



William "Bill" Stoddard Blades

May 18, 1945 - May 11, 2023

Captain William Stoddard Blades of S. Hawthorne Ave. in Rock Hall, MD, died peacefully at Compass Hospice on Thursday, May 11, 2023, just short of his 78th birthday.

Cap'n Bill, as he was affectionately known, is survived by his three children, Jessa, Wesley, and Ethan; brother, John Blades; and nieces, Jessica Havens and Abigail Blades. He is also survived by his closest companion, Beth; his dog, Sadie; and a loyal and loving "family of friends."

Bill grew up in the Philadelphia area, attended Muskingum College in Ohio and built a career first as a social worker with troubled youths, then as a partner with various non-profits, urban development, and general contracting firms. Capt. Bill chose to retire in Rock Hall, where he sailed as a well-known and admired professional captain aboard his Island Packet sailboat, Tamarak. He greatly enjoyed the beauty and serenity of the outdoors, as well as the fun and camaraderie that he found in Rock Hall. He also loved the mountains, especially the Adirondacks, spending as much time as he could paddling in a small guide boat with his beloved dog, Rudder and later Sadie. As an active community volunteer in Rock Hall, he served on the Mayor's Waterfront Committee, Pirates and Wenches Planning Committee, and, most recently, the Municipal Building Advisory Board.

A celebration of life will be planned at a later date. In remembrance, contributions may be made to the Rock Hall Volunteer Fire Company, Inc. at P.O. Box 577, Rock Hall, MD 21661.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Stoddard Blades*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *My condolences to Bill's family. I owned Windybrow which abuted the Blades' house in St. Davids, altho Bill had flown the coop before I bought it in 1985. We were clasmates at Haverford. I am sorry we didn't connect later in life as we shared many passions - historic preservation and saling. Fair winds my friend!*

Ted Pollard - July 11, 2023 at 05:17 PM



“ *Debbie Dalymple lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Stoddard Blades*



Debbie Dalymple - May 18, 2023 at 06:29 PM

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“ Captain Bill Blades will be long remembered for his strong, sometimes stubborn, but always charming and loveable personality, his unique wit and his unquestioned friendship. Many of us have not known life in Rock Hall without Captain Bill being a part of it, no matter how big or small that part might be. Smooth Sailin' Cap'n Willy - Mark and Suzanne Einstein



Mark T Einstein - May 15, 2023 at 10:30 AM