



William Ferroll Creager

December 9, 1940 - July 6, 2021

Long time Chestertown, MD resident William Ferroll Creager (Bill) passed away July 6, 2021, just as his beloved garden was in full bloom. Bill was born in Ranger, Texas on December 9, 1940 to the town's banker, Willis Ferroll Creager, and his wife, Othel Creager. The youngest of the three children, Bill grew up riding horses and water skiing in local lakes narrowly missing the dead trees, much to his mother's hysteria. Guided by his mother, he developed his love of cooking, his eye for antiques, his ear for playing piano music and his passion for painting. Bill graduated from Ranger High School in 1958 and entered the University of Texas at Austin. After earning his degree, he served in the US Army and was stationed in Washington D.C. He then settled in D.C. and began his real estate business known as Houses on the Hill. Through the years, Bill bought, renovated and sold historic three-story row houses on the Hill with some featured in local newspapers. Recognized for his design choices, he used bold colored walls to showcase his curated collection of beautiful antiques—nods to his southern roots. Bill continued his long real estate career as an appraiser in Chestertown, MD where his son Will was raised. His house, a historic home on the Chester River, included a belvedere, an iconic detail he enjoyed pointing out to guests when giving home tours. For many years he hosted a luncheon at his home during the Chestertown Tea Party Festival. Bill's chicken spaghetti was a huge hit as well as his recipe for a mean bloody mary!

We will miss our unique, sharply dressed uncle who played duets on the piano with all four sets of little girl hands. He brought life, light, wine and brightly colored tissue paper wrapped gifts from MOMA into our lives and our family's Christmases past. His best advice, "Every good room has green in it, and a touch of red." Bill is preceded in death by his parents; sisters: Melba Creager Daves, Lanita Creager Williamson and his cherished son, William Ward. He is survived by former wife, Ann Creager Keane; former wife and Will's mother, Mary Lee Martelli; step children Eleanore Armani and Andrew Armani and his four nieces: Marsha Daves Otterstedt, Amy Williamson Wilcox, Alice Williamson Anderson and Carol Williamson Green. Lastly, to our Uncle Bill, "Thank you for being ours."

Tribute Wall



“ *William Ferroll Creager*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Ferroll Creager*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Ferroll Creager*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

MH

“ Having known Bill as a partner at Houses on the Hill was a life changing experience for me! Bill’s professional skills as a broker,townhouse restorer,interior designer,antiques collector,gourmet cook,piano player,gardener, counselor,etcetra,etcetra were phenomenal!!! It was a rare privilege to have been in his presence! He had many friends/clients representing all of the professions living in the Capitol Hill community:attorneys,politicians,contractors,physicians,college professors,bankers,& more! He was often giving great professional advice-free of course! He had a great laugh &high standards&opinions! He never forgot his small town values learned from his family! He will be sorely missed by many who knew the pleasure of his friendship and expertise.Feel free to contact me , Mary L Fox,202-3169631or 335 Quarry Rd.Charlottesville,Va.22902 Salud toWFC

Mary L Fox friend & former partner @ HOH - October 16, 2021 at 09:10 AM

JT

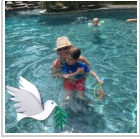
“ Bill changed my life. I was burning out in teaching and academia, and he, seeming so off-hand (which was not the case) said, “Why not join my office and sell real estate? Start tomorrow. You will make money and have a lot of fun.” I did and did and did. We HOHers were awed by Bill —he had a way of looking right into your eyes, Svengali-like, “ I want you to do this”; with some carping, you usually did ,and he was always right. I think of this complicated, kind, oh-so-talented man —constantly—with gratitude and admiration. I wish I had told him that more often, and now it is too late.
Michael Tubbs

James Tubbs - October 15, 2021 at 12:34 PM

MH

Great comments! Love, MaryLFox

Mary L Fox friend & former partner @ HOH - October 16, 2021 at 01:26 PM



“ *Bill.. Doug and I will certainly miss you, we both enjoyed your sense of humor and kindness. I am sad for this loss, but I know you are still with us in our hearts.*



Retha Arrabal - July 15, 2021 at 11:30 AM

CL

“ *Peace my friend. I was so fortunate to know you and will miss our good conversations on your porch. My condolences to your family and other friends... I'm certain they feel your absence, as Ron & I do.*

Christine Lobos - July 12, 2021 at 05:47 AM

MU

“ *Marie Usilton lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Marie Usilton - July 11, 2021 at 07:51 PM

LB

“ Larry Beck lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager



Larry Beck - July 08, 2021 at 08:52 PM

SB

“ Will was truly a great friend and quite a gentleman. We had such good times on the Chesapeake Bay sailing with Carl and Audrey. In the winter we all spent vacations in Naples. He will truly be missed by me as well as all who knew him.

Sally Bolger - July 08, 2021 at 05:00 PM

AL

“ I will miss my good friend Bill! He was a pleasure to spend time with and a genuine gentleman. He has left us and we are sad but now he is at peace with his son and mother and father. He will be truly missed and my love and prayers for all of his friends and family!



Angela Lunczynski - July 08, 2021 at 11:52 AM

JT

“ He was one of the kindest, gentleman that I had the pleasure of knowing. He will certainly be missed!
Jen. Teat

Jennifer Teat - July 08, 2021 at 10:08 AM

LI

“ *Luisa's Cucina Italiana lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Luisa's Cucina Italiana - July 08, 2021 at 12:58 AM

SF

“ *Shirley Foster lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Shirley Foster - July 07, 2021 at 06:10 PM

TB

“ *Thelma Bright lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Thelma Bright - July 07, 2021 at 03:46 PM

TB

RIP fellow colleague at Cooper-Barroll Realty. Will miss seeing you around town. Thelma & Bill Bright

Thelma Bright - July 07, 2021 at 03:48 PM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Max & Maryann Ruehrmund - July 07, 2021 at 01:41 PM

CF

“ *Chester River Health Foundation lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Chester River Health Foundation - July 07, 2021 at 01:41 PM

PS

“ *What a pleasure it was to know a gentleman like you. I will keep you and your family in my prayers. Rest easy. Patricia Sutton*

Patricia and Billy Sutton - July 07, 2021 at 12:48 PM

PS

“ *Patricia And Billy Sutton lit a candle in memory of William Ferroll Creager*



Patricia and Billy Sutton - July 07, 2021 at 12:44 PM