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Commander William Charles Hancock, USN (Ret.), age 79 of Lewes, DE passed away at his home on Sunday, May 14, 2023. He was born on April 24, 1944, in Minneapolis, MN, son of the late Paul Raymond and Muriel Virginia (Sampson) Hancock.

William graduated from Hopkins Seniors High School, class of 1962. He continued his studies, graduating from the US Naval Academy, class of 1966. He later obtained a master's degree in communications, at the Navel Post Graduate school in Monterey, CA. William enjoyed a lengthy career as a Surface Warfare Officer, retiring in 1987 after serving for 21 years. He later worked as an IT program manager consulting for the federal government until retirement from the workforce. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed sailing, camping and gardening. William was a devoted Eagle Scout and achieved the Order of the Arrow. What he cherished most however, was time spent with those he held most dear. Loved by all who knew him, he will be forever missed.

William is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia Hancock of Lewes, DE; his children: Derrick Hancock (Gretchen) of Newtown, CT, Anneliese Lohmeyer (Robert) of Ashburn, VA, and Nicole Reeves (Jason) of Ashburn, VA; his granddaughters: Jordan and Abby Lohmeyer, Caroline Hancock, Lily and Emily Reeves; and his grandsons: Tyler Lohmeyer and Declan Reeves.

Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at 11:00 AM, at St. John Neumann Church, 11900 Lawyers Rd., Reston, VA 20191. The funeral mass will be livestreamed at the following link: <https://boxcast.tv/view/funeral-mass-for-william-hancock-puha594letgzruryv2dtIt>. The feed will go live 2 minutes before Mass and stay live until around 12:15 PM.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in William's memory to the Parkinson's Foundation, <https://www.parkinson.org/?utmor>, or a charity of your choice.



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.




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Tony Franzitta posted:

Patti and Family, It saddened me deeply to learn of Bill's passing. Many years have passed since we shared our first summer in Bancroft Hall as fresh-caught Plebes and I remember, what seems like yesterday, the honor of crossing swords for the newlyweds. My deepest sympathies Tony Franzitta

May 24 at 1:50 PM

SR

Scott Redd posted:

Patti and family, I was deeply sorry to hear of Bill's passing. On behalf of the entire U. S. Naval Academy class of 1966, please accept our sincere condolences. Bill was a treasured member of a great class which made the world a safer place. Born in the cauldron of the cold war we saw that struggle though to final victory, bringing freedom to millions. In the process we were there when the cold war turned hot in Viet Nam. Our class lost more killed in action in that war than any other Naval Academy class (indeed, of any class since 1945). As you will especially appreciate, we have lost many more from the unforeseen effects of that war. You and your family played a key role in all of that, moving around the country and - indeed, around the world - and supporting a father who was about the nation's most serious business. For all that and more, thank you!! May God bless you all and give you His peace. Very respectfully with warmest regards, Scott Hon. John Scott Redd Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy (Ret.) President, U. S. Naval Academy Class of 1966 usna66@gmail.com

May 22 at 1:09 PM

JV

Juliana Vantol posted:

Ruth and I cleaned for the Hancock family for many years. Bill always had a smile on his face and greeted us with kindness. He always showed determination and positivity. What a loving devoted couple! Much love, Juliana and Ruth

May 19 at 3:57 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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