



William J. Fornia

June 22, 1971 - May 30, 2021

William J. Fornia 49, of Bonita Springs, FL, and a former resident of Columbus, OH died unexpectedly on May 30, 2021, at his residence after suffering a fatal heart attack. He was born June 22, 1971, in Youngstown, OH a son of the late William B. Fornia and Patricia D. (Hohing) Scoccia who survives.

He graduated from Youngstown State University in 2000 where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. While at Youngstown, Bill was on the Dean's List in 7 of the 11 quarters he attended. He was also the Chapter President and a member of Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society. He then attended Capital University Law School in Columbus, OH, and received his Juris Doctor degree in May of 2003. He also was on Dean's List in the spring of 2002 and received the CALI Book award for Mediation.

After graduating and receiving his law degree he formed his own firm with two partners, Fornia, Luftmann, and Heck in Columbus. He also had a passion for education and taught school at a local college. He currently was working for Magurie, Schneider and Hassey, LLP in Columbus and teaching virtual classes at Eastern Gateway Community College.

Bill was an avid sports fan, loved music, and was a fantastic cook. But the one he loved the most was being a dad to his daughter, Olivia.

He is survived by his daughter, Olivia R. Fornia of Naples, FL; his mother and stepfather, Patricia D. and Frank A. Scoccia of Bonita Springs, FL, his uncles, Anthony (Nancy) Clark of Lancaster, PA and Robert Clark of Middletown, VA; his aunts, Beverly (Albert) Scoccia of Parish, FL and Connie (Ron) Rinaldi of Phenix, AL; and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his father, William B. Fornia, a brother, Michael Fornia who died at birth, his maternal grandparents, his paternal grandparents, and his uncle, Charles Hohing.

His family will receive friends on Sunday, June 6, 2021, from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home 28300 So. Tamiami Tr. Bonita Springs, FL. His funeral service will begin at 12:30 PM. Burial will follow at Palm Royale Cemetery, Naples, FL.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to an Education Funds for his daughter, Olivia. Donations can be sent to his mother, Patricia D. Scoccia 16315 Lombardo Pl., Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

Bill's favorite quote was by Sir Isaac Newton and he once said, "If I have seen farther, it is only by standing on the shoulders of Giants."

Thank all of you for being the Giants in my life.

To sign his guest register or to leave online condolences, please visit www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home Family Owned and Operated Since 1978.

Cemetery Details

Palm Royale Cemetery

6780 Vanderbilt Beach Road
Naples, FL 34119

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home
28300 Tamiami Trail So.
Bonita Springs, FL 34134
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Funeral Service

JUN 6. 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ *Merce Marie lit a candle in memory of William Fornia*



merce marie - July 15, 2024 at 08:46 AM



“ *William J. Fornia*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM

MA

“ *I'm so incredibly sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I used to babysit Liv when she lived in Ohio and became friends with her dad that way. I always loved seeing his FB posts with his daughter, especially all the yummy meals he would cook with her. I can only imagine how difficult this loss has been for Olivia and Bill's family, especially his mom. Prayers will be sent out for your continued healing.*

Marisol - May 13, 2023 at 07:04 PM

RP

“ *So sorry for the family's loss. I will always remember the good times I had with one of my old friends, Richard Poppelriter*

Richard Poppelriter - June 09, 2021 at 01:43 PM

LP

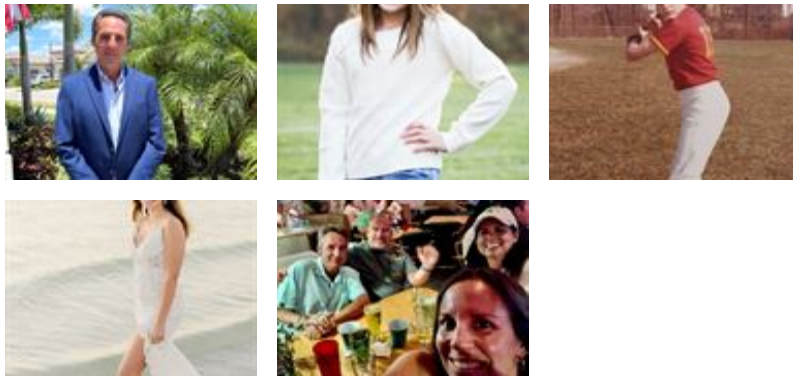
“ Bill and I were colleagues and friends. When we weren't discussing the law the conversation turned to music and our children. He had me learn to play and sing “Bell Bottom Blues” for him because he used to sing it when he sang in a rock and roll band in Y-town. Today I played it in his honor. Rock on Bill....until we meet again at the great gig in the sky.

Lori Pritchard

Lori Pritchard - June 06, 2021 at 01:57 PM



“ 24 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - June 06, 2021 at 10:20 AM

AH

“ *Patty and Frank:
I was so heartbroken when I heard you lost
your son. I can only imagine what a wonderful
young man he was with a mother like you.
My prayers and thoughts are with you both
during this heart wrenching time.
We love you and Frank and will always be here for you.*



All my love

Abby Hagen & Kevin Hagen ❤️

Abby Hagen - June 05, 2021 at 05:36 PM

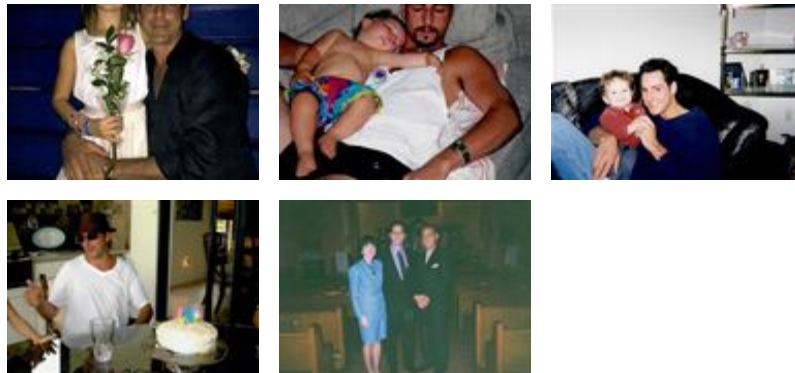
BR

*Patty and Frank, I'm so sorry for your loss. As well as I knew Bill back
in the day when I saw this I was devastated way too young. I'll be
praying for you* 🙏❤️

Bob Reardon - June 06, 2021 at 11:32 PM



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Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - June 05, 2021 at 03:01 PM



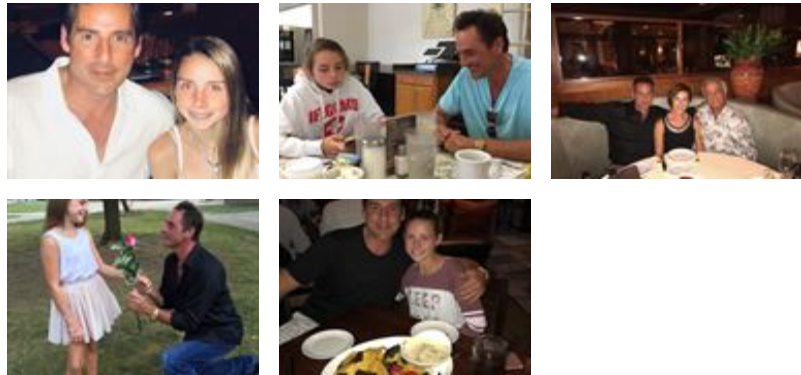
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Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - June 05, 2021 at 11:47 AM



“ 35 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home - June 04, 2021 at 06:40 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of *William J. Fornia*.



June 04, 2021 at 05:01 PM

MW

“ We were so very sad to hear of Bill’s passing. My husband and I live a couple doors down from Bill at Bonita Fairways. We enjoyed seeing him almost every day and of course at our community pool. He talked about Olivia all the time and was very proud of her. He was very happy with his new job and enjoyed what he was doing. He will be missed.

Our condolences Mary and Eddie Walsh

mary walsh - June 04, 2021 at 02:44 PM

PT

“ My condolences to Pat, Frank and Olivia, and to the rest of Bill's family and many friends. I met Bill when he became friends with my son in elementary/middle school all those years ago. He was always a pleasure to be around. Loved it when he hung out at the house, especially during the Penguin Stanley Cup years in the early 90's. Bill was a wonderful father and a good friend to many...and a great pal to those that he bonded with back in school. I, along with all others mourn you Bill. And along with those long time pals, I love you and will miss you Goose.

Paul Trafficante

Paul Trafficante - June 04, 2021 at 12:16 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Forna.



June 04, 2021 at 10:12 AM

NR

“ We were so very sad to hear of Bill’s passing. We enjoyed his company at the pool where he was working lol and proudly spoke of his daughter. We live in his building and just wanted to extend our deepest sympathy to the family. Fondly Vinnie & Nancy Ritone

nancy ritone - June 04, 2021 at 07:33 AM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. Fornia.



June 03, 2021 at 10:06 PM



“ I met Goose when I met my husband and all I can say is, I instantly felt like I knew him forever ❤️
He had a way of lighting up a room as soon as he walked in. I will miss our long talks and talking about our birthdays only being a day apart.

My love and prayers go out to his family and his special Olivia who he spoke of so often.

I will miss you Goose!!!

All my Love, Lisa 💕

Lisa Hawks Kollar - June 03, 2021 at 08:31 PM

MW

“ *Patty, Olivia and Frank,
Sorry for your loss and sincere condolences to you all and your
extended family and friends.
Please let me know if there is anything you need.
You are in my prayers.*

Much love.

*Mark Wilkins.
Mark and Rita.*

xx

Mark Wilkins - June 03, 2021 at 10:59 AM

MM

“ *Patty, Olivia & extended family & friends, So heartbroken for your
loss! Bill & I just hooked up on FB 18 mo ago. I sent pics from his
younger days as I had been going thru family albums. He really
cherished his time with Olivia! Sending heart-felt prayers this week
& always. Marjorie Morley*

Marjorie Morley - June 02, 2021 at 09:42 PM

JS

“ *I loved this night with you and Olivia. Dave and I miss you so much.
I'm so thankful to have you as a friend. You truly are an angel
among us.*



Jen Stamolis - June 02, 2021 at 08:15 PM

JS

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Jen Stamolis - June 02, 2021 at 08:14 PM

JK

“ John & I want to express how much we valued our relationship with Bill. He & our son-in-law, Dominic were best friends. He was such a loving, caring person who always said “If you need anything, just call me”. We welcomed him & Olivia into our family’s events. His deep love for Olivia was so heartwarming— he was devoted to her. Bill will be sadly missed by our family. God bless his soul as he’s welcomed into God’s eternal care. 🙏 To Olivia—Your Dad loved you so much; he was so proud of you. You were truly blessed to have such a loving relationship with your wonderful Dad! Remember, we all deeply care about you. 💜 We will continue our prayers for you. 🙏 We will continue to pray for you.

John & Marita Kaminski - June 02, 2021 at 07:02 PM

TC

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Rest in peace William. Butch and Toni Clark

Toni Clark - June 02, 2021 at 05:23 PM

AC

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Anthony Clark - June 02, 2021 at 04:30 PM

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Anthony Clark - June 02, 2021 at 04:15 PM

JS

This is the Billy I love and remember. Pat very sorry, I shall miss him.. take care, God bless 🙏🙏

Judy stevenson - June 02, 2021 at 08:42 PM

JB

“ *Pat and Frank,
Nancy and I send our sincere condolences and our thoughts and prayers are with you.*

jerry Baum - June 02, 2021 at 03:44 PM

CB

*Pat and family, Bob and I are sincerely sorry for your loss. I haven't seen Billy since he was a toddler but my heart breaks for you. You have our condolences.
Sincerely my dear friend, Carole and Bob Baluch*

Carole Baluch - June 02, 2021 at 07:56 PM

PE

“ *My condolences to you. He was always so kind.*

Penny - June 02, 2021 at 03:38 PM

JS

Billy, or "B" as our family affectionately called him. I feel I have lost another son. So many wonderful times boating and vacationing together. Loved him and will sorely miss him. ❤️

Judy stevenson - June 02, 2021 at 08:14 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William J. Fornia.*



June 02, 2021 at 02:45 PM

AC

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Anthony Clark - June 02, 2021 at 02:41 PM

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“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Anthony Clark - June 02, 2021 at 02:32 PM