

**William L. Beck III**  
**May 13, 1936 - September 1, 2012**

**William L. Beck III**, age 76, of Freeville, New York passed away September 1, 2012 at the Cayuga Medical Center at Ithaca. "Bill" was born May 13, 1936 in Cortland, NY a son of the late William L. Beck, Jr. and Lois Hart Beck. He was graduated from Dryden High School and has been a lifelong resident of the area.

Bill served 2 years overseas in the US Army and was retired from the AC & R shop at Cornell University. He was active in the Tompkins County 4-H, was a Cornell Hockey Booster and an avid sportsman a lover of wildlife and nature. He was the Tompkins County Delegate to the New York State Conservation Council and a recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award, a member of NYFAB (New York Field Archers and Bow Hunters), a member of the NYFAB Hall of Fame and had received many presidential awards from NYFAB. He had been a member of the NFAA (National Field Archery Association) since 1965. He was inducted into the NYFAB Hall of Fame in 1997.

Bill served for many, many years as the NYFAB Vice President for Bow Hunting and coordinated the NYFAB Bow Hunters Funanza. He was a member of the Tompkins County Federation of Sportsman and held many offices in that organization. Additionally he was a member of the Flashing Feathers Sports Club, the Dryden Rod & Gun Club and the Lansing Bow Hunters. Bill served on the Board of Directors of the National Wildlife Research Foundation and was in the first group to be trained as a Bow Hunting instructor, holding certificate #1. His presence will be missed by the many friends and family members that brought great joy to him.

Bill is survived by his wife Pamela Seymour Beck; his daughter Renee of Cape Coral, FL; a sister-in-law & brother in-law, Anne and Russ Riddell, numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and great nieces. Memorial services will be held at 1 PM, Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Perkins Funeral Home, 55 West main St., Dryden, NY with Rev. David H. Nicholls officiating. Bill's family will receive their friends Thursday, September 27<sup>th</sup> after the memorial service, at the Dryden Veterans Memorial Home until 3 PM. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, may be made to Finger Lakes Land Trust, 202 East Court Street Ithaca, New York 14850 or to New York State Bow Hunter Education, NYFAB, c/o Kym Ferrell, 6 Copeland Avenue, Geneva, New York 14456 or to the American Heart Association, 120 Lomond Court, Utica, New York 13502.