



William Henry High III

May 27, 1933 - January 31, 2025

Christian • Husband • Father • Grandfather • Veteran

William “Bill” High entered eternal rest on January 31, 2025, at the age of 91. A man of strong faith, quiet strength, and unwavering integrity, Bill lived a life rich in love, service, and devotion.

A devoted family man, Bill shared 73 beautiful years with his beloved wife, Leonora High of Mayfair, Philadelphia. He was a loving father, a cherished grandfather, and a proud great-grandfather. Born and raised in Wissinoming, Philadelphia, he later made a home and a lifetime of memories in Willingboro, NJ, where he remained a lifelong resident.

A gifted electrical engineer, Bill was known for his sharp mind and problem-solving skills. He approached every challenge with determination and ingenuity, earning a reputation as one of the most talented in his field. Though a man of few words, the words he spoke carried wisdom and weight, reflecting his deep values and love for his family.

Bill took great pride in his faith, his marriage, and his military service. As a teenager he loved playing sports, was an enthusiastic fan of the Phillies and Eagles sports clubs his whole life, enjoyed playing the trumpet, and trained as an aviation cadet before serving as a Military Police officer in the U.S. Army. A

selfless leader, he was always the first to lend a hand, offering quiet but steadfast support to those around him. He found joy in family gatherings, traveling, caring for animals, and standing by his wife in her pursuits as an artist and cook. A dedicated member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Bill's faith was a guiding light throughout his life.

"A gentle man, so strong and wise,
with a loving heart and tender eyes.
He shared his stories, rich and grand,
and he guided us with a steady hand."
— Unknown

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Mabel High (nee McCracken); his brothers, Donald and Bobby; and his daughter, Sherri Perrotta. He is survived by his devoted wife, Leonora; his daughter, Karen Reilley; his sister, Bonnie Mederios; his son-in-law, Rich Perrotta; his grandchildren, Sayke Reilley, Erin Tondini (Reilley), Daniel Perrotta, Michael Perrotta, Jenny Perrotta, and Ryan Wilson; and his great-grandchildren, Matthew Solomon Reilley, Madison Tondini, Reilley Tondini, Matthew Tondini, Marisa Perrotta, Danny Perrotta, Jada Perrotta, and Maggie Hadjakis.

In lieu of flowers, the family kindly requests that donations be made to a local animal shelter or a veteran's charity in Bill's honor.

A memorial service will be held at Perinchief Chapels, 438 High St., Mt. Holly, NJ, on Sunday, February 16, at 2 p.m. A reception will follow at the home of his grandson, Sayke Reilley, at 25 Broad St., Mt. Holly.

Zoom begins at 1:30 PM EST

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87806572069?pwd=4xI4JAfiagq3GQr739GxxLyVU>

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Meeting ID: 878 0657 2069

Passcode: High123

Previous Events

Funeral Service

FEB **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Perinchief Chapels
438 High St.
Mount Holly, NJ 08060
(609) 267-0399

Tribute Wall

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“ As far back as I can remember, "Pop" to me, (my grandfather from my late mothers side) was a wonderful grandfather always. He taught me the value of work and earning early on by paying me for everything I would do like cutting the grass or painting the house and would even pay me for showing him a good report card from elementary school years. Before those great years, we would go to the toy store together and I would always get my favorite toy, the cap gun. As I progressed throughout my teenage years I never stopped learning from Pop. I took any opportunity I had to engage with him about something or everything and I always felt a little smarter after spending time with him and that never changed no matter how much I grew in age. Prior to joining the military at 18 I spent a year living in his home that I knew as my second home anyway and always found had the utmost comfort a person could get in a home anywhere on the planet is how that home always felt to me. He was proud of my choice to join the military and I was happy about that. Throughout life after that I always spoke with Pop as did many people and I would learn more and more and to conclude that is what I will always miss most Pop, the knowledge he took that I didn't get to tap into. What an amazing man to say the least. Pop, u will be missed always!

Daniel R Perrotta - February 19, 2025 at 01:04 PM

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“ As Pop’s grandson-in-law, I was always inspired by his quiet strength, relentless faith, and remarkable wisdom. I am thankful that he served as a North Star for my wife in her childhood. I am thankful that my kids got to vacation with a great grand parents. I will cherish the lasting memories of our beach vacations, especially the Cayman Islands. My favorite personal memories with Pop, however, was the sharing of stories of military service. When he spoke of his time in the Army, his eyes and voice had the energy of a 20 year old soldier. I loved those moments and will cherish them forever. Rest in peace Pop! Matt Tondini

Matthew Tondini - February 14, 2025 at 11:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Henry High III.

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Henry High III.



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