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William H. Shannon, Jr., age 87, of Dagsboro, DE, previously of North Wales and Lansdale, PA, passed away peacefully at his home that he cherished greatly. Born in Harleysville, PA, Bill was the son of the late Annie (Ruth) and William H. Shannon and preceded in death by brothers, Paul Ruth, Robert Shannon and sister Victoria Styer. He is survived by his son Wayne, with whom he resided, a daughter Karen Shannon Benham and husband Mike of Sykesville, MD; sons Patrick of Lansdale, PA, William H. Shannon III and wife Maureen Staerk Shannon of Columbus, NJ and Ryan of New Castle, DE; 4 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

He lived in Sellersville, PA in his youth and played on the Sell-Perk High School basketball team. He also played semi-pro football for the Pennridge Greenjackets following his discharge from the Navy.

Bill served in the US Navy, Pacific Theatre during WWII and worked most of his life as a furniture and appliance salesman for Swartley Brothers in Lansdale and upon retiring for Macy's, Montgomeryville, PA. He was very active in Boy Scouts and Sea Scouts. He enjoyed fishing and clamming, working in his garden and wood shop and the last few years spent time assembling collections for his grandchildren. His constant companion Waldo and then Gitmo, were dogs that brought him great comfort.

Friends and family are invited to attend Funeral Services at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 2, 2014 at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Clarksville Chapel, 34874 Atlantic Avenue, Ocean View, DE, following with a Committal Service at 1 PM at Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro, DE. A Celebration of Life for his extended family will be held this summer in PA.



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In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in his name to Orphan Pets, Inc., P. O. Box 145, West Caldwell, NJ 07007 or Compassionate Care Hospice Foundation, 245 E. Chestnut Hill Road, Suite D, Newark, DE 19713.

Please sign his online guestbook at this site.

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Interment

 **Friday**, May 2, 2014

 1:00 PM ET

 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE





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RM

Robert And Alice Mazur posted:

Our thoughts and Prayers are with you.

April 28 at 8:00 PM

JW

Judi And Dick Wagner posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with you Wayne and all of your family. We enjoyed visiting with Bill, a little story if I might. Two months after purchasing our DE home we were working in the back yard, and your Dad came over to say hi, he said he saw the Sellersville Fire Dept plate on the car, he said you know I use to live in Sellersville. Really we replied? Oh where did you live?? On Walnut Street. Really, we live on Walnut Street, we inquired what was your house number. As it turned out he was just a little way up the street from us in Sellersville. What a small world!! We were all very surprised! RIP Bill, you will be missed, and the Scout memorabilia he gave us we gave to the Sellersville Museum where it will be enjoyed by many. Thank you.

April 28 at 8:00 PM

SK

Steve & Terri Kordek posted:

Bill was the first neighbor to greet us as we were considering buying our home...he definitely had something to do with our decision. He was always kind, helpful (even gave a hand when Steve built our garage), and gave great gardening advice. We enjoyed his friendship and company, his snack mix and strawberry cake for many years and we both will miss him very much.

April 28 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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