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William Richard Nicholls, age 83, of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away peacefully at his home on Sunday, March 9, 2025. He was born on June 25, 1941, in Staten Island, NY, to the late George and Harriett (Monahan) Nicholls.

A proud graduate of New Dorp High School in Staten Island, William went on to serve in the United States Air Force for four years. He later married his beloved wife, Maria (Marotto) Nicholls, on November 24, 1963, in Staten Island. Together, they built a life filled with love and shared adventures.

William enjoyed a long and rewarding career at Brooklyn Union Gas Company, where he worked as a Superintendent Assistant. He also ran a mobile home business in Delaware for many years, further building his legacy in the community. Outside of his professional life, he had a wide range of hobbies that brought him joy, including camping, snow skiing, and traveling. William was also a dedicated member of the community, serving as a Master Mason and a Shriner, giving back to those around him in meaningful ways.

In addition to his work in the community, William was an active and committed member of his church. He served as a Deacon and Elder, was part of the Men's Bell Choir, and contributed to the Church Buildings and Grounds Committee. William also enjoyed decorating the church for Easter and Christmas, sharing his talents and love of tradition with his church family.

William was also a generous supporter of causes close to his heart. He contributed to the ASPCA and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, making a difference in the lives of many animals and children in need.



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William is survived by his devoted wife, Maria; his two sons, Douglas Nicholls and Mark Nicholls, both of New Jersey; his grandchildren, Thomas, Ryan and Jack Nicholls; his sister-in-law, Joan Nicholls, of New Jersey; along with many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces who held a special place in his heart.

He was predeceased by his brother, George Nicholls, of Millsboro, DE.

A memorial service in honor of William's life will be held at 11:00 AM on April 5 2025 at the Reformed Church of Huguenot Park, located at 5474 Amboy Road, Staten Island, NY, 10312.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Reformed Church of Huguenot Park, the ASPCA, or St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Please sign William's virtual guestbook to share your condolences and memories.



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BZ

Bob Zasowski posted:

Bill was an extremely outgoing person who made everyone feel like the most important person in a particular setting. He was extremely well versed in all subjects and always put everyone at ease and he will be missed greatly. I always enjoyed my time with him watching football games on television and talking sports together..

March 28 at 5:18 PM

AZ

Ann Zasowski posted:

Bill lit up any room he was in with his warmth, kindness, and enthusiasm. He will be missed but never forgotten. I hope it comforts his family to know that he's at peace now and that he'll always remain a bright, shining light in so many of our hearts. Ann Zasowski

March 28 at 5:08 PM

TH

Thelaurenos posted:

Billy will be greatly missed. Friends for 50 years, we shared so many memories at The Reformed Church of Huguenot Park. Prayers for his family. With our sympathy. Rosemary and Bob Laureno

March 14 at 4:55 AM

GG

Ginger Golba posted:

Bill and Maria have been our neighbors here in Kinsale Glen for many years, I will always remember his smiling face and cheerful personality! Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this difficult time! Ginger and Alex Golba

March 13 at 2:40 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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