



William S. Graham

May 8, 1923 - April 6, 2018

William S. Graham, of Bloomfield, beloved husband of Regina C. Graham for 68 years, died peacefully on April 6, 2018 at the age of 94. Born in Greenwich, on May 8, 1923, he was one of five children of James P. Graham, Jr. and Agnes Gillen Graham. After attending Baltimore Polytechnic Institute and Severn School in Maryland, Bill won a competitive SecNav appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy. He graduated June 6, in 1945, Class of '46. At Navy, Bill lettered in lacrosse and soccer, played on 3 intercollegiate championship teams, and was named All-American in lacrosse. He served in the Pacific during WWII, with several tours in China.

Bill met the love of his life, Regina T. Coady, in April 1949. They married in April 1950 and lived in Baltimore where they started their family. Bill worked for Aetna Life & Casualty Co., moving to the home office in Hartford, in 1956, earning his CLU degree that year. He and Jean settled in Bloomfield, where they raised their family and attended Sacred Heart Church. Bill was active in local politics and enjoyed his major avocation, the fire service. He was a volunteer firefighter for 14 years, and then served as a CT Fire Marshall in Bloomfield and East Granby for a total of 34 years. Bill heroically drove his family of six children and a dog on epic trips to Ocean City, MD each summer, creating indelible happy memories. Bill and Jean moved to West Hartford in 1976 where Bill was active at St. Peter Claver church, teaching catechism classes, joyfully singing in the choir and planning events at Holy Family Retreat Center with the men's retreat league. Bill retired from Aetna in 1988

as Director of Financial Services in the Life Division. Bill mentored many at Aetna, passionate and committed to the development of those with whom he worked.

Bill's faith and family were the focus of his life. He was a devoted husband to Jean, with whom he enjoyed a life of love, laughter and dancing. He was an exceptional, loving father to his six children. He cherished his 15 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Bill was a devout Catholic, whose deep faith was evident and reflected in everything he did, especially in his love and commitment to his family. Bill and Jean enjoyed their retirement years immensely, spending summers in Martha's Vineyard and traveling around the world. They most especially enjoyed trips to Hawaii, Illinois and Missouri to visit their children and grandchildren. In 2010, he and Jean moved to Duncaster Retirement Community where he enjoyed seeing friends, new and old. An avid reader and lover of history, Bill was part of the Hartford Civil War Round Table, and relished leading a discussion group on "the universe" with friends at Duncaster. Bill will be missed deeply by his family and friends. In addition to his wife Jean, Bill is survived by his brother Robert Graham of AZ, and his six children, William S. Graham Jr. (Jessica) of Springfield, MO; Patricia Heath (Raymond) of Avon; Suzanne Akim (Joseph) of Mililani, HI; Barbara Graham of Weymouth, MA; Jonathan Graham of Chicago, IL, Kathryn Mund (Christopher) of Manchester. He leaves 15 grandchildren: Emily Paula (Andres), Sarah Thompson (Kris), Kate Heath; Maureen, Kathleen and Shannon Graham; Meghan and William Akim; Caroline, Austin and Dylan Graham; Wyatt, Clara, Laura and Eleanor Mund; and great-grandchildren Francesca, Sophia, Leo, Shaelan and Drew. He also leaves many beloved nieces and nephews. Bill was predeceased by his sister Virginia and brothers Jim and Jack. Receiving hours: 5:00 – 8:00 pm on Thursday, April 26th at Molloy Funeral Home, 906 Farmington Ave. West Hartford. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am on Friday, April 27th at St. Peter Claver Church 47 Pleasant St. West Hartford. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery, West Hartford. Directions and online expressions of

sympathy may be made at www.molloyfuneralhome.com

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

200 Whitman Ave.
West Hartford, CT

Previous Events

Calling Hours

APR 26. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Molloy Funeral Home
906 Farmington Avenue
West Hartford, CT 06119
(860) 232-1322

Mass of Christian Burial

APR 27. 10:00 AM (ET)

Church of St. Peter Claver
47 Pleasant St.
West Hartford, CT

Tribute Wall



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William S. Graham.*



April 25, 2018 at 08:39 PM



“ *Dear Jean, so sorry for your loss. Bill was such a terrific, caring person, he will be so missed. Lotsa fond memories of Aetna and the Mark Twain House & Museum Friends, wow where did the time go..? Sorry to miss the calling hours tomorrow and the service, out of state this week..Be well, Big Hugs, Donna and Dick Fritzer*

Donna Fritzer - April 25, 2018 at 08:25 PM



“ *Love, Wyatt, Clara, Laura and Eleanor purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William S. Graham.*



Love, Wyatt, Clara, Laura and Eleanor - April 25, 2018 at 05:31 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William S. Graham.*



April 23, 2018 at 10:31 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of William S. Graham.*



April 23, 2018 at 03:09 PM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of William S. Graham.*



April 23, 2018 at 01:05 PM



“ *Bill brought much joy and laughter to the world (and 6 kids). He leaves a family that fills the world with the love he gave to each of them to fill their families for generations. He will be missed by all but never forgotten. Cherish the memories he left all of us, for he lead a life of passion and giving to be emulated by all of us each day. Condolences to all the family.*

Trisha - April 23, 2018 at 03:47 AM

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“ Thank you Dad for being a such a beautiful example of what a Godly man, husband and father looks like in practice. Your faith has and will continue to be a blessing for our whole family.
Missing you terribly - Christopher

Christopher - April 22, 2018 at 12:36 PM