



## William J. "Bill" Besaw



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MANNSVILLE — Mr. Besaw died unexpectedly, at his home, Saturday morning, August 8th. He was born July 17, 1941 in Watertown the son of Julius E. and Marion Dekin, Besaw. He graduated from Mannsville-Manor Central School in 1959 and from SUNY Cortland in 1963. He received his Masters Degree from Syracuse University in 1970 and a Degree in Advanced Studies in Science Education, also from Syracuse University in 1974. He started his teaching career at the Chestnut Middle School in Liverpool in 1963. He married Sandra Gundersen November 21, 1964 in Trinity Episcopal Church in Syracuse. Following their marriage they moved to

Mannsville, and he retired from Pulaski Academy & Central School in 1996 after 27 years, as a teacher and science administrator.

For the past 31 years he has been a Town Justice for the Town of Ellisburg, and he was proud of the fact he had officiated at over 200 weddings. He was treasurer of the Mannsville-Manor Fire Department for many years and was an EMT on the Mannsville Rescue Squad. He enjoyed traveling throughout the states as well as overseas. He spent his winters in Florida and when home his pleasure was working on his camp ground in the village.

He is survived by his wife, Sandra of Mannsville; a daughter and her husband, Kelly and Major Louis Gallo of Fairview Heights, IL; two sons, Jon and his companion Charlotte Reid of Mannsville, and Tom and his wife Kim of Mannsville; a sister and her husband, Diane and Duane Bishop of Raytown, MO; 7 grandchildren, a niece and a nephew; and his companion for the past 25 years, Mary Keck of Mannsville.