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William Lee Oakes Sr., 81, of Lewes, DE, passed away peacefully on May 4, 2025, in Lewes. He was born on November 11, 1943, in Wilmington, DE, son of the late Harry Langford Oakes and Edna May (Hopkins) Oakes.

William dedicated many years of service as a lineman at Chrysler, a job he performed with diligence and pride.

An avid fisherman, William found solace and delight in the tranquility of the water. He will be remembered as a man who cast a wide net of love and friendship, leaving an impression on all who knew him.

Bill's life was enriched by his companion of 26 years, Patricia Meade, and filled with joy by his children, William L. Oakes Jr. (Candyce), Tammy Lee Hopkins (Adam), and Tracy Poppit (Gino). He was a proud grandfather to eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren, all of whom will deeply miss his warmth and generous spirit. He is also survived and will be missed by his sisters, Shirley McGinley (John), Judy Franciscus (Richard), Patricia Palmer (Thomas), and Kathleen Copinger (Bryan).

In addition to his parents, William was predeceased by his brothers, Harry Langford Oakes Jr., Robert B. Oakes (Gaye), and Donald J. Oakes (Faye).

A Celebration of Life for Mr. Oakes will be held later this summer.

In lieu of flowers, please send memorial contributions in memory of Mr. Oakes to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org>



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Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.



Tribute Wall

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CV

Cynthia Ventresca posted:

I just found out Billy passed, and am so sorry. He was my first cousin and I have good memories of family gatherings when I was young...In my memories, he is always smiling. My deepest condolences to his partner, children, sisters and entire family. He was a good guy and I will miss knowing he's around. Much love to you all.Cindy (Aunt Florence's daughter)

October 28 at 7:50 PM

CV

Cynthia Ventresca posted:

Billy was my first cousin. I didn't know he had passed. I have many fond memories of Bill at family gatherings when I was young, and in my memories, he is always smiling. I haven't spoken to him since my mom (Florence) passed in 2016, and am so sad to hear of his passing. My deepest condolences to all his family. Love and hugs.Cindy

October 27 at 7:23 AM



Ninamarie Lheureux shared a photo to the **Tribute Wall** album.

You will be missed. Bob & Nina

May 10 at 6:49 PM



JM

Jennifer Miller lit a candle in honor of William.

I have some fond memories as a child of my Uncle Bill at Holly Lake Campground. Several other family members had places down there too. He his country music and our crab feasts. We had some great family parties. Great laughs and lots of memories of you throughout the years. RIP Uncle Billy. I love you forever

May 8 at 8:33 PM





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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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