



William F. Coppinger

June 10, 1931 - September 6, 2019

William F. Coppinger Jr., age 88 of Georgetown, DE, passed away peacefully on Friday, September 6, 2019 at Delaware Hospice Center in Milford. He was born in Baltimore City, MD, on June 10, 1931, the eldest son of the late William, Sr. and Margaret (Kerrigan) Coppinger.

Bill was a proud US Navy Veteran. After his formal schooling, he enlisted and served for 4 years during the Korean War. Upon his discharge, Bill settled in Bay City, Michigan. The majority of his adult career was spent with General Motors, where he retired from his Quality Engineer position after 30 dedicated years. Following his retirements, Bill moved back to Maryland's Eastern Shore and worked with various companies there (including NASA) as a private contractor. He relocated to Delaware 20 years ago.

Bill had many hobbies, including entertaining his family and friends playing his banjo, ukelele, or one of his many other musical instruments. He was also known for having a new joke every time he saw someone. Bill was a long standing member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a life member of the Elks Lodge, and a longtime member of the Back Bay Strummers.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas J. Coppinger; and his sister, Patricia A. Coppinger. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Marlene "Marne" B. Coppinger; his children: Colleen J. Cofelice, Charles J. Coppinger (Kelly), Catherine J. Pence (W.T.), William T. Coppinger (Suzy), Eileen M. Sanner (Eric), James A. Kercher, and Thomas E. Kercher; his 16 grandchildren; his 18 great-grandchildren; and his 3 great-great-grandchildren; and many other dear family and friends.

A celebration of Bill's life was held privately, as many of his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren traveled from afar to pay their respects.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Bill's memory to the Parkinson's

Foundation, 200 SE 1st Street, Suite 800, Miami, FL 33131, or to Delaware Hospice Center, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

Comments



“ Dear William Coppinger Family and Friends,

We were deeply saddened to learn of Bill's passing and wish to extend our sincerest condolences to Marne and Bill's entire family, as well as to Bill's friends and associates. We will always remember Bill as the warm, personable and very talented person he was. We also admired him greatly for his service to our country, for his successful career with General Motors and for the other positions he held as the professional he was. We are also grateful to Marne for the loving care she extended to Bill so patiently and lovingly over so many years. It is also our hope and wish that all of Bill's loved one will be sustained in their loss by the many happy memories they shared with this remarkable man, husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather.

As the good and faithful Irishman Bill surely was, may his soul rest in peace and may perpetual light shine upon him, now and always.

In deepest sympathy to all, Arthur (Marne's cousin) and Melody Clark, Raleigh, NC

Arthur L. Clark - 3 hours ago



“ Marne so sorry about Bill, guess he will now never go home with me. We had good times at the Elks. Joanne

Joanne Mayer - September 11 at 02:45 PM