



# William John Thoroughgood, III

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**W**illiam John Thoroughgood, III “Bill” age 68 of Lewes Delaware passed away at home, surrounded by his family on Thursday, August 15, 2024. Bill was born on November 17, 1955 at Beebe Hospital to William John Thoroughgood, II and Dorothy A. (Breeding) Thoroughgood, fondly referred to as Dot.

Bill graduated from Cape Henlopen High School with the class of 1974. While at Cape, Bill attended Vocational School and took refrigeration and air conditioning classes.

As a child Bill grew up in an amazing neighborhood in Rehoboth, School View Development. The Jones family and his family were very good friends. At a young age Mr. Jones, who owned Old Landing Golf Course, would pick Bill (Billy) up in his pick- up truck early in the morning and Bill would do things for Mr. Jones around the golf course. Bill especially enjoyed good times with Rachel Paynter in the clubhouse. Because of Mr. Jones, Bill fell in love with the game of golf. Mr. Jones’s son Rick and Bill became lifelong friends. They both played golf for the Cape Henlopen Golf Team. Their team was coached by Jim Lowe. Cape Henlopen golfers returned the title won in 1972, by going through the regular 1973 season unbeaten as they defeated Caesar Rodney 7-2. The team players were: Don Travis, Dave Travis, Rick Jones, Dean Graves, Bill Thoroughgood, and Dave Matatrese. (Thank you, Rick for the article)

Bill met the love of his life, Shelly Ann Reinhart, and they became inseparable, marrying in 1982. Bill and Shelly had 2 sons Patrick, born 1986, and Andrew, born 1992. They both had good times just being with each other and their sons. They both enjoyed going on cruises as Bill had a special love for boats. They visited many islands, had wonderful dinners together and just enjoyed whatever the ship special events were. They also, enjoyed the times they had in the Florida Keys with their good friends Sanford and Nina Hazzard, who they kept in touch with on a regular basis.

After High School Bill worked for the Wells Farm in Milton, DE with Glen Wells and the Wells Family. Later on, he decided to work for the family business “Thoroughgood Appliances” on Rehoboth Avenue that was started in 1946 by his dad and Uncle Joe Thoroughgood. Bill gained a



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lot of useful knowledge about the appliance and service business from his Uncle Joe. Bill and his mother, Dot later ran the business. After Dot passed away, Bill and his sister Mary Ann ran the business until Bill retired in 2023. Bill maintained a loyal clientele and was loved by many for whom he worked for. He was an honest, hardworking, genuine man who always did the right thing by his customers.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his uncles James “Sparky” Edward Thoroughgood, Joseph Thoroughgood and George Thoroughgood and his lifelong friend John Beach.

He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Shelly Ann (Reinhart) Thoroughgood, his son William Patrick Thoroughgood and son Andrew John Thoroughgood; his siblings Mary Ann Thoroughgood (Rick Wise), Deborah Hawkins (Hawk) and David Allen Thoroughgood; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Brenda and Troy Hazzard and his niece Hannah Hazzard and nephew Ethan Hazzard and great nephew Curtis Reinhart, Jr.

Bill is also survived by his nieces Jennifer Turner, Tracy Decker, Kim Hutchinson, Michelle Bailey, and Melanie Reinhart, his nephews Matt Wells, Michael Wells, and Curtis Reinhart, Sr and his cousins Tina Thoroughgood, Denise Goepel, Melissa Thoroughgood and Lynn Webster.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday August 24, 2024 at 3:00 PM at Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Hwy, Lewes, DE 19958, where friends may visit beginning at 2:00 PM. Interment will be private.

All those unable to attend the services are invited to join the service via livestreaming by visiting the following link:

<http://www.parsellfuneralhomes.com/obituaries/permalink/11479067/LTWebcast>

In lieu of flowers, Memorial contributions in Bill's name may be made to the National Kidney Foundation by visiting <https://www.kidney.org/offices/nkf-serving-maryland-delaware> or to 11307 York Road #232, Cockeysville, MD 21030.

Please sign Bill's online guest book located on this site.



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FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, LEWES, BY 9AM SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 2024.



# Events


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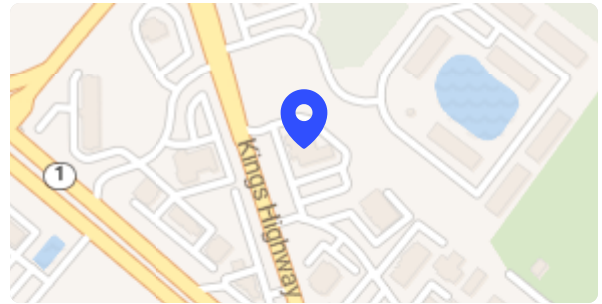
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, August 24, 2024

 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM ET


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


16961 Kings Highway, Lewes DE 19958



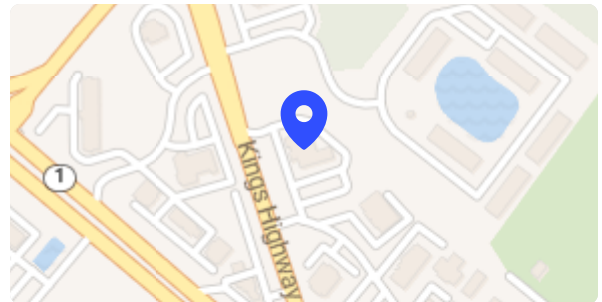
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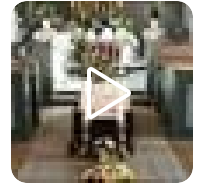
# Tribute Wall

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



August 19 at 11:17 AM



**Kara Colpo** posted:

Hello. We were neighbors of tge Thoroughgoods on Madison Dr. My husband John and Bill would mow the lawns and finish with a chat and cold beer. Bill once helped me get our cat from his roof.He was such a lovely person. I am so sorry for your loss. Heaven gained a good man.SincerelyKara Colpo

August 29 at 12:52 PM



**Carrie J.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



August 24 at 9:39 AM



**Alan Walker** posted:

So many great memories with Bill growing up and hanging out with him. I remember, listening to music on the old 8 tracks; Doobie Bros., Bad Company, Tommy James & The Shondells! Bill was an all around great friend and good guy! My heart goes out to Shelly and Family. Rest in Peace my friend.Alan Walker

August 23 at 5:33 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Thoroughgood, III family.



August 23 at 10:49 AM



**Cj Bailey** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



August 23 at 10:49 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Joyful Memory to the Thoroughgood, III family.

August 23 at 9:05 AM



**Jack Lingo Realtor** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

August 23 at 9:05 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Thoroughgood, III family.

August 23 at 5:02 AM



**Johnny Hopkins Iii And Family** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

August 23 at 5:02 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Divine Peace Bouquet to the Thoroughgood, III family.

August 22 at 6:42 PM



**Alan And Patty Walker** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

August 22 at 6:42 PM





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**Kristy R Brittingham** posted:

My last conversation with Bill and Shelly was at Brandon's birthday party in February. Bill was so very kind and an all around good person. Shelly, I'm so sorry for your loss, I know you are lost without him. Hang on to the memories as I'm sure you shared some very good ones. May Bill rest peacefully now. God bless. Kristy Brittingham (Leslee's Mom).

August 21 at 12:10 PM



**Kim** posted:

Knew Bill from working at Coldwell Banker, he was Our go to guy for appliance repairs. He was a joy to have come in office with his smile, professionalism and willingness to always help us out when needed his service. He will be missed by many who had the privilege to know him.

August 21 at 7:19 AM



**Doris Person** lit a candle in honor of William.



August 20 at 2:20 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful Dreams to the Thoroughgood, III family.



August 20 at 6:40 AM



**Neal And Mary Murabito** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thoroughgood, III family.



August 20 at 6:31 AM



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**Tom Mcglone** posted:

Met Bill through his appliance business. A kind soul. I would often see him on Rt one in his service truck and would always give him a wave. He loved his wife and family and they were his number one! RIP Bill!

August 20 at 5:44 AM

KA

**Karen** posted:

Bill was such a nice guy ... haven't seen him for awhile but enjoyed conversations with him back in the day he was towing for the old Shell Station. RIP Bill.. you earned it

August 20 at 5:38 AM

BC

**Bitsy Cochran** posted:

Rehoboth Beach has lost another native. The "go to guy" for any broken appliance. And with rental properties we had many, After every service visit, he always took the time to sit with my mother after he finished a job. Billy provided service from the past, honest, experienced and professional. But he was much more than a repair guy, he was wonderful sweet soul. Miss you already Billy!

August 19 at 4:34 PM

TW

**Tom Walker** posted:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Fond memories of Bill growing up in Rehoboth where we were friends and worked on many jobs together later in life...RIP BILL...Tom Walker

August 19 at 4:09 PM

PH

**Patti Hocker** posted:

We've known Bill since high school, but saw him in recent years mainly as his customers. He treated us so well and we enjoyed seeing an old friend when he came to our home for repair work. He was great at what he did. We considered Bill a friend as well as our favorite repairman. Hugs to your family...Mark & Patti Hocker

August 19 at 12:54 PM



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**Anonymous** sent a Florist Choice Bouquet to the Thoroughgood, III family.



August 19 at 2:00 AM



**From Adele Chalabala** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



August 19 at 2:00 AM



**David Vessels** lit a candle in honor of William.



I WAS SO SADDENED TO HEAR THE PASSING OF ONE MY DEAREST FRIEND'S BILL AND I SHARED SIMILAR INTERESTS IN ALL THINGS ELECTRICAL , AUTOMOTIVE, AND POWER TOOLS, HE WAS SUCH A WONDERFUL PERSON WITH A SMILE AND A POSITIVE ATTITUDE. HE ALSO WAS AN ACE WHEN CAME TO HVAC, I WISH TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO HIS SURROUNDING FAMILY, GOD SPEED BILL!

August 18 at 5:43 AM



**Thomas Hoyer** August 23 at 7:46 AM

A visit from Bill was always preceded by a phone call with his sister. Both events always made me happy. I've lived here for twenty-one years and no one but Bill has ever touched one of our appliances. We had absolute faith in his ability and his honesty. I cycle, and he always recognized and waved to me from his truck when we passed. We grieved when he retired. We will miss him.



**Sam And Toni Mcclay** August 20 at 5:06 PM

Our Deepest Condolences for your loss of your Husband and Father Bill whom i met while working for Sanford and Nina always a treat when Bill would come in the store and have some great talks and also the many times Bill would repair appliances for us a true gentleman and Friend who i will truly miss our thoughts and prayers are with the entire Thoroughgood family sincerely Toni and Sam Mcclay



**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Thoroughgood, III family.



August 18 at 4:29 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Strength & Solace Spray to the Thoroughgood, III family.

August 17 at 12:24 PM



**The Turansky's** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

August 17 at 12:24 PM



**Keith M.** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

August 17 at 9:28 AM



**Sanford Hazzard** sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Thoroughgood, III family.

August 17 at 6:38 AM



**Sanford Hazzard** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.

August 17 at 6:38 AM



**Nina Hazzard** posted:

I think of Bill every day I pick the garden looking for zucchini!!

August 17 at 6:29 AM



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**Deb Thoroughgood Hawkins** posted:

I will miss you, my brother, your smile, your kindness. I will have forever the memories of us growing up together, in my heart, rest easy and know that I love you! Your sister Deb

August 17 at 3:31 AM



# Media

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# Memories only last if you share them

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



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