



# John "Bill" William Hocker

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## **John "Bill" William Hocker**

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**C**aptain J. William Hocker, III, age 88 of Lewes, DE passed away on Friday, July 21, 2017, at Cadbury at Lewes. He was born Sunday, October 14, 1928, in Lewes, DE, son of the late John W. Hocker, Jr. and Theodosia (Marshall) Hocker.

Captain Hocker was a graduate of Lewes High School, Class of 1946 and was a proud member of the National Honor Society. Following school, he proudly served in the US Army during World War II and the Korean War. Mr. Hocker pursued a lifelong career with the Delaware Pilots Association as a River Boat Pilot retiring after 40 plus years. He was a former member of the Board of Directors for the Pilots Association. He also was a member of the Lewes Yacht Club and part of the Racing Committee, enjoying countless Sunday Sailfish Races. In his free time, Mr. Hocker enjoyed golfing, lobstering, crabbing, fishing and anything on the water. More than anything, he enjoyed the time spent with his loving family.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Hocker was preceded in death by his wife, Charlotte, in 2008, his son, Timothy in 1996, and brother, Thomas in 1990. He is survived by a sister, Margaret (Peggy) H. Lingo, his daughter, Diane H. Roth of Lewes, DE; his two sons: John William Hocker, IV and Cheryl of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Mark A. Hocker and his wife Patti of Lewes, DE; his 6 grandchildren: Drew Adkins and his wife Sarah, Lauren Roth, Lindsey Atkins and her husband Jason, Billy Hocker and his wife Annie, Keith Hocker, Paige Hocker; and his five great grandchildren: Will Hocker, Ali Adkins, Ashley Adkins, Shayna Smith, and Justin Atkins.

A Graveside Service will be held on Thursday, July 27, 2017 at 11:00 AM, at Lewes Presbyterian Cemetery, 133 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. A Viewing will be held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE, where friends may call between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Hocker's memory to the Tunnel Cancer Center: 424 Savannah Road; Lewes, DE 19958, Lewes Presbyterian Church: 133 Kings Highway; Lewes, DE 19958, or the Cadbury Foundation: 17028 Cadbury Circle; Lewes, DE 19958.



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Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS BY 3PM WEDNESDAY, JULY 26, 2017 TO OUR LEWES LOCATION.



## Events

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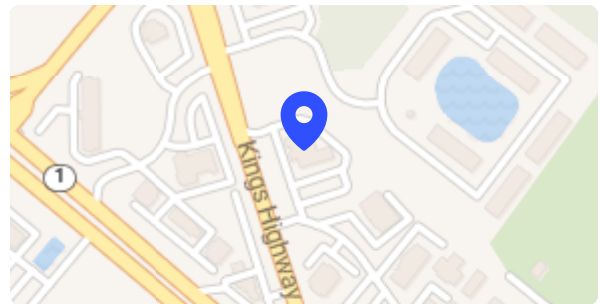
### Viewing

 **Wednesday**, July 26, 2017

 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM ET


 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium-Atkins-Lodge Chapel**

16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



### Graveside Service

 **Thursday**, July 27, 2017

 11:00 AM ET

 **Lewes Presbyterian Cemetery**

113 Kings Highway, Lewes DE





# Tribute Wall

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



July 27 at 4:18 AM



**Bill Kenworthy** posted:

I was fortunate of having the experience of working with Bill for manys years. What a great guy. My sincere condolences on your loss.Bill Kenworthy

August 1 at 9:43 AM



**Ruth Pfister** posted:

Our sincere sympathy to the family of Bill. We will miss our neighbor from across the street at Pelican Sound but will remember him very fondly.Ruth & Rolf Pfister

July 29 at 7:21 AM



**Carol Lingo** lit a candle in honor of John "Bill".

JW: Our prayers and thoughts are with you and your family at this time. Ken & Carol Lingo

July 27 at 5:40 AM



**Skip Lyshon** lit a candle in honor of John "Bill".

Diane, J.W. and Mark,So sorry for your loss, remember the good times. "Rook" was one of the good guys and Lewes has lost a good man.Skip Lyshon

July 26 at 3:22 PM



**Patricia W.** sent a sympathy card to the Hocker family.

July 26 at 1:46 PM





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**Patty Walker** posted:

J.W. & Family; Alan & I send our condolences to you and your entire family. As you know we most recently lost Alan's mom and it is so hard to have to say our final good-byes to those that we loved so much. Our hearts and prayers are with you, during this difficult time. With Love, Alan & Patty Walker

July 26 at 12:38 PM



**Jim Wright** posted:

One of the all time greats. Lewes lost a good man.

July 25 at 4:33 PM



**Melanie** posted:

Dear Diane, JW & Mark. I am so sorry to hear of your Dad's death. I have many fond memories of all of you on Lewes Beach back in the day. Always thought your father was so funny & cool. With sympathy, Melanie Annand

July 25 at 1:53 PM



**Jack Delhagen** posted:

To Bills family, we are very sorry at his passing. We spent many happy hours on the golf course with him at Pelican Sound. He could give and get a ribbing with anyone. I know how proud he was of his nautical skills. God bless him. Marty and Jack delhagen

July 25 at 10:51 AM



**Harry & Evelyn Culver** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Hocker family.



July 25 at 8:04 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Hocker family.



July 25 at 5:24 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Hocker family.

July 24 at 9:31 AM



**Terry Warrington** posted:

To the entire Hocker, Roth and extended families, I am so sorry for your loss, my heart was broken when I heard of his passing. What an awesome man! I so enjoyed the many times visiting to do alterations for both he and Charlotte, and after Charlotte passed, I had so many lovely conversations and visits with him. I wish you all strength and peace in your hearts, I know you will miss him and his wonderful way. The world has lost a true treasure! Thinking of you all. Terry Warrington

July 24 at 5:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Tranquil Seas to the Hocker family.

July 23 at 5:10 AM





## Media

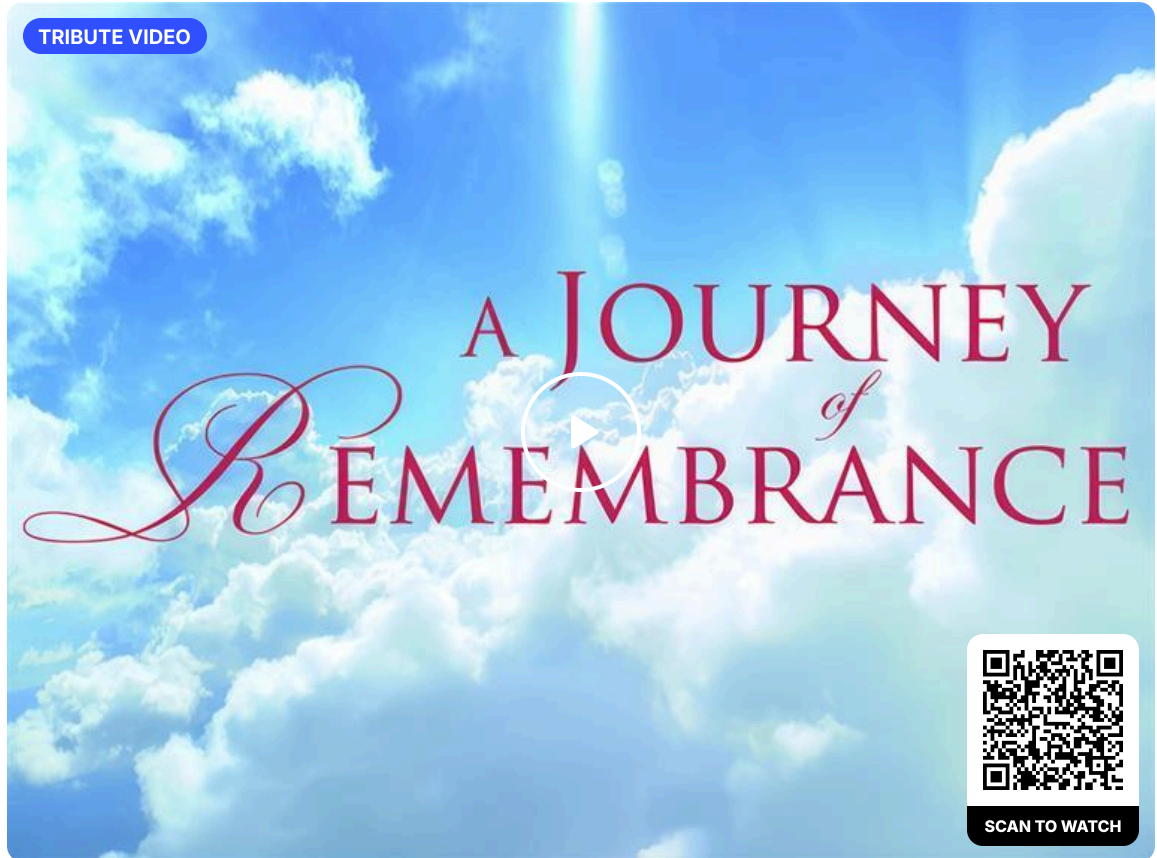
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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring John "Bill" by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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