Loving Grace for the family of William Patrick Risch.



**Aunt Peggy and Richard, Cecy, Megan & Chris Peters** - December 01, 2020 at 07:21 AM

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“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



December 01, 2020 at 03:39 AM

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“ Debbie, Kevin and Erica -

Very saddened to hear about Bill's passing and our thoughts are with you all.

Had some very good times during our mutual time as NJ Stars parents (your Kevin and our Cole) and Bill was always one of our favorites to be around. He was a such a good guy and had an incredibly loud voice good for yelling at bad referees!

Know that our thoughts are with you and we'll all miss Bill.

Todd, Kim, Kelsey, Cole & Zoe

**Todd Sousa** - November 30, 2020 at 08:10 PM



“ My heart is sad. We were neighbors in Toms River and good friends of the Risch family. When Bill was out of college, my husband told him he could call him Steve instead of Mr Burchett. He tried to call him Steve but he had a difficult time. We laughed a lot about that. Bill was so polite and respectful.

My deepest sympathy goes out to Debbie, his wife, and his children as well as Marlene, Denice and Cathy. You're in my prayers and will continue to be in my prayers. May God bless each of you in the days, weeks and months ahead. I love you all. Marcette Burchett Vaughan

**Marcette** - December 01, 2020 at 11:03 AM

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“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 07:10 PM

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“ Dear Debbie, Kevin and Erica,

It seems like only yesterday that we were all working together in Hoboken or going to some old guy's birthday party in Tampa. Time flies, but great memories last forever and my very good friend Bill will be sorely missed. Please accept our deepest sympathy.

Love,

Doug & Senita Wray

**doug wray** - November 30, 2020 at 07:08 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 06:56 PM

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“ Debbie, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. My prayers are with you and the family through this very difficult time. May God comfort you. Keep those good memories close.

**Caroline Koveleski** - November 30, 2020 at 06:18 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 06:15 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 06:07 PM

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“ To the Risch Family,  
I'm sorry to hear this sad news. I was a classmate of Bills. I remember how hyped up he would be on game day. I couldn't wait to hear about the outcome of the game in English class. His excitement made you love the game of soccer, as much as, he did. Those memories of Bill; I will remember always.  
My deepest sympathy to his family. You'll be in my thoughts and prayers, during this difficult time of sorrow. Rest peacefully Bill....God Bless!



**Cathy Murphy** - November 30, 2020 at 05:10 PM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 04:26 PM

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“ To Bill's family, friends and colleagues, I'm very sorry for your loss and wish you strength in the difficult days ahead.

We were clients of Bill's for the last 13 years, and he was someone we always looked forward to spending time with. His great sense of humor, expertise, and direct but friendly approach made it a pleasure to work with him...even better to have a beer and dinner with. We met him around the world, and truly appreciated his support and friendship.

Bill will be deeply missed by all of us.

On behalf of myself, and the Global Shippers Association, our sincere condolences.  
Mark Chadwick

**Mark Chadwick** - November 30, 2020 at 04:16 PM

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“ Condolences to the family.. Abbey classmate that I remember as a great caring guy.  
RIP Flip

**Brenda Iovino** - November 30, 2020 at 03:58 PM

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“ No words can describe how sorry I am for your loss. I was very lucky to work with Bill. He was always a good friend and able to listen anytime. It is said you don't really know someone until you travel with them. I will never forget our business trips and success we had. Thank you for everything you have done for me. Always grateful. Please accept my deepest sympathy.

My condolences,  
Arzuman Amrahov

**Arzuman Amrahov** - November 30, 2020 at 03:55 PM

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“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 03:21 PM

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“ God Bless. I worked with Billy and his Mom at Howard Johnson's and he was always such fun. I remember driving him to a Beach Boys concert in Atlantic City -- what a good time! —Bonnie



**Jonnie Bones** - November 30, 2020 at 03:07 PM

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“ So sad to learn of the passing of a true character, friend and my ‘Big Brother’ at Belmont Abbey College. A true ‘Son of Suite 101’ Flipper was a good man! Deepest condolences and warmest regards to all the Risch Family!

John A Boa III  
Boulder, Colorado

**john a boa III** - November 30, 2020 at 03:02 PM

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“ Deb, Kevin, and Erica,

I am so very, very sorry for your loss. Bill was a great man and made a lasting impact on everyone that knew him. I could always count on him to ask "How you doin'?", followed quickly with a nod of the head and then "How's the family?". He was quick to put others first.

When we moved to NJ, back from Germany, he was quick to show me the ropes and take an inordinate amount of time to welcome my family and I to NJ. And... I clearly also remember him volunteering Deb to drive me to the office from the Residence Inn! His giving had no limits.

I loved hearing of Kevin's hockey updates and Erica's college experiences through the voice of a proud Dad.

I will miss him as a man and a friend. I wish you comfort and peace, for this holiday season and for the years to come. Bill will not be forgotten.

Sincerely,  
Stuart Sandlin

**Stuart Sandlin** - November 30, 2020 at 02:44 PM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 12:33 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 12:24 PM

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“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 30, 2020 at 11:10 AM

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“ I feel very lucky to have been one of Flips friends from The Abbey. He had an infectious laugh, always looked at the positive side of things and would do anything for his friends. I hope my happy memories of Flip bring some warmth to the family at this time. Scott Morgan

**scott morgan** - November 29, 2020 at 07:54 PM

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Patrick Risch.



November 29, 2020 at 07:48 PM