

## In Memory of a Special Man

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**W**illiam T. Powers, III, a water certification officer with the New York State Department of Health recently passed away at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy. It is a very sad time for our water industry because we have lost a great man. Bill Powers worked very closely with all of us in the water

business overseeing the certification of water licenses. He was dedicated to his work, this industry and especially his family.

During Bill's career with the Health Department, he was sent to Russia to monitor and teach water and wastewater treatment certification process. He also published a book concerning wastewater.

In addition to raising their son, Bill and his wife of 33 years, Jean Rajeski Powers recently adopted a 12-year-old Ukrainian girl. This young lady truly brought so much joy into Bill's life, he was so happy. He loved to tell the latest

adventure on his daughter to all of us that visited with him at the Health Department.

Bill was an avid reader and boater. He once constructed his own 18-foot sailboat. He ran the CYO basketball and flag football programs for the Assumption-St. Paul Church for 20 years.

Our thoughts and deepest sympathy go out to Bill's family and his peers at the NYS Dept. of Health. It was an honor and a pleasure working with Bill. The rural water community will greatly miss this wonderful man. ♡

