



William "Bill" Medford

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William Roger "Bill" Medford, age 61, of Lewes, DE passed away on Thursday, March 19, 2015 with his loving family by his side. He was born on August 15, 1953 in Federalsburg, MD, son of the late Roger N. and Henrietta N. (Rumbley) Medford.

Bill graduated from Colonel Richardson High School and furthered his education attending Chesapeake College and Towson State College. He enjoyed a lengthy career as a Senior Systems Analyst first working with Medford Petroleum. Soon after he would join Delaware Tanks Lines; Rollins/Matlack; General Electric Aerospace, Martin Marietta and most recently Lockheed Martin Corporation in Valley Forge, PA. Bill was a dedicated employee who was passionate about the projects he was part of. His co-workers loved him and enjoyed learning from Bill, who eagerly shared his wisdom and knowledge with others.

Bill was an accomplished Scuba Diver and earned a black belt in Bushin Kai Karate. He most enjoyed spending time with his family traveling to Bermuda or cruising. Bill was a lifelong avid boater and shipwreck diver. He loved his wife Robin unconditionally, always looking forward to Friday date night with her. He was also a very proud father to his only daughter Cassandra and new son-in-law Zachary who were married in his home this past year, granting him the opportunity to give her away. Bill was the Patriarch of the family, never losing his positive attitude, even through his illness. He was the one family and friends turned to for words of encouragement and support when life looked tough. Bill was a friend to many and loved by those whose hearts he touched. His unconditional love and support will be missed by all.

Bill is survived by his wife of 27 years, who would have celebrated his anniversary on the day of his passing, Robin Medford; his daughter, Cassandra Mitchell and her husband Zachary; two sisters, Priscilla Medford; Pamela Epprecht and her husband Michael; his beloved feline companions, Pepper and Mo and his grand feline, Rizzo.

Flowers are welcome.



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RS

Ray & Tammy Shafer posted:

You are in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

US

Udett Seuferer posted:

I was so saddened to hear about Bill's passing. He was always positive and wonderful to work with. He always shared his knowledge and was willing to help out where ever needed. His positive attitude and friendliness were contagious. He will be greatly missed.

March 31 at 8:00 PM

WK

Wes & Betsy Kirschner posted:

Our thoughts are with you all during this difficult time.

March 29 at 8:00 PM

AH

Amy Hughes posted:

Robin and Cassandra I am so sorry for your loss. "Mr Medford"...Bill..was one of my most favorite, most patient patients ever. Although I was there to care for you, you always tried to make everything convenient for me.....and always, always with a smile. Even on your "down days" you could always somehow see the positive. Seeing you and Robin together was proof that true love exists and stands strong even during the tough times. How wonderful you got to give Cassandra away....and that you and Robin have been able to teach her by example the importance of give and take in a relationship with mutual respect. It was truly a pleasure to have known you and be a part of your life.....and I will forever think of you every time I buy red potatoes:) Rest in peace Bill

March 25 at 8:00 PM

GV

Greg Veverka posted:

Robin, Cassandra and family, please accept my condolences and know that you remain in my thoughts and prayers. Bill was a great friend who enjoyed a similar passion for being underwater whether it was with SCUBA or Surfaced-Supplied Diving. I can recall the first time we dove the old Mark V Diving Suit at Willow Springs and then the Kirby Morgan Band Masks up at Dutch Springs. Just like a bunch of kids in a candy store, we had a great time.God Bless-

March 24 at 8:00 PM



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BF

Barb Fair posted:

My deepest sympathy to the family. So sorry for your loss.

March 24 at 8:00 PM

LD

Libby Duhadaway posted:

Robin,I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. May God Bless and give you strength. Cherish the memories and hold them dear in your heart.

March 24 at 8:00 PM

MB

Michael & Lisa Bullard posted:

Bill, you have been a great friend and I will always remember and enjoy the great times we had scuba diving or researching shipwrecks. If it wasn't for you, I would not have been able to publish my book. You were a walking book of knowledge. I wish we would have stayed in touch after I moved away. You are missed so much. I regret not stopping over the past summer to visit you when I came to Lewes for vacation. You were always a great friend, husband and father. You will always be missed.

March 23 at 8:00 PM

KT

Kele Ruff Turner posted:

Billie you will never be forgotten in our hearts and memories! You and Semi can party now and buzz the Freeze!

March 23 at 8:00 PM

TS

Theresa Sayre posted:

I graduated high school with Billy, watched their touch football games at the elementary school and I think we were the only 2 people on the Eastern Shore to root for the Jets in Super Bowl III. He took me to my first concert at Chestertown College. We never stayed in touch after high school but it sounds like he continued to be a wonderful, kind and thoughtful person. I'm so very sorry you lost him too soon. Theri

March 23 at 8:00 PM



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MT

Mark Tiley posted:

So sorry for your loss, had some great times with Bill on all the shipwrecks in the Atlantic. I will always remember his smile.

March 23 at 8:00 PM

DB

Deanna Blizzard posted:

Mr Medford was a favorite patient of mine. Getting him to walk when he never thought he could, with the help of Robin, was a great accomplishment. We started each visit with "I don't think I can" and ended with "wow did I do that." His desire to move helped me motivate many other patients with much fewer disabilities. Thank you, Bill and Robin, for reminding me what true strength looks like.

March 23 at 8:00 PM

WA

Wanda Angstadt posted:

Robin and Cassandra I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have never known a family with so much love as yours. I will keep your family in my thoughts and prayers. May you cherish the memories. With love Wanda

March 23 at 8:00 PM

CW

Clay Walton posted:

Our condolences

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DL

Daniel Lopez posted:

To The Medford Family -It is with deepest sorrow that I learned of Bill's passing. As one of his managers at Lockheed Martin, I had a long and fruitful relationship with him. His humor, along with some of his tales while scuba diving kept me well entertained while we discussed many things, both professionally and personal. He was a strong individual, in that he never told me that what I was requesting could not be done. He figured out a way and performed in a stellar manner.I learned of his illness after I had been assigned to a new position. He was an extremely private individual, not wanting to impose or burden anyone. His positive outlook and his need to return to work showed me that he was a driven individual wanting to improve himself and others around him.I will miss his calm manners and truthfulness. You - his family and friends will miss many of the other traits that made Bill a fine individual in this world. Bill will be in my thoughts and prayers.Dan Lopez

March 22 at 8:00 PM

MB

Mike Bragdon posted:

So very sorry to hear this news. my thoughts and prayers are with you all.e

March 22 at 8:00 PM

GM

George Murphy posted:

Not sure what to say other than I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a dear friend and a mentor to me in boating, SCUBA, family, friendship, life... We all lost a good friend.

March 22 at 8:00 PM

MZ

Michele Zacharka posted:

When I first started working with Bill a few years back I thought he was the nicest and most patient person and wondered how did I get so lucky to work with him? He taught me so much, not just in work but in life in general.He always had such a positive outlook on everything and was a real joy to get to know and work with daily. Through the years he shared a lot of stories from his cool scuba diving trips, to his amazing wife and daughter, to playing his Jimmy Buffet songs and many others. I will forever miss my "buddy" Bill. Rest in peace my friend.

March 22 at 8:00 PM



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MS

Marty Dukes Smith posted:

Thinking of you Pam and Priscilla and the family of Billy at this difficult time. May your memories always stay in your heart. Love, Marty

March 22 at 8:00 PM

PR

Paul Rosenbaum posted:

Were going to miss you very much Bill.

March 22 at 8:00 PM

PC

Paul Clayton posted:

I look back with fondness the times I worked with Bill on the infrastructure for the MARS Program at LMCO. No matter the wacky or outlandish idea I would cook up on how to do something different or what I perceived as better, Bill was the rock that pulled me back from a lot of cliff edges so that we ended up with things working better and better. He would regale me with stories of how Cassandra was roping him into walks around the neighborhood so he would get some exercise. As I recall, he put it as 'she was walking the old dog' and always with a smile on his face peeking out from under the moustache! The scuba diving stories he would tell where of the wonder of finding the unexpected and the need for a 'buddy system' when diving. I have missed working with Bill over the years for his lightheartedness and willingness to share his time and knowledge with anyone, no strings attached. My condolences to the Medford clan for your loss. Take care of yourselves.

March 22 at 8:00 PM

RF

Rich Faulkner posted:

One of the nicest, fun loving, hard working friends I've ever had the privilege of knowing. You will be missed and remembered for as long as I live. Go in peace

March 22 at 8:00 PM

RB

Richard Burr posted:

Bill.... You will be missed by many.... Our paths crossed as local Wreck Divers many years ago.... Getting to know you and your family was one of the joys of diving in our area. My heart goes out to Robin and Cassandra for your loss... Bill lit up the lives of the many people who were lucky enough to come to know him.... Calm water and unlimited visibility for whatever is next in the Journey....

March 22 at 8:00 PM



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Greg Bennett posted:

There was no better friend growing up then Bill (Billy) and we had some great times together. We even had a secret yell to find out if the other one was outside or not. My condolences to his family.

March 21 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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