



William Leo Emery

June 2, 1936 - October 18, 2020

William "Bill" Leo Emery, age 84 of Milton, DE, passed away on Sunday, October 18, 2020 at The Moorings at Lewes. He was born on June 2, 1936 in Martinsburg, WV, son of the late Frank and Mary (McCarty) Emery.

Upon graduating from Martinsburg High School, Bill enlisted in the US Navy and served until his honorable discharge. He later settled down in Bethesda, MD, where he met and married Nancy Lynn Webster on October 29, 1966. Together they raised two beautiful children, Jennifer and Darrell. Bill worked in sales for Woodward & Lothrop Department Store in Bethesda retiring after 35 dedicated years. Following his retirement to the beach, he worked for 17 years at Golf Park of Rehoboth and for 14 years at the Coastal Highway and Shuttle Road Exxon.

Bill had a lifelong passion for the game of golf, whether he was playing the game, watching it on television, or working on a golf course. Even when he wasn't playing golf, what made Bill happy was staying active and spending time with his family and friends. He was known for his kind and loving spirit, never meeting a person he didn't love, and he will be missed by all who knew him.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his son, Darrell Emery, and his brother, George Emery. He is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Nancy Emery; his daughter Jennifer Kropp and her husband Bryan; his grandson, Nathan Kropp; and his sisters: Nancy Burke and Sue Ellen Frick.

In consideration of the COVID-19 pandemic, services will be private.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Bill's memory to the Lewes/Rehoboth Association of Churches, Community Resource Center, c/o Darlene M. Ford, @ccounting for LRAC, Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

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“ Keith Emery sent a virtual gift in memory of William Leo Emery



Keith Emery - November 03, 2020 at 08:23 PM



“ My Uncle Bill was a very special human being. He had this ability to see to it that everyone around him felt loved, cared-for, and truly valued. He laughed regularly...daily, actually...and he was a devoted husband, father and respected member of his community. And I remember as a little kid, riding with him and Aunt Nancy and singing "Devil with a blue dress on" along to the radio at the top of our voices. Just having fun. Me, and my brother Jeff, used to love going to visit Uncle Bill and Aunt Nancy, because we knew we were going to have fun! They were the "young" relatives. We always knew we were more than welcomed! He and Aunt Nancy both, would just radiate with good vibes, that little kids could pick up on right away. He was gracious, without being phony. And people loved him. Every time I would visit him and Aunt Nancy down in Delaware, someone always call him out in public, and stop to speak with him. He knew many people, and many more, for a long time. He valued family, and he taught me to respect others, as well as myself. I'm sure he got angry at times, but I never saw it. He was one of the most warmest, most genuine, even-tempered gentlemen you could ever ask to meet. And he and Aunt Nancy loved to get out and go exploring, visit a museum, or go hang out on the beach. And if I had to conjure up just one word to describe my Uncle Bill, it would be "decency". Through his actions, through the way he lived his life, and faced crisis head-on, Uncle Bill taught me to retain composure, and do the next right thing while always thinking of others. Uncle Bill taught me how to be a decent human being. We, have all lost, a truly courageous and caring friend...and I will miss him, and I will never forget him. Any anyway, goodbye, is only for now. Love you Uncle Bill!

Keith Emery - November 03, 2020 at 08:20 PM



“ Bill Emery was a gentle, unselfish, loving, dear man. Nancy is my cousin. She and her mother and grandmother were a big part of my family growing up. We celebrated her marriage to Bill and the birth of their daughter and son. Darrell was a special needs child - I've never known parents who loved and cherished a child as much as this family did. Bill will be so missed by our family. Much love to you and Jennifer, Nancy. Susie and Ray Dillon

Susie and Ray Dillon - October 27, 2020 at 08:28 PM



“ We are so very saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Although we didn't know Bill because we live across the country, his wife Nancy has been a dear friend of mine (Diane) for over 50 years. We send our love, heartfelt condolences, and prayers to Nancy and the rest of Bill's family and other loved ones.

Diane and Lowell Richardson
St. George, Utah

Diane Richardson - October 27, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ I could not have asked for a better Uncle than Uncle Bill. While he lived in Bethesda, MD, he and Aunt Nancy often had me down for visits during my early teen years. Those times were great. He often took me to the local golf driving range to try to teach me about golfing but I was not a natural like he was. I do remember being there one time close to the Christmas holiday when we were having a really difficult time in finding a Christmas tree and getting it up. It was one of those times where nothing was going right but we worked through it and years later laughed about how we almost decided to toss the tree out the window. He was indeed a family man. He loved both Aunt Nancy, Daryll and Jennifer deeply. Even though as his nephew we have lived great distances apart, he always stayed in contact over the years. I can only hope that through the years and miles that I will be able to stay in as close contact with my sons as he was with me. You had a great influence on my life and I thank you. Rest in Peace Uncle Bill. Tom Burke



Thomas Burke - October 26, 2020 at 11:17 AM