Testimony

of
Pamela Neill
Theresa Wadsworth
Leonard Neill
and
William Menarcheck, Sr.
before the
House Judiciary Committee
on
House Bill 2669, P.N. 3661

"Bills' Law"



Re: Bills' Law

Presented by Leonard Neill

Many years ago, Bill Menarcheck, Sr. And Millie Menarcheck stood for me and became my God Parents. Throughout twenty years of marriage they have stood by my wife (their daughter) and my sides. As I sit before this honorable committee today I must stand for them!

The Menarcheck's raised their children, teaching them right from wrong, teaching them respect, teaching them that as a family any obstacle can be overcome, teaching them that determination and hard work will always win. Pap worked the coal mines of southwestern Pennsylvania for over thirty years and provided all four of his children with a college education. You have been briefed on the type of man that Bill Ir. was. My wife Pam is a teacher of visually impaired children and also does work with visually impaired adults. My sister-in-law Theresa teaches special education. My brother-in-law Jerome works to provide housing for our senior citizens. Could any parents have done a better job?

Pap was inducted into the County League "Big 10" flall of Fame for his achievements in county league baseball. He has told me that he never possessed great speed but this was overcome by his determination. This determination has been passed on to his children. This determination is what has brought us before this honorable panel on this day.

I'll forever have memories of holidays when everyone gathered at "home"; Pap and Millie's home. These days are gone forever. We that are left will still come together, but it will never be the same.

If there is a law that permits one person to cause so much pain to this many; if there is a law that says it is legal to deprive a mother and father of their God given right to know of the details of their son's death; if there is a law that causes a wave of depression to envelope so many innocent families; then this law must be changed.

I sat with my family, the only true family that I have known for over twenty years, and watched Pap grieve as his wife of almost half a century died. Bill Menarcheck Sr. deserves answers; Bill

Menarcheck Sr. deserves the truth; Bill Menarcheck Sr. deserves Justice. I ask you to do what is right. Pass House Bill 2669. Pass Bills' Law.