



William Charles Fest Jr.

February 22, 1926 - June 8, 2019

William C. Fest, Jr., age 93 of Hainesport, NJ, passed away peacefully at home on June 8th, 2019. Bill was the second born of three, growing up with two loving sisters, Audrey Street of Southampton, NJ, and the late Velma Bethel (Richard) of Mystic Island, NJ. A wonderful husband, he enjoyed a 59-year marriage to his late wife Emma (Briinger).

A devoted father, grandfather and great-grandfather, Bill is survived by many close family- his son William C. Fest III and companion Nancy Breece; his daughter, Cynthia Chapin and husband Abraham Chapin; granddaughter Marcia Johnson and husband Kyle; grandson Abraham D. Chapin, Jr. and wife Brianna; and four great grandchildren- Kyler and Blake Johnson and Abraham and Annabeth Chapin.

Bill proudly served in World War II as an Aerial Gunner, flying fourteen missions with the 15th Army Air Force, 484th Bombardment Group in the European Theater. He was awarded the Victory Medal with four bronze stars for his service in the European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign. He was also awarded the Air Medal with one bronze cluster for meritorious achievement in aerial flight. He continued with a 35-year career as a Civil Engineer and Superintendent of the Heating Department at McGuire Air Force Base.

Bill was an avid pilot, owning and flying multiple airplanes for recreation. He was a member of the Riverside String Band and played the accordion. He loved to travel but most of all, he loved sailing, boating, waterskiing, fishing, and spending time down the shore.

Friends and Relatives may visit with the family on Thursday June 13th from 10-11am at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High Street Mount Holly NJ 08060. Services will be held at 11am following the viewing. Interment and Military honors will follow at St. Paul's Lutheran cemetery in Hainesport NJ.

In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Bill's memory to Compassionate Care Hospice or to the National Stroke Association at <https://www.stroke.org/donate/>

Previous Events

Open Casket Viewing

JUN **13**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Charles Fest Jr.*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



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“ *A member of “Greatest Generation” and a proud veteran. Flew in the B-24 Liberator as a tail gunner and survived two forced landings. Probably was only 18 or 19 years old at the time. Thanks for your service and life Mr. Fest! Now, which bomber was better, Bill, the B-24 or B-17?*

Michael L. Harris - June 11, 2019 at 08:59 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to all the Family. Chris Goodfellow*

Chris Goodfellow - June 10, 2019 at 10:30 PM



“ *My heart is sad. I remember when I was younger, going over Aunt Emma & Uncle Bill's house and him & I going to the basement so I could play my flute him and he could play his accordion for me. Such beautiful memories! Rest in peace!*

Linda McCleery - June 10, 2019 at 02:18 PM