



William Patrick Clay

November 7, 1949 - November 21, 2023

William Patrick Clay of Cherry Hill, formerly of Medford, passed away on Tuesday, November 21, 2023 at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. He was 74.

Born in Philadelphia, Bill was a graduate of Frankford High School and served in the Army during Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf clusters, the Purple Heart and Air Medal as well as other awards. For most of his life, Bill worked in the restaurant industry as a general manager. He was also a sommelier. Bill worked most recently at Deerwood Country Club, he previously worked at Beau Rivage, Little Mill Country Club, and the Philadelphia Racquet Club.

Bill loved the Philadelphia Sports Teams, especially the Eagles and Phillies. He also loved gourmet food and was a great cook. He enjoyed wine. He was the best dad ever and was also a great friend.

The son of the late George and Martha Clay and the brother of the late George Clay, he is survived by 2 sons Christopher and Jonathan Clay both of Medford and his former wife Rebecca Clay of Medford.

Relatives and Friends may visit with the family on Sunday, December 10th from 3pm – 5pm at the Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mount Holly. Feel

free to wear your Eagles gear.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of American at www.vva.org

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Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **10**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ My husband and I met Bill at Deerwood country club. Our son played soccer for the Medford strikers under James Galanis. He spent a lot of time talking about soccer and all the Philadelphia teams. We always enjoyed Bill’s company. I’m very sorry to his two sons until his former wife . May Bill rest in peace.

maureen Smith-Hartman - December 08, 2023 at 08:17 PM

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“ I was fortunate to coach soccer with Bill for 4 or 5 years. Bill was a terrific guy who enjoyed kids and put them first. Two of my kids played soccer for Bill and they respected him as a caring person who knew and loved the game. Bill had a great sense of humor and was fun to be around. He had a positive and stoic demeanor that was reassuring to all.

I'll never forget the night that Bill, Chris, my son, and I watched the Seventh Game of the 2001 World Series at his house (Yankees vs. D-Backs). It seemed like every inning Bill was cooking up a different dinner course for us to enjoy- each serving better than the last. My son and I still reminisce about that night. Bill was an outstanding cook and he loved making people happy with his food preparation skills.

Bill's many Vietnam War medals speak for themselves. He was a gentle man with a big heart. I'm a better person for knowing him and it brings a smile to my face thinking about him. Rest In Peace, Coach.

Mike Gersie

Mike Gersie - November 28, 2023 at 02:09 PM