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Please sign Mr. Wolter's online guestbook at this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM FRIDAY, AUGUST 12, 2016 TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES.

William Richard (Billy) Wolter, Jr., formerly of Greenwood, DE, passed away Monday, August 8, 2016 at the Delaware Hospice Center, Milford, DE, after a courageous fight with cancer for over a year. Billy was born June 18, 1939, son of the late William Richard Sr. and Ethel (Hamstead) Wolter.

Billy spent most of his life near Greenwood and the Owens Station area. He graduated from Greenwood High School, Class of 1957. He was a very unique and interesting individual who had many notable abilities and professions. He was a farmer, who in his younger years, loved tilling hundreds of acres of land for neighboring farmers from Greenwood to Prime Hook. He received a diploma from the National Landscape Institute and was an expert landscaper throughout the East Coast, setting up farms, bird hunting preserves, and wetland projects; his most notable client being Hank Williams, Jr. in Tennessee.

Billy was a successful breeder and trainer of hunting dogs. Clients came from long distances to visit his large kennels and purchase his specially trained bird dogs. He had a special way with dogs, and they loved him as much as he loved them. Each one was special to him. He won numerous awards on the horseback/dog trial circuit with his amazing dogs, and in 1996 he traveled to Santa Nella, CA where he, his horse, and his dog, Domino, won the coveted National Bird Dog Championship.

He was a leading conservationist in the area and received many awards for his efforts, including a Merit Award from Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company for outstanding accomplishments in



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conservation; Conservationist of the Year in 1985 from the National Soil and Water Organization and a Conservation Award from the Boy Scouts of America.

Billy was an avid sporting clay and trap shooter, often shooting 50 straight targets without a miss. He was a member of Ducks Unlimited, the NRA, Quality Deer Management, National Turkey Federation, and a charter member of Quail Unlimited. He received many awards and recognitions from these groups for his commitment and involvement to their causes.

He was a proud U.S. Army Veteran, serving from 1959 to 1964 in the 160th Aircraft Artillery Division and the National Guard. He also was a member of the American Legion Nanticoke Post 6 in Seaford, DE. and was a member of the Indian River Council of Redmen.

Along with his brother in law, Bill Farlow, Billy established the Wolter Truck Lines, which transported commodities on the East Coast for several years.

In 1996 Billy opened the Owens Station Shooting Preserve near Greenwood, where local sportsmen enjoyed competing in shooting sports. It became very popular location where many politicians and charitable organizations held fund raising shooting events. It was also the location of the annual Ducks Unlimited Greenwing Event for area children where he was instrumental and very devoted to organizing the event each year. When he finally retired in 2013, the shooting facility was sold to the State of Delaware, where it has continued to be utilized for shooting sports and various community events for the public.

Notably, in 2006, Bill was honored to be named Delaware Small Businessman of the Year by the National Congressional Committee Business Advisory Council in Washington, D.C.

After retiring, Bill and his wife, Gretta moved to Adair County, KY where they lived for two years and developed a hunting property. While there, they were active members of Barnetts Creek United Methodist Church and made many wonderful friends. Currently they are members of Bethel U.M. Church in Lewes.

Bill was an avid hunter who enjoyed hunting all types of wild game, loved working the land with his tractor, enjoyed fishing, and watching boxing matches and war movies on TV.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters: Ailene (Wolter) Morris and Naomi "Peggy" (Wolter) Gruwell; and a nephew, Rick Tribbett.

He is survived by his loving wife of seven years, Gretta (Ludwig) Wolter; a sister, Eva (Wolter)



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Farlow of Milford; his nieces, Patricia (Farlow) Little and her husband Maurice of Dover, and Debbie (Tribbett) O'Brien and her husband Steve; and his nephews, Kevin Gruwell and family of Felton, and Steve and Billy Tribbett. Also surviving are 3 stepdaughters: Andrea (Ludwig) Steele and her husband Randy of Castle Rock, CO; Laura (Ludwig) Moss and her husband Keith of Newark, DE; Susanne Ludwig Truitt and her husband Jamie of Rehoboth Beach, DE; and 7 step-grandchildren.

A Celebration of Billy's life will be held at 11:00 AM Saturday, August 13, 2016 at Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W 4th Street, Lewes where friends may call between 10:00AM and 11:00AM. A private burial will be held at St. Johnstown Cemetery, Greenwood, DE.

Friends are invited to join the family at a luncheon in the fellowship hall of Bethel United Methodist Church following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donating in Billy's memory to: Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way Milford, DE 19963; St. Jude's Childrens Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105; or The Shriner's Hospital for Children, 3551 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140-4131.



Events

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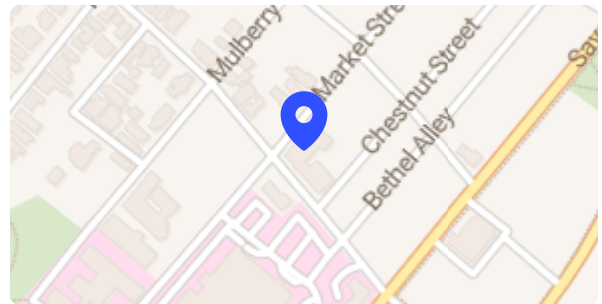
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Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 13, 2016


 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Bethel United Methodist Church**
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE

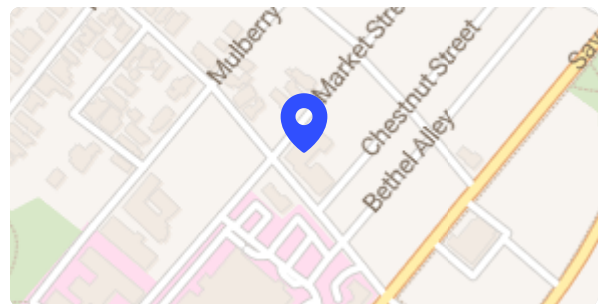


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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



August 15 at 3:57 AM



Ken Bacon posted:

I still find it hard to believe he's gone. In my mind, he'll always be walking in the fields, working dogs, sharing his thoughts about the outdoors and life in general. He will live on in our memories.
Ken Bacon

August 12 at 7:28 PM



Rodney A. Baker posted:

Our deepest sympathy to the family. I knew (Billy) all my life. I eventually worked for him, and got to know a man that gave more then he received. Many lives were touched by Billy. Our thoughts and prayers are with him and his entire family! (Rodney) and Donna Baker

August 12 at 5:06 AM



Tara Hopkins lit a candle in honor of William "Billy".

The Hopkins family sends our deepest condolences. Bill was a great man. He will be missed by many, many people. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We imagine him walking amongst endless sunflower fields in Heaven. 🌻



August 12 at 4:24 AM



Beth Davenport posted:

Gladys and I are praying and thinking of you during this time.

August 11 at 6:53 AM



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Chip West posted:

Miss Greta & Family I would like to offer my heartfelt condolences. In my 10 years as President of the QDMA Branch I got to know Billy well. He was always there to help and offer his counsel. Billy was a great conservationist. He was a good friend and I am a better person for having known him. God Bless Chip West

August 11 at 4:10 AM



Rhonda Robb- Wilson lit a candle in honor of William "Billy".



August 10 at 5:14 PM



Rhonda Robb- Wilson posted:

Greta and Family, We are so sorry to hear of Bills passing. We know that he fought a hard fight and being the great Christian man that he was we know he is now rejoicing in a place far greater than here. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. We miss you both so much. He was truly a pleasure to be around. In Christian love, with our deepest sympathies, Duane & Rhonda Wilson

August 10 at 5:07 PM



Randy Quinn sent a virtual gift in honor of William "Billy".



August 10 at 5:09 AM



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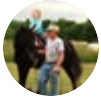
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Randy Quinn posted:

I didn't have the pleasure to know Bill , but just a little over two years, when he moved to Kentucky. He was a very special man to me! He and his wife Gretta were two of the nicest people anyone could ever hope to meet! Bill made a impact on my life, one that I will never forget! I am going to miss him very much! Prayers for Gretta and the family! Randy!!!!

August 10 at 2:04 AM



Media

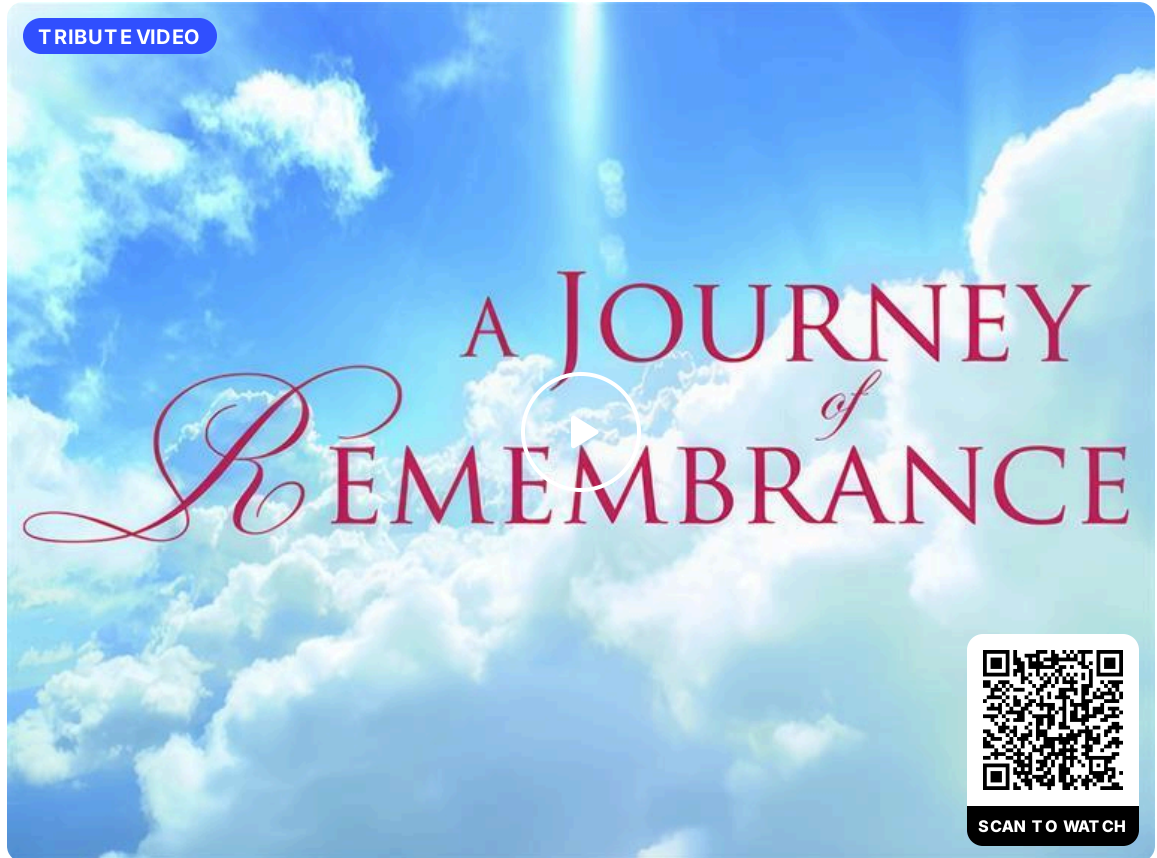
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Memories only last if you share them

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



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