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**W**illiam Francis Bowler, age 89 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Friday, April 10, 2020 at his home. He was born on August 16, 1930 in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Daniel M. and Elizabeth (Kennivan) Bowler.

Bill was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the US Navy during the Korean War, from 1950 through 1954, rising to the rank of Quarter Master-Signalman 2nd Class. He attend the Museum College of Art in Philadelphia and was employed as an illustrator for RCA and General Electric in Morristown, NJ, retiring to Rehoboth Beach after many dedicated years.

Bill attended St. Jude the Apostle Roman Catholic Church and served as a Eucharistic Minister on weekdays and during Saturday evening Masses. He was active in the Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Francis Desmond Council, #13348, and was a charter member of that council, holding the position of Council Officer Trustee. Bill also served as Parish Council Officer, and Liason to the Finance Council of St. Jude. He was also a generous volunteer at Beebe Medical Center for seven years.

Bill had a passion for the sea and enjoyed walking the beaches of Rehoboth, and Cape Henlopen State Park, Lewes. In the winter months, he painted seascapes and numerous portraits of family and friends. Above all, Bill cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Marie T. Bowler of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his sons: Daniel Bowler of Rehoboth Beach, DE and Bill Bowler (Diana) of Sewell, NJ; his daughter, Donna M. Pappagainis of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his granddaughters: Gianna (Drew) Darrow and Janae Bowler; his great granddaughter Josephine; his brothers: Harry Bowler and Rev. Joseph Bowler, OSFS; and his sisters: Sr. Ann Elizabeth, OSF and Betty Duke.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, public services will be announced at a later date.



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In lieu of flowers, Mr. Bowler's final wishes were that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude the Apostle Church, 152 Tulip Dr #1689, Lewes, DE 19958.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Tribute Wall

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RW

**Roberta Wagner** posted:

Dear Marie , Dan,Bill Donna and families was advised of Bills passing by Kathy O'Neill. Such fond memories of times spent in the alley way and how everyone got along - so glad for those times Bill was a wonderful person and he will be missed

November 3 at 1:26 PM

LJ

**Leona Joline** posted:

Mr. Bowler was a good friend of mine for ten years. He came from the Immaculate Conception Parish in Germantown, PA. Being on the Reunion Committee, he sent me photos for my DVD to help keep the Church open. Here are some photos of him from yesteryear. He was also very devoted to the Holy Souls in Purgatory.and prayed for them unceasingly. Remember him always in your prayers. God bless his precious family!Leona Joline

May 20 at 6:03 AM

LH

**Laraine Hofmann** posted:

Such a faithful servant of the Lord. Was at daily mass and led the rosary after mass at church. Lord have mercy n Bill's soul.Laraine Hofmann, ofs

April 28 at 11:50 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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