



## William Farr Holtzclaw Sr.

September 3, 1939 - January 17, 2020

FLORIST NOTE: PLEASE DELIVER ALL ARRANGEMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE FAMILY.

William Farr Holtzclaw Sr., age 80 of Rehoboth Beach, DE, passed away on Friday, January 17, 2020 at Beebe Healthcare, in Lewes. He was born on September 3, 1939 in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late William H. and Irma M. (Farr) Holtzclaw.

Mr. Holtzclaw was a Virginia Tech Graduate, Class of 1962, earning a Bachelor's Degree in Chemical Engineering. He built a respectable career working for companies such as Owens Corning, Justin Tanks in Ohio and then in Georgetown, from which he retired after more than 30 dedicated years. After retirement he started Holtec and worked as a consultant for the remainder of his life. Mr. Holtzclaw was a member of Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI), ASTM, Chairman of Composites Institute (1991), and the American Composites Manufacturers Association (ACMA) where he received the President's Award in 2007, as well as the Rehoboth Beach Country Club, where he was a past president (2001-2003) during the construction of the 19th hole bar which he called "Billy's Bar". He was an avid golfer, a loyal Bengals fan, and a respected member of his community. Above all, Mr., Holtzclaw was a family man who cherished time spent with his loved ones. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Holtzclaw is survived by his beloved wife of 55 years, Judith A. Holtzclaw of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his son, Butch Holtzclaw (Meggin) of Rehoboth Beach, DE; his grandchildren: Polly and Peyton; and his brother, Woodrow Holtzclaw of Richmond, VA.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, January 24, 2020 at 3:00 PM at the Rusty Rudder, Dewey Beach, DE.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions in Mr. Holtzclaw's memory to the American Lung Association, 55 West Wacker Drive, Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601.

Please sign the online guestbook located on the tribute page.

# Events

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**JAN**   **Celebration of Life**                      03:00PM  
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Rusty Rudder

113 Dickinson Street, Dewey Beach, DE, US

# Comments

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“ Judy and family: Since Bills death I have thought about you and how much fun we use to have. Bill always had kind words for all and especially about my grandchildren. I saw you last at the Crab House and that is the way I want to remember him. I know it will be hard to be without him. Fondly, Betty Mann-Beebe



**Betty Mann-Beebe** - February 22 at 12:59 PM

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“ May deep condolences to Bill’s family as well Justin Tanks. He has been always present in my profesional life.  
Bill was my technology trainer in FRP winding tanks and pipes in 1972. I came in from Colombia.  
We also meet later in several SPI and as well today’s ACMA anual meetings; including a visit to Delaware facility.  
I move with my family to the US in 1999 and worked for Tankinetics, Murtex-Fiberglass, Safas, TPI Composites and AMERON International Fiberglass Pipe División today NOV Fiberglass Systems .  
Again my condolences to the family.

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**Francisco Convers** - January 27 at 02:45 PM

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“ DALE ATKINS lit a candle in memory of William Farr Holtzclaw Sr.



**DALE ATKINS** - January 24 at 07:03 PM



“ Billy was a super, caring friend, who’s love and kindness was so wonderful to me. Although I was unable to see him as frequent as when I lived in Delaware, I will always keep him in my memories as a giving and loyal friend. My love to Judy and his son and family. Eternal peace friend.

**linda Collins** - January 23 at 04:01 PM

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“ Bill introduced us to the Delaware Shore and Rehoboth became our go to place in the summer. He was always a gracious host and a dear friend. Bill had very accomplished and respected life. We are fortunate to have so many fond memories of our times with Bill and Judy. Our deepest sympathies to Judy, Butch, Meggin and the girls.

Bill & Marge Harmon

**Bill Harmon** - January 22 at 03:25 PM

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“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Farr Holtzclaw Sr..



January 21 at 06:10 PM

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“ My thoughts and prayers go out to Judy ,Butch and family . Bill is just a CLASS ACT all around that will never be replaced -is the best way i can describe him .” Claw Daddy “ as i called him always took care of me (thru the HS days with Butch and beyond) He would randomly call to check on me since i left DE in 1991 to Chicago and Cincinnati and give me his updates ! I will miss those calls and his comments “hot damn-unbelievable “! DUDE i love you and miss you. J Desmond





“ Bill has been a great friend and colleague over the past 25 years. It has been a privilege and honor to serve with him on the ACMA Government Affairs Committee. Bill will be missed by many, and remembered for his friendship, his dedication and commitment to the vitality and future of our industry, and his consistent willingness to help others. We send our deepest condolences to Judith and the whole family.  
Perry and Linda Bennett

**Perry Bennett** - January 21 at 01:57 PM

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“ Will miss Bill greatly. I learned a lot from him over the last forty some years I have known him. A true icon in the FRP industry. My heartfelt condolences to his wife and family.  
Bernie Shelley



**Bernie Shelley** - January 21 at 01:02 PM

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“ Thoughts and prayers to the family

**Kathy McGuinness** - January 21 at 08:27 AM

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“ Bill's light in my life through our walk in the fiberglass world together has burned brightly for decades, as a competitor, supplier, customer, advisory council special guest and friend. He wasn't shy when it came to sharing a piece of his mind and always had something valuable to contribute out of the kindness of his ways. You will be thought of often and greatly missed Bill. Thank you for making a difference in our lives. Peace be with your family and you. May the subtle sweet smell of styrene linger with you long past the gates of eternity.

**Gary Arthur** - January 20 at 05:34 PM

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“ Joe Gates lit a candle in memory of William Farr Holtzclaw Sr.



Joe Gates - January 20 at 04:24 PM

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“ Over the last 40 years Bill has been there to help me out in just about every capacity as a fellow fabricator, a resin supplier, a consultant, an ACMA environmental contact, an ASTM standards contact, an ASME dinner companion, a mentor, and as a friend. It's is never easy losing a loved one, but hopefully knowing that Bill is loved and respected by so many people brings a little comfort.

Merrill Arthur - January 20 at 03:36 PM

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“ Ed Wesson lit a candle in memory of William Farr Holtzclaw Sr.



ed wesson - January 20 at 03:33 PM

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“ It has been a sad weekend for me. Bill was a mentor, colleague, and a dear friend. I now look forward to seeing him again in our next life.

ed wesson - January 20 at 03:32 PM

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“ Bill was a great guy and I am pleased to have met him almost 30 years ago.

The FRP corrosion tank pioneer, Bob Short, hired Will and sent him to Delaware to open a branch of Justin Tank on the east coast. Bob told me the story some years ago. Bob spoke highly of Bill.

Shalom Bill, Shalom

**AI Newberry** - January 20 at 02:22 PM