



# **Capt. William Carlos Parler Sr.**

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**C**apt. William Carlos Parler Sr., USNA Class of 51, age 92, of Frankford, DE passed away at home surrounded by family on Friday, May 6, 2022. He was born on August 12, 1929, in Creston, Calhoun County, SC, son of the late Marion C. and Anna J. (Keller) Parler.

Bill was proud of his family, and they were the focus of his life and career. He graduated from the Cameron, South Carolina High School. Bill attended the University of South Carolina on a NROTC scholarship. After a year there, he received a competitive congressional appointment to the US Navy Academy from which he received a BS degree in the class of 1951 and a commission as a line officer in the US Navy. Bill trained on USS Missouri. He subsequently served on destroyers and amphibious ships throughout the world, including operations in the Mediterranean, Korea, Vietnam, and the Formosa Straits.

It was during his naval service that he met and married Beatrice Anne Hemenway, on August 13, 1955. Bill resigned his regular navy commission to attend the University of South Carolina School of Law from which he earned a Bachelor of Law degree with high honors and was elected to the Phi Beta Kappa honorary society. He was admitted to the South Carolina Bar. Bill then attended Harvard Law School on scholarship and earned a Master of Laws degree.

Thereafter, Bill began an uninterrupted career of public service as an attorney with the federal government in then newly emerging field for the development and use of atomic energy for civilians and natural defense purposes. With the legal office of the Atomic Energy Commission, he specialized in government contract matters, administrative law, the legislative process and energy, and environmental law. During his career as an attorney, Bill served, among others, as the committee counsel to then United States Congressional Joint Committee on Atomic Energy, as an administrative appeal judge and as the General Counsel to the United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission, appointed by George H. W. Bush. He received that agency's distinguished service medal and the Presidential distinguished Executive and Meritorious service awards.



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Bill remained an active member of the South Carolina Bar until retirement on January 1, 2006. After resigning his regular navy commission and during his civilian public service, Bill was also an active participant in the US Naval Reserve for many years. He retired as a Captain in 1971, but thereafter remained in the standby reserve for the maximum period.

Upon retirement from his civilian position, he and Anne moved from their home in Rockville, Maryland, to a farm near Ocean View, Delaware, where they enjoyed life and their family. Bill attended with Anne St Martha's Episcopal Church in Bethany Beach, Delaware. He was baptized and confirmed as a youth in the Shady Grove Methodist Church in the Creston, South Carolina community.

During his retirement years, Bill was fortunate to become informed about, and to document some of his earliest direct line of ancestors who sought a better life in Colonial America. William Parler, the earliest identified, fought with General Francis Marion and General Thomas Sumter for independence in the American Revolution. So did William's son, John and William's two surviving brothers; one of those brothers died in the enemy's prison war camp. William's other son fought with the Georgia militia in the War of 1812. Descendants of William Parler's family served in all wars from the American Revolution to the current conflicts.

Finally, during those years, Bill reflected more with great admiration and respect on those in his family and neighbors who served and sacrificed for America.

In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Harriet Spigner and husband Laney Spigner; and his grandson, Bradley J. Parler. Bill is survived by his wife of 66 years, Beatrice Anne Hemenway Parler; his sons: William C. Parler, Jr., of Timonium, MD; Blair H. Parler (Rebecca) of Mount Airy, MD; his daughters: Bethanie R. Detar of Ft. Mill, SC; Beatrice C. Nutt (Jeffrey) of Hingham, MA; his grandchildren: Jacqueline H. Parler, William C. Parler III, Madaline A. Parler, Kathryn F. Parler, Nicole M. Hawkins (Christopher), Kasey B. Forsell (Lt. Kory M. Forsell), Taylor B. Parler, Katherine A. Detar, Kyle W. Detar, Christopher V. Detar, William EH Nutt, and Robert JD Nutt; and his great grandchildren: Jacelyn G. Smith - Hawkins, and Eowyn R. Forsell.

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



## Events

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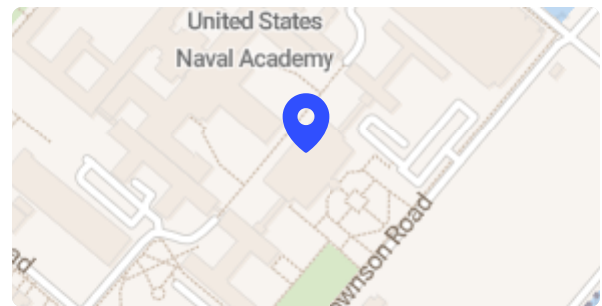
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### Memorial Service

 **Wednesday**, September 14, 2022

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


 **The Navy Academy Chapel**  
101 Cooper Rd., Annapolis MD 21402

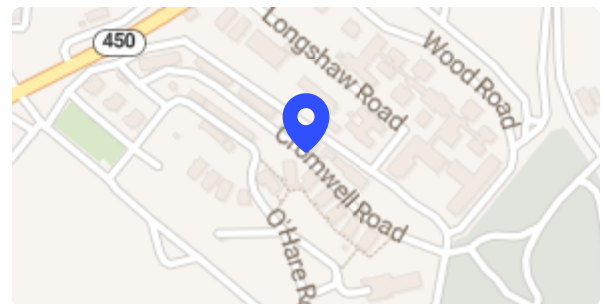


### Chapel Committal

 **Wednesday**, September 14, 2022

 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET

 **United States Naval Academy Cemetery**  
Cromwell Way, Naval Academy, Annapolis MD  
21402





## Tribute Wall

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FT

**Frank Titus** lit a candle in honor of William.

RIP Bill.

September 14 at 8:06 AM



PJ

**Patty Jehle** posted:

I was saddened to learn of Mr. Parler's death. He was the General Counsel of the NRC when I began there as a young attorney. He was a gentleman, fine attorney and thoughtful colleague and took an personal interest in those in the Office of the General Counsel. I have thought and spoken of Mr. Parler so many times over the years, always with respect and admiration. I extend my deep condolences to Mrs. Parler and his family in your loss.Patty Jehle

May 25 at 12:50 PM

CM

**C.Ellen Martin** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of Bill Parler's passing away. I remember him from the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. I just came on board to the NRC and I was working in OGC. I remember him as being a fair and honest man and an outstanding attorney. He always had time to speak to you and to say hello to everyone. He treated everyone in the NRC agency with dignity and respect. I was so very sorry when he left the NRC we really lost a good man. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Ellen Martin

May 24 at 5:02 AM

CL

**Cecelia Leahy** posted:

Deepest sympathy and condolences for your loss. Your family is in my prayers. Ceil Leahy

May 22 at 9:33 AM

MF

**Mrs. Maxine Frazier** posted:

Anne and Family,I just wanted to send you my deepest sympathy to you and your Family at this most difficult time. I tried to reach Mary Jo Lytle to tell her and had no luck. So I sent her the Obituary that was in the Coastal Point.I don't know if you heard but we lost Chotsie Martin on March 16, 2022 which was her 85th Birthday.Also, the last time I spoke with Mary Jo she was recuperating from a fall off her deck.Fondly,Mrs. Maxine Frazier

May 21 at 7:53 AM



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JD

**Jeanne Dempsey** posted:

I was fortunate to have worked for and with Mr. Parler at the NRC. He was an expert on legal matters and always demonstrated integrity. He was kind to me as I was just starting my career. A true gentleman who was respected by all. My condolences to his family.

May 15 at 5:45 AM

KC

**Karen Cyr** posted:

It was with the greatest sadness I learned of Bill's passing today. My deepest condolences to Anne and to all of Bill's family. I was privileged to work with Bill for most of my career at the NRC. He was an exemplary attorney and civil servant, always acting with the highest integrity and commitment to serve his country. At the NRC, he was a mentor, a counselor, always a gentleman, and a friend. It was an honor to know and work with him and those of us who did were and are all the better for it. Karen Cyr

May 14 at 4:22 PM

BN

**Beatrice Nutt** sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Dad.

May 14 at 1:58 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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