

his wife, Alice Waco, and to all of us who knew him. Friends will long remember the twinkle in his eye and the special comfort brought by the delivery of his own home-baked bread and a few lines of poetry in time of need.

Born in Marquette, Michigan, in 1925, Bill, whose father died when he was four, took a bakery job six years later to help support his family. His interest in spiritual matters drew him to attend a Catholic seminary in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1956, and spent most of his priesthood at the University of Michigan in Houghton. There he founded the Newman Center to serve Catholic students.

Later Bill attended UC Berkeley on a Fulbright theology fellowship, eventually joining St. Benedict's Deaf Center in San Francisco. Bill's life changed dramatically when he met Alice Waco, then a nun at the center. They soon discovered that they were soulmates and both seeking answers outside the church. They married in 1974. That same year, Bill began teaching Latin at Santa Rosa Junior College where he was known for singing Latin chants to his classes. He also earned a master's degree in alcohol studies and coordinated a DUI counseling program at the school until his retirement in 1992.

Bill also worked as a substance abuse counselor at the Orenda Center in Santa Rosa, and with his wife Alice, was active in the Sonoma County Peace and Justice Center.

Bill used his photography, and especially his poetry, to express his feelings about life. Cards to his friends combined both arts with his own unique humor and spiritual philosophy. One of Bill's poems, *To Be An American*, exemplifies his view that love and hope help us meet the complexities and challenges of life. It reads in part:

To be an American is a place beyond boundaries beyond vision, but a dream a possible dream:

when boundaries are dissolved  
where perfect is growth  
where imperfection is ours sometimes in a most perfect way.

To be an American is a place where everything and everyone is not yet, yet even though our brightest victories applaud sciences of war and peace in the echoes of machinery still making bombs and guns.

We are peoples mixed, melted and split with differences that make pork in government, doves and hawks outside of it, and truth come late.

To be an American is to grow in confusion of a world inside part of a world called these United States . . . in a milieu of men, women and children.

Where differences are different and similarities are never different; that each and everyone needs very little in life; a place to eat, a place to sleep, a place to die, and a lot of loving in between.

Bill is survived by his wife Alice Waco, brothers Jim and Chuck McGee, and sisters Alice Tyler and Pat Ley.

Mr. Speaker, I am proud to rise today to honor William McGee. He was a man whose spirituality was matched by his compassion. He was a unique individual whose life brimmed with kindness and creativity. I join with Bill's family and many friends in grief over his loss and happiness in having known him.

IN HONOR OF SISTER JUNE  
FAVATA

**HON. ROBERT MENENDEZ**

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 4, 2004*

Mr. MENENDEZ. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Sister June Favata for her years of service and dedication to the young women of Saint Vincent Academy in Newark, New Jersey. Sister Favata was honored at the Celebration of the Life of Monsignor Geno Charles Baroni luncheon on Tuesday, November 25, 2003, at the North Ward Center in Newark.

Sister June Favata has been a Sister of Charity of Saint Elizabeth for 42 years, dedicating most of her time and focus to the education of young women at Saint Vincent Academy. Sister Favata began her career at Saint Vincent Academy as an English teacher in 1969. After years of hard work and innovative thinking, she became program director of the Administrative team in 1978, and assumed the position of administrative director in 1985.

For over 30 years, Sister Favata has helped to establish several interdisciplinary programs at Saint Vincent Academy, focused on preparing students for the rigors of college by promoting self-discipline, personal responsibility, and enhancing academic skills and work ethic. Sister Favata, along with other colleagues, spearheaded the Students-in Community Program, a tool used to integrate social responsibility with formal education. It is an opportunity for students to learn of the underlying causes of social issues, while volunteering and helping out their respective communities.

Sister June Favata has received several awards for her dedicated service to the City of Newark and Saint Vincent Academy, such as the Distinguished Secondary School Teacher Award in the State of New Jersey from Princeton University; Community Leadership and Service Award from Saint Benedict's Preparatory School; and the Miracle Maker Award from the United Way of Essex and West Hudson.

Sister Favata is a life-long New Jersey resident, and received her bachelor's degree in English from the College of Saint Elizabeth and her master's degree in Communication Art from the University of Notre Dame.

Today, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sister June Favata for her dedicated and tireless service to her community and for 34 years of outstanding leadership to the students of Saint Vincent Academy of Newark.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO TERRY  
WINDNAGEL

**HON. SCOTT McINNIS**

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 4, 2004*

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, I am privileged to take this opportunity to pay tribute to Terry Windnagel for his extraordinary patriotism and valor during his service to this nation. Terry was a helicopter door gunner with the Navy

Seawolves of Helicopter Attack Squadron Three, and as a result of his heroic efforts was recently inducted into the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor. This special honor is a testament to Terry's patriotism, and I would like to take this opportunity to recognize him before this body of Congress and this nation today.

The distinction of being inducted into the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor is one of the highest honors that can be bestowed on an enlisted member of the military who served as an aircrewman, flew in combat, and served with distinction. As a result of his many selfless and brave actions during the time spent in combat, Terry Windnagel now joins a select group of only six hundred and fifty fellow patriots that have been selected for this honor. While serving abroad, Terry flew in over five hundred combat missions, and earned many combat decorations, including the Purple Heart, single action Air Medal, combat action ribbons, and many personal and unit citations.

Mr. Speaker, it is quite clear that Terry Windnagel is a man who possesses unparalleled dedication and commitment to serving his country. His life is the very embodiment of what makes this country great, and it is my distinct pleasure to honor Terry before this body of Congress and this nation today. Thanks for your service to this country.

CONGRATULATING THE ELK RIVER  
ELKS ON THEIR VICTORY IN THE  
MINNESOTA STATE HIGH SCHOOL  
CLASS DOUBLE-A GIRLS HOCKEY  
TOURNAMENT

**HON. MARK R. KENNEDY**

OF MINNESOTA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, March 4, 2004*

Mr. KENNEDY of Minnesota. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Elk River Elks on their victory in the Minnesota State High School Class Double-A Girls Hockey Tournament. The championship game on Saturday, February 28th, capped the 10th year that girls hockey has held a state tournament.

The Elks finished a 29-2 season with a thrilling 3-2 overtime victory over North Saint Paul, before a crowd of almost 2,500 fans from across Minnesota. This was the first trip to the state championship game for both teams.

Coached by Barry Hohlen, the Elks came from behind to tie the game in the 3rd period on a goal by Erin Olson, her second of the game. 59 seconds into overtime, senior Anya Miller, a Ms. Hockey finalist, scored on a slapshot to give Elk River the title. Both Olson and Miller were named to the all-tournament team.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate the students, coaches and fans from Elk River High School on their championship season. It's a great tribute to their hard work, dedication and overall team effort. I know that everyone in the State of Hockey is proud of their accomplishments.