



# **William G. McCafferty "Bill"**

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**W**illiam G. McCafferty, age 85, of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away peacefully on Jan. 13, 2010, at his home surrounded by his family. He was born on March 8, 1924 in Marcus Hook, PA, son of the late W. Harlan McCafferty and Margaret Morgan McCafferty. Mr. McCafferty attended the University of Pennsylvania, but his love for music won out. He learned to master the bass and started out by playing with each of the Four Aces. His group "Bill Gray's Quintet" traveled through PA, Atlantic City and Canada. He also had played over the years at the Pink Pony, Lou Ianire's and the DeBraak.

Bill settled down to live and work in West Chester, PA. A call from a fellow musician brought him to Delaware and after several interviews, jobs were offered in Rehoboth and Lewes for the season. Unfortunately, in those days, the beach season ended on Labor Day. Having a family to support, Bill applied at Sussex Correctional Institution and was hired. This job was for several years and he only played on weekends.

Not satisfied with his life, Bill contacted Snelling & Snelling in Wilmington and was put in touch with Blue Cross. Ed Dugan hired him in 1966 as the only sales rep. in Sussex County (which also included all School Districts) and he worked out of the Milford Office.

In 1975, the job of Labor Account Coordinator was available and Bill moved up. He thoroughly enjoyed the challenge and because of his rapport, was well-liked by union members and Fund Administrators.

In August of 1977, Bill became the Blue Cross Blue Shield coordinator for the State of Delaware. In addition, he handled the Farm Bureau and Kent County employees. Having a thorough knowledge of the "Blues" downstate, the Labor Groups, Farm Bureau and the State of Delaware, Blue Cross offered the position as lobbyist, which was happily accepted. Mr. McCafferty was a Phillies and Eagles Fan and was an avid golfer.



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He is survived by his wife of 40 years Gisela Tiede McCafferty. They were married on July 19, 1969 and sat up all night to watch the first moon walk, "Ain't that a heck of a way to start a honeymoon" he said. Also surviving is one son William McCafferty and wife Denise of Georgetown, DE and three daughters Lisa Jefferson and husband G.L. of Greenwood, DE, Barbara Roe and Kim Dewey and husband Kevin both of Seaford, DE., 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010 at 3 PM at the Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE where friends may call one hour prior to services. Burial will be private at Epworth Methodist Cemetery, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

In lieu of flowers contributions are suggested to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Sign the guest book at [www.parsellfuneralhomes.com](http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com)

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LJ

**Lisa Mccafferty - Jefferson** posted:

Daddy, I am and always will be your baby girl. We all had wonderful times together and I will cherish those memories with all my heart. your baby girl, Lisa Margaret

January 21 at 8:00 PM

BA

**Barbara Mccafferty - Roe** posted:

Thank you for giving me your love, kindness and patience that I received over my lifetime. I will love you forever, your caring and loving child, Barbara Mae

January 21 at 8:00 PM

HM

**Helen Morgan** posted:

Dear Gisela, My deepest, most sincere condolences are with you. I am so sorry for your loss.... It's been MANY years since we were all together (the BCBS/UD days), but I remember you and Bill with sincere admiration. Bless you and yours, Helen Morgan

January 18 at 8:00 PM

BP

**Barbara Moleski (Piazzo)** posted:

Gisela, I'm so sorry about Bill and I wish you all the best. You're in my prayers. I was remembering when I worked in the teletype dept. of Blue Cross and you always wanted the tickertape. I was at Barbara Watson's funeral yesterday. Very sad to lose all these great people.

January 15 at 8:00 PM

CS

**Charles Sculley** posted:

Bill and I went to Marcus Hook School from 1st grade to 8th grade. From there we went to Ridley Park High School. Good friends for many years.

January 14 at 8:00 PM



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TH

**Tina Mcgaha-Hutson(Previously Hardy)** posted:

Sandy, I am so sorry for your loss. Bill always had a smile on his face. It was an honor getting to know him for the short few years at Bill and Alice Hardy's on holidays. If you need anything, even something small just let my in-laws know and they will call me. My prayers are with you and your family.

January 14 at 8:00 PM

DS

**Debbie And Tim Skipper** posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family at this most difficult time.

January 14 at 8:00 PM

AD

**Amber Dewey** posted:

Poppop I will Miss you...You were a wonderful man and i will always be thinking of you.Lots of Love Amber

January 14 at 8:00 PM

JA

**Jack Argo** posted:

Golfing Friend at Shawnee Country Club

January 13 at 8:00 PM

SK

**Stephanie Kosinski** posted:

Gisella,I am so sorry to hear about Bill's passing. He was always in my thoughts here at Blue Cross and I always enjoyed working with Bill and yourself.I truly miss his friendship. He was one funny and enjoyable person to be around.May God Bless and Take Care.Stephanie (Stef) Blue Cross

January 13 at 8:00 PM

BT

**Betty M. Turner** posted:

Gisela (and family), I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing.To say that Bill was "a hoot," would be an understatement. He always kept us "entertained" with his great sense of humor.My sincere thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Betty Turner(Retiree)Blue Cross Blue Shield of Delaware

January 13 at 8:00 PM



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EW

**Eva Jackson-Witter** posted:

Gisele, Kim and Lisa, Amber and Family. I am there with you today in spirit. I wish your father well in his new journey. Boy he is a handsome Man!! Love, Eva 1/14/2010

January 13 at 8:00 PM

EW

**Eva Jackson Witter** posted:

Bill and Denise, Bill, I wanted to send you and Denise a special message too and give you my love and best during this time. I only met your Father a couple times and I remember him as gentle, humorous man with kind heart and intelligent mind. Love to you and Kim, & Lisa. Love Eva Jackson Witter

January 13 at 8:00 PM

KD

**Kim Mccafferty -Dewey** posted:

Dad, I love you ..thank you for all the moments of our life together. You are the best of the best and I will love you and cherish all our memories forever. Your loving Daughter Kim Elizabeth

January 13 at 8:00 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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