



William Martin

May 6, 2012

Martin, William "Bill" Bill passed away in Mesa, AZ on February 16, 2012, in his 78th year, from complications after surgery resulting in MRSA infection. He will be greatly missed by Dolores "DoDo" love of his life, best friend and devoted wife of 58 years. Preceded in death by cherished daughter, MaryJo, sister, Veronica. Loving father of Margaret Martin, Soldotna, AK; son, Billy Martin, California. Beloved grampa of Sarah Anderson and husband Craig; Meghan Biegler and husband Joe, Derek Martin and fiancée Gala of Baku, Azerbaijan; great-grampa to his beloved little girls, Paige Elizabeth and Kaylyn Anderson, and Harper Elizabeth Biegler. Also survived by much loved sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary and Don Ferris; Margaret Birkedal; Elizabeth and Larry Erickson; Helen and Ken Wing; Kathryn Engebret; Judy and Carroll Vomhof, many beloved in-laws, cousins, nieces, nephews, family and friends. Bill was a wonderful, funny, talented, fiercely devoted, loving and caring husband, father, grampa, brother and friend to many in Minneapolis as well as in Mesa, AZ. His children and grandkids were his pride and joy. Bill was a veteran and proud of his service in the U.S. Navy. He was formerly active in his church and neighborhood politics. He was an electrician, retired after 39 loyal years. He had many interests and hobbies. He loved music, projects, books, gourmet cooking, fishing in Canada with his buddies, with his daughter in Alaska, and at Lake Mary in Alexandria. His sweet, unassuming ways made him very special and loved by all who knew him. He was the Santa Claus on "Santa Claus Lane" in northeast Minneapolis for 18 years. Each evening

during the holidays he greeted families, giving candy canes to young and old. We were on the light tour route and he loved chatting with the children, boarding the light tour buses and talking with the seniors. Bill was a great guy who left us with many wonderful memories. A celebration of Bill's life will be held this Friday, May 11, 2012, at 11 AM with visitation one hour before, in the Washburn-McReavy Chapel, on the Hillside Cemetery grounds, 2610 19th Ave. NE., Mpls.

Tribute Wall



“ Mrs. Martin,

I was so very sorry to learn of your husband's passing. I read some of the notes and it sounds like you had the most wonderful husband as I would have expected.

I learned of this while reading the obit of Mr. Dick Axelson who also used Washburn -McReavy. I hope you are happy and healthy.

I can be reached at 520-316-0089 or henbet95@msn.com. My wife and I live in Casa Grande, Az. Good luck to you and again I apologize for the lateness of this.

Henry Hull - October 14, 2018 at 11:51 PM

JH

“ *Delores, Meg, and Billy, Our sympathy to you. We have many, many memories of the "good" years when the kids were growing up together. We are very sorry that a good man left us so soon. Bob & Joann Howitz*

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Joann Howitz,

Fridley, Minnesota

Joann Howitz - May 11, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“DoDo and Billy, We will miss Bill and will always cherish the many memories of chats over the back fence, gifts of Salmon and sharing raspberries; The smiles and affection you shared for all made our family richer and proud to have been your neighbor for over 12 years. See you soon. Don, Tanya and Dillon

~

Donald Jensen,

St. Anthony, Minnesota

Donald Jensen - May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ DoDo, Margaret and Billy, My deepest sympathy. It is so hard to lose a parent. I remember your dad as being very patient with us in your basement hanging out in the booths or at the basement bar with Grandpa sometimes, A very sweet and loving man. Keep the memories close to your heart.

~

Kathy Alexander

May 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I think we could have been great friends. Thanks for the time you gave me. God Bless You.*

~

jack

May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our block will never be the same. But how lucky we all are to have known a man like Bill. The best there ever was or ever could be. Our deepest condolences to all ~*

~

Rick, JoAnn and Camrin

Rick - May 09, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ *Meghan, Joe and Darling Harper We are so sadden by your loss. You are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless may he be with you during these trying time's*

~

Terry & Stephen Biegler,

Coon Rapids, Minnesota

Terry & Stephen Biegler - May 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ My dearest 'Do-Do', Billy, Meghan and families....Bill was such a presence in this life, as I'm sure he now adds an additional glow to heaven.I'm so thankful that God placed you in my life...'forever friends', we are.Bill was always that tender, caring, soft friend and I knew he cared as much for me as I did for him.Blest....that is what I've been, to have Bill & Do-Do in my life....so many good memories I hold dear to my heart. I will cherish those forever.To watch a 'love' like Bill & Do-Do shared was breathtaking....they loved each other so unconditional.Hold tight to the many beautiful memories you all have shared with the years God gifted you with Bill...memories are powerful and help!Know Do-Do, that I love you and am here whenever you need me for anything!My deepest sympathies and unending love,Lois

~

Lois Hartman,

Spring Lake Park, Minnesota

Lois Hartman - May 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM