



William J. "Bill" Travers

December 11, 1928 - August 4, 2019

William J. "Bill" Travers, age 90, of Washington, D.C., died peacefully on Sunday, August 4, at the Armed Forces Retirement Home in Washington. He was born in 1928 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to Thomas and Margaret Griffin Travers. Bill married the love of his life, Geraldine T. "Gerrie" Lis, in 1951 and remained her devoted husband until her passing in 2003. In 2009 he married Elaine L. Burnham of Chicago, enjoying happy times together until her death in 2015.

Bill was a decorated veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served in Korea and Vietnam and achieved the rank of Senior Master Sergeant. After retiring from the Air Force in 1968, Bill spent much of his career in the construction industry, where he played crucial roles in the completion of many large government projects. In his decades of retirement Bill was known for his service to his fellow senior citizens, both as a driver and as a source of vital information (and a few well-told stories). In his years at the Armed Forces Retirement Home, Bill formed strong friendships and was a beloved presence during mealtimes with his buddies at Table One.

Survivors include his children: Rev. Patrick J. Travers of Ketchikan, AK; William J. Travers Jr. and wife Cherry of Kansas City, MO; John T. Travers and wife Carrie of Lake Forest, IL; Thomas J. Travers and wife Allison of Annapolis, MD; Lisa M. Heinz and husband John of Aurora, IL; and Lynn T. Pritchard and husband Ian of Shorewood, WI. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Tatum Travers and Woody Travers, both of Chicago, IL, and Micki Stacey and husband Xavier of Lake Oswego, OR, who are the parents of Bill's two great-grandchildren, Jack and CJ. He is also survived by fond nephews and nieces who are the children of his two deceased brothers, James and Thomas. All who knew him will miss him.

Visitation will begin Sunday, August 11, at 4 p.m. at Sisco Funeral Chapel in Springdale, AR, with recitation of the Rosary following at 6 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will take place Monday, August 12, at 10 a.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church in Springdale with Rev. Patrick J. Travers officiating. Interment will be at Fayetteville National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Armed Forces Retirement Home.

Online condolences may be left at www.siscofuneral.com

Cemetery Details

Fayetteville National Cemetery

700 Government Ave.
Fayetteville, AR
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/fayetteville.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 11. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Sisco Funeral Chapel
705 West Meadow
Springdale, AR 72764
(479) 751-4577
siscofuneralchapel@gmail.com
<https://www.siscofuneral.com>

Rosary

AUG 11. 6:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

AUG 12. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Raphael Catholic Church
1386 S. W. End St.
Springdale, AR 72764

Tribute Wall



“ *William J. "Bill" Travers*

January 21, 2023 at 02:29 PM

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“ *Lori Budzien lit a candle in memory of William J. "Bill" Travers*



Lori Budzien - August 12, 2019 at 03:02 PM

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“ *Rest In Peace Uncle Bill.
My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this difficult time.
What a beautiful man he was
God bless all of you
Love, Patty Travers Hamel*

Patty Travers - August 11, 2019 at 04:03 PM

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“ *Bill was one of my dearest friends. We helped each other through many good
And difficult times. I shall miss our phone calls, visits and most of all the way he
said "GOD bless". I will love him forever.*



Jannie Layne - August 08, 2019 at 09:45 PM