



William "Bill" Hancock McLaughlin

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William "Bill" Hancock McLaughlin passed away Monday, September 1, 2014 at the Delaware Hospice Center in Milford, DE. Bill was born in Lancaster, PA on February 1, 1926, son of the late Raymond B. McLaughlin and Georgette J. Bares.

Bill attended Stevens Trade School in Lancaster PA, 1942-1947, where he learned the machinist trade. His schooling was interrupted for 2 ½ years (1943-1946) when he enlisted in the Navy. Bill served on an LST (Water Tender 2nd Class) in the Pacific Theater in World War II, where he fought in the Battle of Leyte, Philippines - the largest Naval Battle in U.S. history.

Bill was employed in Lancaster, Pennsylvania as a tool and die maker by RCA and Schick prior to spending 12 years as a machinist at Kellogg's before retiring 1992. A bright, creative, hard-working man, Bill loved designing, building and fixing just about anything. In his later years Bill lived with his daughter Jodi and son-in-law Rick Franco, and enjoyed the salt air and wildlife of the marsh and bay areas of Sussex County Delaware.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Irene Dorothy McLaughlin (Ruby), his brother, Raymond B. McLaughlin, Jr. and his sister, Betty Marie Bair. Bill is survived by his three children: Mark M. McLaughlin of Manheim, PA, Craig R. McLaughlin of Keenesburg, CO and Jodi D. McLaughlin of Ocean View, DE; three grandchildren, Amanda, Bonnie and Seth McLaughlin and two great-grandchildren, Duncan and Penelope Smith.

Donations in Bill's memory may be sent to Water Street Ministries, P.O. Box 7267 Lancaster, PA 17604 or the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011.

A Celebration of Bill's Life will be held on Saturday, November 29, 2014 from 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM at VFW Mason Dixon, Post #7234, 29265 Marshy Hope Way, Ocean View, DE.

Please sign Bill's guestbook located on this site.



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KH

Kathy Caldwell-Harris posted:

Jodi, and family, Sorry to hear of the loss of your father. Sincerely, Kathy Caldwell-Harris

October 29 at 8:00 PM

KS

Karen & Gail Sloan posted:

Our thoughts and prayers to you and your family. I loved my visits and long talks with "Uncle Bill" and "Aunt Ruby". I miss them so much...they were like family to me. Love and hugs to Jodi, Rick, Mark and Craig. Karen (Marie's daughter)

September 26 at 8:00 PM

NH

Norm Heming posted:

I was very saddened to hear about Bill. I had worked with him during his time at Kelloggs Company. He was without a doubt the best machinist I have worked with in my 37 years at the Kellogg Company. Bill was always very professional and a good friend. He was one of a kind.

September 18 at 8:00 PM

RF

Rick Franco posted:

I cant believe I'm going to the VFW without you-I miss you!

September 8 at 8:00 PM

BS

Barbara Caldwell Shopf posted:

My sympathies to the McLaughlin family.

September 8 at 8:00 PM

JM

Jeffrey Mclaughlin posted:

Condolences and best wishes to Bill's daughter and sons.

September 5 at 8:00 PM



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RM

Robert R. McLaughlin posted:

Bob sends his condolences and best wishes to his brAother's daughter and sons.

September 5 at 8:00 PM

KF

Kenneth H. Fidler posted:

I am sorry for your loss. I worked with Bill at Schick for quit a few years. We shared many stories about our times in the Navy. I enjoyed working with Bill very much. He was a great friend.

September 5 at 8:00 PM

PB

Pat Breneman posted:

It was a pleasure to have known and worked with this gentleman. You could talk about ANYTHING with Bill!We missed him when he retired and we will all miss him now as Ruby awaits him with open arms.Jodi, my condolences to you and your brothers. Thanks for taking care of C Team's mechanic. Such endurance you and your family have had.Rest in peace, sailor. Your mission is complete.

September 5 at 8:00 PM

RH

Reverend Dawn Harmon posted:

To: The family and friends of Bill; I just want to make sure you know how much I as his maintenance supervisor o appreciated; him, his ingenuity and dedication! I was so blessed to have him work for me. We appreciated Ruby too for lending us too him for all those years! May God bless you all for lending us such a special gifted person which not only made my job eaeer, but enriched my life so much more due to our paths crossing. May God's peace be with you-all during this most challenging time.Sincerely, Pastor Dawn Harmon

September 5 at 8:00 PM

LD

Leslie McLaughlin Duke posted:

So sorry for your loss cousins. Some of my best memories as a child were hanging out at Uncle Bill and Aunt Irene's. I was blessed to have known them both.

September 4 at 8:00 PM



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KS

Kathy And Mike Sload posted:

We will miss you Uncle Bill! Thank you Jodi and Rick for the wonderful life you gave him living at his most favorite place in the world. Deepest sympathy to the whole family.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

JR

Jean Ryan posted:

Dear Loved Ones, Bill was a wonderful gentleman. Bill was very intelligent, an avid reader....he would share with me many interesting stories of his time in the Navy. I shall always treasure fond memories of a man that touched my heart in so many ways since 2012... Looking forward to seeing him in heaven one day.

September 4 at 8:00 PM

CV

Carmen Valentin posted:

To the family of Bill. I worked with Bill at Kellogg's. He was such a nice gentleman. I am sorry for your loss and your pain. I can only imagine the warm welcome home that he received from everyone he once had to say goodbye to. Remember that it isn't goodbye, but, " see you later" My heartfelt condolences, Carmen A. Valentin

September 4 at 8:00 PM

TS

Terry Bair Stoner posted:

Uncle Bill, I grew up knowing you were always right next door. Only now do I realize what a special part of my life you were. Sharing my genealogy research with you was a joy. I admired you and will always love you. Thank you for being a very special Uncle....always willing to help and always a hard and dedicated worker. You will be missed very much... and loved always by all of us... Your niece.... Ter

September 3 at 8:00 PM

JM

Jodi McLaughlin posted:

Godspeed my precious Daddy. I always received the best from you because I always saw the best in you. Your respect and intelligence has wrapped my heart with love. Somewhere in the heavens the unlimited ice cream bar is open. Enjoy!

September 3 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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