



William L. Shannahan Jr.

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William Lewis Shannahan, Jr., age 77 of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, passed away peacefully on June 5, 2018 at Delaware Hospice in Milford. He was born on June 25, 1940 in Baltimore, Maryland.

Mr. Shannahan graduated from Baltimore Polytechnic Institute, then worked as an expeditor for The Bethlehem Steel Corporation from which he retired. After retirement, he enjoyed traveling by RV, building unique creations, and telling stories of his life experiences. He is remembered for his love of family, friends, music, and spending time near the water.

Mr. Shannahan is preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Georgia Jean Shannahan. He is survived by his brother Patrick Shannahan of Street, Maryland; his two sons William L. Shannahan, III, Robert Timothy Shannahan (Marilyn Shannahan); and his daughter, Bonnie Jean Diehl (David Diehl). He is also survived by his grandchildren: Will, Ryan, Casey, Emily Rose, Gracie, Carly (Beans), Mike, Greg, and Tim; and his eight great grandchildren. He will also be remembered by his companion, Patricia Sandy of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware and her family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial gift donations may be made to Delaware Hospice: 100 Patriots Way; Milford, DE 19963, or www.delawarehospice.org/donations/memorials or by calling 855-DHI-GIVE.

A private Celebration of Life Memorial will be held at VFW Post 7234, 29265 Marshy Hope Way Ocean View, DE 19970.

Please sign the online guestbook located on this site.



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BS

Banthem's lit a candle in honor of William .

We have many memories of Bill and Jean over a span of 45+ years. Steak dinners in Essex to Crab Feasts on Eastern shore! Weddings, Anniversaries, graduations and many Birthdays we celebrated it all, what a history of friendship. Old friend we know you gave the Big C a fight! Rest In Peace and we will see you again!



June 12 at 4:36 PM

LD

Linda Defeo posted:

I had the pleasure of meeting Bill in January of this year. Remembering his wit and storytelling, specifically the playful banter between him and his brother Patrick. The two were like a comedy duo alternating the role of "straight man". Listening to the brothers reminisce, play their harmonicas, and sing with playful rivalry was a joy not likely to be soon forgotten. I am grateful to have know Bill, a kind, loving and considerate man. Respectfully, Linda DeFeo

June 11 at 9:36 AM

PG

Patti Graybeal posted:

Randy and I met Bill at crabs outback. Bill offered me a job and without any hesitation I accepted. What a wonderful man to work for his personality and sense of humor was a joy to come in everyday It never really seemed like a job because Randy and I loved the salt life as much as he did. He always had wonderful stories to tell us and as we told him ours. We were so excited when Bill and Patti showed up at our house a couple of months ago for a visit. We were so excited to see Bill and his lovely companion. Only to hear of his health conditions. Bill you will be greatly missed. Until we meet again our friend ❤️ Randy & Patti Graybeal

June 10 at 1:20 PM

JV

James Vaughn posted:

Bill and Jean opened their doors to me and my family at Tilghman Island. We spent several Tilghman days with them and had many laughs lots of good food and great times. They were generous and wonderful people sincere condolences from the Vaughns

June 9 at 3:41 AM



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Charles Schmidt posted:

Bill and I met while attending Poly. We hit it off and became friends. At a time early on in our marriages, we were almost inseparable. Jean and my wife Barb also became close friends. We had a lot of fun, laughs, and many good times together. He was a genuine good friend. He was funny, smart and generous. Although we drifted apart lately because of relocating, we often talked about our relationships. Barb and I were so fortunate to have gotten together with Bill and his family last year at a party he had for Pat Sandy. Sorrowfully, Charles and Barbara Schmidt

June 8 at 2:53 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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