



Billy Pat Clamp

June 26, 1940 - July 9, 2020

Billy Pat Clamp, age 80 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Thursday, July 9, 2020, following a long battle with congestive heart failure. He was born on June 26, 1940 in Newberry, SC, son of the late Joe and Lenore Clamp.

Billy moved to Washington DC in the mid-60s to start a career and lived there for 50 years. He worked as a civilian accountant for the US Navy Department in Washington, DC for 26 years. Following retirement, Billy became a licensed independent tour guide for Washington, DC, where he found his true passion. He toured thousands of teenagers on their school trips and enjoyed touring senior citizens and others, singly or in groups. Billy was a renowned tour guide for more than 15 years until moving to Rehoboth Beach in 2016. He never met a stranger and was beloved by many.

Billy is survived by his husband and partner of 30 years, Terry T. Vick of Rehoboth Beach; his nephew, Jerome Clamp and his family of Chapin, South Carolina; his cousin, Constance Henderson and her family of Joanna, South Carolina; and many, many friends.

Billy's wish was to be cremated. No services are planned at this time.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ I knew Billy for a short time in DC in the late 70's. We performed in a show for the Hexagon Club and laughed ourselves sick all the way through rehearsals and shows.

He was truly a highlight of my time in Washington and I was sad to hear of his passing. Billy came to mind and I searched his name, and my heart hurt to find this out.

A truly great, kind and funny man. Rest well, Billy. I will never forget you.

Diana Kyle - February 02 at 08:54 PM



“ Terry, It is so unfair that your love story came to an end, so very unfair. A recent article that I read is quite beautiful. I hope you don't mind that I share it. “I still rise uncharacteristically early each morning, shocked into wakefulness by the realization that he is no longer beside me. Friends hope that this will wear off, but I dread the day it does. While I am still shocked by his absence I can still hold onto his presence. He is still alive to me. I can hear his voice in my head. I can visualize him in three dimensions before me. He is still him. We are still we. On the way home after a long day, I say aloud, “If you're out there send me a sign.” When I get home, there is a large tree blown down in our garden. “Couldn't you just have sent me a feather?” I lament wryly. I hear him laughing with me. I am a mix of contradictions: sad but not unhappy, alone but not lonely, single yet in a relationship, a wife with no husband. I feel loved by so many and yet no longer by one in particular. I am a person whose husband has died. He is not late nor lost. He hasn't passed. He is absent but not erased. He inhabits my dream world, making star appearances in technicolor. I know him so well that, like a favorite character in a book, I can imagine him into any situation. He is dead but our relationship outlives him. Our bank is still full and I depend on it, in some ways now more than ever. I am grateful for the independent self that was fostered in our marriage as I carve a lone way forward through this surreal new world —although altered, I too am not late, passed or lost. But this independence has always been, and still is, indelibly connected to his love being there for me to depend on when needed, a secure base where my troubles can be soothed, my joys shared, and from which I can confidently head back out into the world. The safety of that dependence allowed me to be more boldly independent. Thus it was that with the gift of a bell to summon him, I seldom needed to ring it, and even as his absence is stark, his presence remains a deeply embedded internal reservoir. The shape of our love holds firm and I continue to be forged and fortified by it, turning to it for comfort and encouragement as I bear my grief and navigate life. It is still the rock on which I rely. The shape of our love holds firm and I continue to be forged and fortified by it, turning to it for comfort and encouragement as I bear my grief and navigate life. It is still the rock on which I rely.”

Doris Perry - January 02 at 05:05 PM



“ Billy Pat, I am sorry to learn of your recent passing. May the Lord bring you home to be with him. Father Wayne Dabney, Catholic Clergy



Father Dabney - November 26, 2020 at 09:59 AM



“ I met Billy when he and I enrolled in a How to Be a D.C. Tour Guide class taught by Maricar Donato. Immediately I sensed that his loving spirit, sense of humor and skills at storytelling would make him a favorite of visitors to D.C. I was right! He and Terry hosted a lovely get together for us budding tour guides at their Massachusetts Avenue apartment. Terry, Billy's spirit will infuse Washington, D.C. forever! Thank you for loving him and supporting him in his work as a tour guide. --Carolyn Crouch, Washington Walks

Carolyn Crouch - August 03, 2020 at 04:02 PM



“ I met Billy shortly after he moved to Rehoboth. Billy was a people person, he pulled you into his world and wrapped you in his generosity, his caring, his stories, his laughter. He made you feel special. I was only graced by his friendship a few short years yet it feels more like a lifetime. I will miss you my friend, I will miss you.

My sincere condolences to you Terry and the rest of Billy's family. We have lost a true treasure.

Malcolm Keen

Malcolm Keen - July 26, 2020 at 06:30 PM



“ Billy was one of the most kind and caring person that you could ask for in a friendship. He always enjoyed receiving a phone call and wanting to catch up on the latest news and was always so thankful for the call. I only have had the privilege of knowing Billy and Terry for the past several years. I will miss Billy very much and my condolences to Terry. Terry your friends are here for you in this time of sorrow.

Rick Moyer

Rick Moyer - July 26, 2020 at 02:08 PM



“ Billy was one of the sweetest people I ever met. I am glad that I had the great fortune to meet both him and Terry. I will miss him and his kindness very much. Rest in peace dear man. My deepest condolences to you Terry.

Joey Colleli - July 25, 2020 at 04:59 PM



“ Terry and Family,

Jim and I just learned of Billy Pat's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time. While we were not fortunate enough to have known him for long, we have many fond memories of our times together; may your memories sustain you during this time in your journey. We hold you close in our hearts and lift you up for renewed Spirit.

Jim and John Jasch-Young

John Jasch-Young - July 23, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Billy...you were a gem!!! Erin and I miss you so much already!! You and Terry have been our special family! We loved your loving and generous personality but most of all, we will miss your jovial laugh that always makes us laugh. Rest peacefully and enjoy your time seeing your mother, brother and dear friend Mary! Heavenly Hugs and Love!! Jan and Erin

Jan Peters Richardson - July 22, 2020 at 09:30 PM



“ I have known Billy for longer then I think most people. We met at P Street Beach in DC way back in 1968. I was in the Army and home on leave. I immediately liked Billy. He was so friendly and very funny
I was sadden to hear of his recent passing. I know for sure he is in heaven. He always was so kind to everyone. Loved is laugh!
My prayers to Terry, the family and may you rest in peace my friend

mike lynch - July 19, 2020 at 10:14 PM



“ Students, teachers and parents all loved having Billy as their DC tour guide. When they experienced his talents for the first time, he was requested over and over again. Thank you Billy for impacting so many students' lives. You were simply one of the best and will be missed. Thoughts and prayers for your loved ones.

Brad Rosenbaum - Hemisphere Educational Travel

Brad Rosenbaum - July 13, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ Terry,

Our condolences to you at this time. Billy was a larger than life personality, and will be missed for his cheerful and vibrant personality. The world is a better place because he passed through it. We wish you strength at this time.

The Conways, of Alexandria, Virginia

Timothy R Conway - July 13, 2020 at 08:43 AM



“ A former client and personal friend of mine and I were just talking about Billy last week. He was a such a kind human being. Billy always wanted to give his guests the best tour possible and for that we will be eternally grateful. He will be sorely missed.

Danny Lewandowski - Hemisphere Educational Travel

Danny Lewandowski - July 13, 2020 at 08:18 AM



“ I remember all the tours, lunch’s and gatherings I attended with Billy. So much history and appreciation was shown to me by Billy for the city of DC. I will miss him dearly and hope he is happy and in peace where he may be. I love you and will miss you Billy Clamp.



Brandon Humphries - July 12, 2020 at 11:18 AM



“ His smile and infectious positive attitude always lit everyone graced to know him.
Michael Neuhardt



Michael Neuhardt - July 11, 2020 at 11:25 AM



“ Terry
Billy’s passing deeply saddened both of us. We will neve forget him. Remembering all the good times and memories we shared with Billy and you over the years. We offer you comfort through our friendship and our thoughts and prayers.

David Seyler
Charles (Chuck) Lovelace

Charles Lovelace - July 11, 2020 at 10:50 AM



“ Billy was a Wonderful Friend whom I will never forget. I first met Billy in 1974 when I started working with Military Sealift Command. Billy retired before I did and he went on to become the Best Tour Guide Ever! He was gracious enough to tour several members of my family who came to visit me. Billy knew the history of Washington DC inside out!!

My family still talks about how much they enjoyed touring DC because Billy gave them an insight to each place they visited. He was the Best!

R.I.P. Our Friend - Love - Lee&Julie Humphries

Julie Humphries & Lee Humphries - July 11, 2020 at 10:16 AM



“ I met Billy through guiding and was drawn to him by his sincere honesty, friendliness, kindness, love, and gentleness. A joy was to be at his and Terry's Christmas parties. We are all better for having known him.

Sincere condolences to Terry and other family. May you be blessed with only fond memories.

Peggy Lussier

Peggy - July 10, 2020 at 10:08 PM



“ Billy was such a kind person; I have many fond memories of sharing meals and laughter with him. RIP dear friend.

Shawn Mullins - July 10, 2020 at 07:59 PM



“ Billy always had a smile on his and his friendliness always brought me joy.

Vickie Forby-Stevenson - July 10, 2020 at 04:57 PM



“ I work with Billy at MSC, he was such a pleasant joyful person. We had many laughs, always a great person to be around.

Paula Plummer - July 10, 2020 at 04:14 PM



“ Billy always said at the end of any visit either on the phone or in person , “It was so good to be with you today.” The kindest, most loving man, DC ever knew, and all knew Billy. Victory is yours, Billy Pat Clamp. Condolences Terry.
Rick and Athena Snowden

Rick Snowden - July 10, 2020 at 03:41 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Billy at Military Sealift Command, if you were having a bad day he would make it better. He was a great person with an awesome spirit. My condolences to his family.

D. King - July 10, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ I had the pleasure of working with Billy at the US Navy Military Sealift Command he was a pure joy to work with! I always thought fondly of him! What a treasure!

Diane Mathis - July 10, 2020 at 01:24 PM



“ Because of his passion, Billy was the one who convinced me that I should be a tour guide. He was warm, generous, kind, unique. Being invited to one of his and Terry’s Christmas parties was a joy. My deepest sympathy to Terry and other family members. Fond memories of Billy will always be in my heart.
Ellen Gold

Ellen Gold - July 10, 2020 at 11:07 AM



“ Billy was a great ambassador for MSC employees helping put on parties and events. Enjoyed working with him. Always smiling and keeping our spirits up. He is missed!

Cathy Stangler - July 10, 2020 at 05:11 PM



“ I knew Billy through the Guild of Professional Tour Guides. I don't know if he ever said this, but in my mind one of the great things about being a professional tour guide in Washington, DC was the chance to be in the Guild. Through the Guild we get to know one another and share war stories. Billy was a valued member of the Guild.

Shirley Timashev

Shirley Timashev - July 10, 2020 at 09:32 AM



“ Terry

So sorry for your loss. Billy was a great person and such a joy to be around. The both of you always have treated us with the upmost respect and kindness. We enjoyed all the great times we shared during our visits to D.C. and the memories will be forever lasting.

We will miss him dearly as our friendships carry onward.

James and Janet

James Gibson - July 09, 2020 at 10:36 PM



“ Terry

We shall never forget Billy Pat. He was truly one of a kind. He loved people, and he especially loved you. Billy Pat will live in our hearts forever. I met Billy Pat in 1967 and enjoyed a 53 year friendship with him. He was there for me in my time of need, as was Bennett. He loved his Mother. His infectious laugh, blue eyes, and smile were priceless. I know the world is a better place because of him. I am sorry for your loss. Glenn remembers Billy Pat as a great tour guide—showing him the sites of Washington, and when he came to Louisiana we had such fun in New Orleans as well as Dallas. We don't cry because we lost him but smile because we knew him. Love you forever

Richard Chaney
Glenn Jackson

Richard Chaney - July 09, 2020 at 06:46 PM



“ I met Billy Pat several years ago when I was just starting out as a DC tour guide and he made a lasting impression on me. He was warm and welcoming and he always said hello when we saw each other on tours. I'm sorry to hear he's gone. Rest in peace, Billy Pat

Bill Turner - July 10, 2020 at 09:57 AM



“ So sad to hear of Billy's passing! Seeing his face brought a smile to mine! Billy was so dear! I just have to describe him as a dear !

Billy and I met through guiding and he was a great one! He had the command of his audience and was knowledgeable and most definitely entertaining! Billy with his gentle southern manner was a friend to all!

Rest Well Billy

Debra Friedmann - July 10, 2020 at 10:30 AM



“ Billy was an extremely nice guy. Loved his stories over dinner and could hear him talk for hours. He did make your day a brighter day by making you forget your worries. I am sure he is fitting in right there in Heaven with his bright sparkling wings!

RIP my Friend

Carlos Zapata - July 22, 2020 at 07:55 AM