



William "Bill" H. Griswold, III

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William Henry Griswold, III, “Bill,” beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, passed away peacefully, surrounded by his family on August 30, 2025, at the age of 94. Born in Portsmouth, Virginia, on November 9, 1930, he was the son of the late Ruth (Chapman) and William Henry Griswold, Jr.

A proud graduate of Cradock High School, Class of 1948, Bill went on to earn his Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Virginia. He continued his academic journey with a Master of Arts from New Jersey Teachers College in 1958 and later received his Master of Education from Rutgers University in 1964.

Bill served his country honorably during the Korean Conflict as a member of the United States Army’s 716th Military Police Platoon. For his service, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal.

Following his military service, Bill dedicated his life to education. Throughout his distinguished career, he served as a public school teacher and coach, Supervisor of Physical Education for Wilmington Public Schools, Supervisor in the New Castle County School System, and ultimately retired as the Athletic Director at Concord High School. He touched countless lives through his commitment to education and athletics.

An avid sports fan and athlete, Bill played Division I football at UVA and was even drafted by the Baltimore Colts. However, his passion for education and devotion to his family led him to pursue a different path—one that enriched the lives of so many. He was a skilled bowler, an enthusiastic woodworker, and a devoted coach of youth football and baseball in his community. He loved connecting with people and could spark a conversation with anyone about anything.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Elizabeth Brooks Griswold.



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He is survived by his three children: Lynn Fitzgerald (Mark), Susan Hannigan (Geoff), and William Griswold; his five cherished grandchildren: Jaclyn DiMascio (Chris), Sean Fitzgerald (Kelly), Bridget Hannigan, Will Griswold, and Sammy Griswold; and four adored great-grandchildren: Ellie and Derek DiMascio, and Josie and Greta Fitzgerald.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Wednesday, September 10, 2025, at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 528 E Stein Hwy, Seaford, DE 19973, where friends may visit beginning at 10:30 AM. Interment with military honors will follow at the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Millsboro, DE.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 2:00 PM at The Manor House, 1001 Middleford Road, Seaford, DE 19973.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests donations be made in Bill's name to the Samuel B. Griswold Third Party Funded Special Needs Trust c/o William R Griswold, Trustee, 123 Whistling Duck Drive, Bridgeville, DE 19933.

Please sign Bill's online guestbook located on this site.

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE HAVE ALL FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS DELIVERED TO PARSELL FUNERAL HOMES, BRIDGEVILLE, DE, BY TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 9TH, BY 3 PM.



Events


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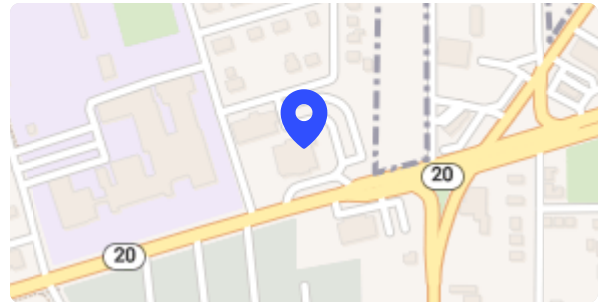
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Visitation

 **Wednesday**, September 10, 2025


 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM ET


 **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church**
532 East Stein Highway, Seaford DE

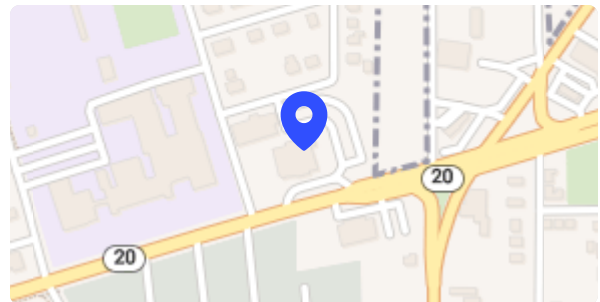


Mass of Christian Burial

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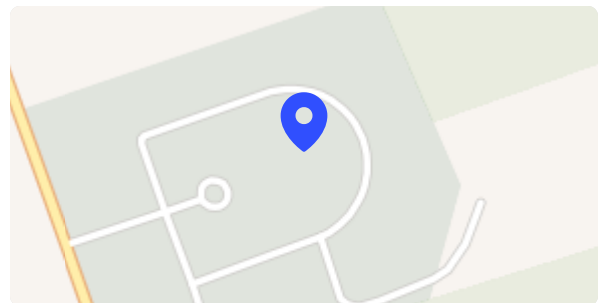


Interment with military honors

 **Wednesday**, September 10, 2025


 1:00 PM ET

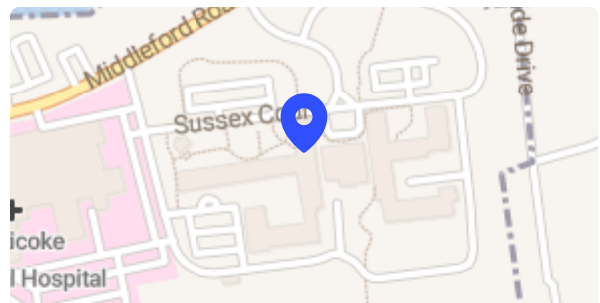
 **Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery**
26669 Patriots Way, Millsboro DE



Celebration of life

 **Thursday**, September 11, 2025

 **ACTS Manor House**
1001 Middleford Rd, Seaford DE 19973





Tribute Wall

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Kovonuk Kids planted a grove of 5 Memorial Trees in honor of William "Bill".



September 7 at 7:44 PM



Mark Sutton posted:

I remember when he took over as the driving instructor for me. He was always calm and always patient. I saw him mad when someone had walked over his daughter's spyder and one or two other times, but never when teaching. He had a great laugh though. My condolences.

September 7 at 1:26 AM



Lauren Schropp posted:

One memory I have is when Susan was moving into the Towers at UD. Naturally, at five or six year old I went along (in a nicknamed car I will not say here) with Susan and Mr. Griswold to "Help". Once we were done with the move, we said our goodbyes and the door closed. My head dropped and tears started to roll down my cheek. I cannot remember the words of comfort offered, if any to be honest. All I remember is Mr. Griswold scooping me up in his big long arms and being carried out to the car to head home.

September 5 at 1:07 PM



Chris Forgione posted:

I recall how flattered my dad, Frank Forgione, was when told by Bill Griswold how jealous he was of dad's ability to wall paper his dining room and living room. Now, everyone knew Mr Griswold not only had all of the tools, but used them all effortlessly. And usually helped others in the neighborhood. So I distinctly remember the disbelief when Mr Griswold asked dad to show him his secret to wall papering. It was the ultimate compliment for Frank! Our prayers and best wishes to the Griswold family. Chris Forgione

September 5 at 8:06 AM



Dr. James Fierro planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William "Bill".



September 4 at 3:00 PM



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Dr. James Fierro sent a Sentiments of Serenity Spray to the Griswold, III family.



September 4 at 3:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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