



## Joseph Lill

October 28, 1928 - June 22, 2012

Joseph Lill of Rock Hall, MD, died Friday, June 22, 2012, at Memorial Hospital in Easton, MD. He was 83.

Joseph Lill was born October 28, 1928, in Philadelphia, PA, to the late Joseph Lill and Rose Alice "Zell" Lill. Joe graduated from Frankford High School in 1946 where he participated in football and track among other school activities. During his high school summer vacations, he was employed by the Bell Telephone Co. of PA. Joe joined the U.S. Army at age 17 (with parents' approval) and served as a rifleman in the 88th Infantry Division and Trust in Italy.

Following an honorable discharge, he completed 2 ½ years of schooling at Temple University where he earned a major letter in football. Joe volunteered during the Korean War and was accepted as a Naval Aviation Cadet in the U.S. Navy. He was a member of the 1952 NAS Pensacola football team (undefeated). Joe became a member of Patrol Squadron Eight after receiving his "Wings of Gold" as a Naval Aviator and Ensign. Joe retired from the USNR as a Commander.

On September 26, 1953, Joe and Doris Eleanor "Bugs" Bedwell were married. Joe and Doris were high school friends. The Lill family moved to Rock Hall, MD, in August 1962 and are still living in the same home in Piney Neck. Joe

received a Bachelor's Degree (Cum Laude) from the University of Maryland and a Master's Degree from Washington College. He was a teacher and athletic coach at Rock Hall High School and Kent County High School retiring in 1989. Joe was certified by the State of Maryland in Mathematics, Physical Education, and Vocational Carpentry and held an advanced professional certificate.

Joe was a lifetime member of the following organizations, Association of Naval Aviation, Naval Reserve Association, Military officers Association of America, American Legion Post 228, Maryland Congress of Teachers and Parents. Joe was also a member of the 88th Infantry Division Association, Patrol Squadron Eight Alumni Association, Aircraft owners and pilot Association, VFW Post 15021, Order of the Arrow (BSA). He served in the 1960's as the Sunday School Superintendent at St. Paul's Kent Episcopal Church. He was an amateur radio operator( KA3WQH) and a commercial aircraft pilot with single and multi-engine land and instrumental ratings.

Joe's life was really centered around his family and their home, the entire family contributed greatly in the construction, landscaping, decoration, and maintenance of their home. Family gatherings with all the aunts, uncles, cousins and grandparents were always a highlight.

Joe is survived by his four children, Joseph Roland, Michele Ashley, Patricia Anne and Jeffrey Robert; daughter-in-law, Kathy; son-in-law, Joe; and nine grandchildren, Miriam, Becky, Anna, Joey, Ashley, Stephanie, Peter, Zach, Brad; and six great-grandchildren, Hayley, Mason, Dominic, Destiny, Finn and Braylee. Joe's brother, Dave, and sister, Rose Marie McKinley, predeceased Joe.

Joe always felt blessed as God allowed him a wonderful life with a loving wife, caring children, and grandchildren and a great place to live within a great

country.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, July 7, 2012, at 11a.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Rd., Chestertown, MD. Friends may call one hour prior. Online condolences can be sent to the family at [www.fhnfuneralhome.com](http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com).

In lieu of flowers, contributions can be sent to the Rock Hall Vol. Fire Co., P.O. Box 577, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

## Previous Events

### Visitation

JUL 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
info@fhnfuneralhome.com

### Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Lill*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - January 24, 2023 at 09:49 PM



“ *Joseph Lill*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Joseph Lill*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Joseph Lill*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *To a great coach that brought out the best in me when other could not. I owe a lot more to you Joe that I'll ever realize.*



Jeff Tyler - July 11, 2012 at 10:47 PM

JS

“ *Great man and positive influence on my life. My sincere condolences to the family.*

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**J. R. Stavelly** - July 05, 2012 at 12:00 PM

JS

“ *J. R. Stavelly lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**J. R. Stavelly** - July 05, 2012 at 11:55 AM

LG

“ *I just heard that Joe passed. So sorry to hear of your loss. I hope the memories of him and the love of your family bring you some happiness in your time of grief.*

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**Lauren Gordon** - July 03, 2012 at 02:07 PM

KH

“ *Kathy Heslop lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Kathy Heslop** - July 03, 2012 at 01:56 PM

PC

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**Patricia Lill Campagna** - July 02, 2012 at 08:51 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



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**Patricia Lill Campagna** - July 02, 2012 at 08:18 PM

PC

“ 1 file added to the *tribute wall*



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**Patricia Lill Campagna** - July 02, 2012 at 08:10 PM

AG

“ To the Lill Family, extended family and friends.; I'm saddened to read of your loss. Mr. Lill was a great man. When we turn to the dictionary for the definition of man, there should be one of those one inch thumb nail photos of Mr. Lill. What an awesomely great human being. Enjoy the memories, many of us have many of them to cherish. Your family is a really cool family, pull through and hold your heads up high. keep the torch lit, You are Lills.

Arthur Godfrey - July 02, 2012 at 05:55 PM

GM

“ Glenn Michael lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill



Glenn Michael - June 30, 2012 at 05:13 AM

GM

Many condolences to the family in the lost of a truly great man and fellow teacher.

Glenn Michael - June 30, 2012 at 05:14 AM

AG

I second the motion

Arthur Godfrey - July 02, 2012 at 05:45 PM

AM

“ The Steigerwald family sends their thoughts and prayers! God Bless!



Amy Steigerwald Myers - June 28, 2012 at 08:58 PM

DJ

“ Donald J. Greene Jr. sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Lill



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**Donald J. Greene Jr.** - June 27, 2012 at 10:28 PM

DJ

*I'm so sorry to hear of the passing of Mr. Lill. My thoughts are with all his family and May God Bless all his family.*

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**Donald J. Greene Jr.** - June 27, 2012 at 10:30 PM

CF

“ Cheryl Fifer-Hann lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill



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**Cheryl Fifer-Hann** - June 27, 2012 at 09:24 PM

KD

“ Miss Doris, Patti, Michelle, Joe and Jeff,  
*I am so very sorry for your loss. The times I spent at your home were always so special to me. I had never met such a loving and devoted dad as yours. You were very blessed to have had such a guiding force in lives. My prayers are with your entire family.*  
Kim Dean

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**Kim Rollison Dean** - June 26, 2012 at 10:03 PM

KD

“ *Kim Rollison Dean lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Kim Rollison Dean** - June 26, 2012 at 09:55 PM

LA

“ *Linda Josephson Amrein lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Linda Josephson Amrein** - June 26, 2012 at 08:22 PM

MW

“ *Commander Lill - I SALUTE YOU!! You dedicated your life to your country and your family. You accomplished more and built/drew more than words could ever describe in the obituary.*

*Angels - Be extra kind to Joseph Lill, he is a true hero!*

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**Mark Wittkopp** - June 26, 2012 at 12:32 PM

CM

“ *Chris McKinley lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Chris McKinley** - June 26, 2012 at 10:28 AM

AS

“ *Mr.Lill was a gentle Giant of a Man. He taught me Carpentry in High School and much more about life in general. I have thought about his impact on my life over the years often. He always had a great smile and a kind word for anyone who knew him. The Kent County Community has lost a great man. To Mrs. Doris and family keep his memories alive in your hearts. Mr. Lill's life centered around each one of you every day. We will all never forget his gentle touch, words of wisdom and his encouragement to succeed that he so wanted to spread to everyone every day.*

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**Allan Schauber** - June 26, 2012 at 06:12 AM

FR

“ *To the Lill family--So sorry for your loss. Mr. Joe was so kind and thoughtful. He will be missed by many. Frances & George Rodney*

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**Frances Rodney** - June 25, 2012 at 09:08 PM

RK

*Joe Lill was a loving man that many had the pleasure of knowing. He had the warmest smile and one I will always remember. He truly was a family man and loved being with his family. He will be missed but he is now watching over all of you.*

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**Rosie Klingenberg** - June 26, 2012 at 05:18 AM

BT

“ *Buddy And Anna Thornton lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Buddy and Anna Thornton** - June 25, 2012 at 08:27 PM

HA

“ *Helen Alexander lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Helen Alexander** - June 25, 2012 at 07:46 PM

SW

“ *4 files added to the tribute wall*



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**Stephanie Wiggins** - June 25, 2012 at 07:40 PM

SW

“ *I love you pop-pop and miss you so much <3*

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**Stephanie Wiggins** - June 25, 2012 at 07:31 PM

GD

“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Glenda M. Dierker - June 25, 2012 at 07:16 PM

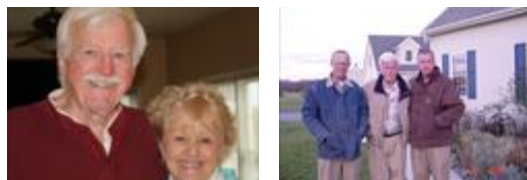
JC

“ *Miss you Pop*

Joe Campagna - June 25, 2012 at 06:43 PM

KL

“ 2 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Kathy Lill - June 25, 2012 at 11:39 AM

KR

“ *Kelley Reuwer lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



Kelley Reuwer - June 25, 2012 at 10:54 AM

KB

“ *Karen Bigelow lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



Karen Bigelow - June 25, 2012 at 08:46 AM

KB

*My deepest sympathies to Miss Doris and the Lill family.*

Karen Bigelow - June 25, 2012 at 08:47 AM

GK

“ *Gretchen Kohl lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



Gretchen Kohl - June 25, 2012 at 07:56 AM

DH

“ *Denise Hepbron lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



Denise Hepbron - June 25, 2012 at 07:47 AM

RJ

“ *ROBIN CANNON JOINER lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



ROBIN CANNON JOINER - June 25, 2012 at 07:06 AM

PE

“ *Peggy States Edwards lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



Peggy States Edwards - June 23, 2012 at 08:54 PM

PE

*Prayers and thoughts to the family of Mr. Lill. He will be truly missed. God bless and keep all of you in His care.*

Peggy States Edwards - June 23, 2012 at 08:56 PM



“ *Robin Pletzer sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Lill*



Robin Pletzer - June 23, 2012 at 06:19 PM



“ *Carol Downey lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Carol Downey** - June 23, 2012 at 08:42 AM



“ *Larry & Lee Beck lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Larry & Lee Beck** - June 23, 2012 at 07:41 AM



“ *Marie Usilton sent a virtual gift in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Marie Usilton** - June 23, 2012 at 06:27 AM



“ *Patty and Michele,  
i am so sorry to hear of your dads passing.please accept my  
deepest condolences.  
betty ann glenn*

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**betty ann glenn** - June 22, 2012 at 08:09 PM

PC

“ *Peggy Clothier lit a candle in memory of Joseph Lill*



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**Peggy Clothier** - June 22, 2012 at 05:46 PM