



William H. Downes

January 30, 1928 - August 30, 2022

William Harvey Downes of Centreville, MD, passed away on August 30, 2022, at Complete Care at Corsica Hills. He was 94. Born in Centreville on January 30, 1928, he was the son of the late Vachel and Alma Baker Downes.

Bill attended The Citadel and served in the U.S. Army. He worked for his family's business, Downes Music Company, for many years and ran several arcades in Ocean City, MD. Bill was a talented photographer, loved to golf, and was an avid hunter. He was an active member of Centreville United Methodist Church and the VFW.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Joyce A. Downes of Centreville, MD; daughters, Cathy A. Downes of Centreville, MD; Robin A. Foreman of Bristol, VA; Karen L. Willoughby of Marbletown, NY; and Sharon K. Winterling of Essex, MD; his sister, Fern Newsom of Richmond, VA; nephew, Vachel (Sandy) Downes III of Centreville, MD; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; as well as the family Labradors, Lucy and Bella.

A memorial service and celebration of Bill's life will be held at the Centreville United Methodist Church on September 14, 2022.

Cemetery Details

Chesterfield Cemetery

406 South Liberty Street
Centreville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 14. 10:15 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Celebration of Life

SEP 14. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Reception

SEP 14. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Centreville Methodist Church
608 Church Hill Road
Centreville, MD

Refreshments will be in the Church Hall.

Tribute Wall



“ *William H. Downes*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William H. Downes*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William H. Downes*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Sending my condolences & sympathy to you in the loss of your father. He was a very nice man. Back in the 80's he did me a favor as i was running for office in 13 counties, he allowed me to put my political match books in all his cigarette machines. As a result of that i was one of the top challengers, receiving the 2nd highest votes and went on to be a representative for the 1st congressional district. His kindness was appreciated then and remembered now.*



Mary Elizabeth Covington - September 09, 2022 at 03:29 PM

RA

“ *Rest in peace Mr. Bill. We will miss you!*



Richard Airey - September 08, 2022 at 11:43 AM

MH

“ *Martha And Royce Herman lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes*



Martha and Royce Herman - September 06, 2022 at 12:08 PM

MM

“ *Mary Elizabeth Covington McDade lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes*



Mary Elizabeth Covington McDade - September 05, 2022 at 12:08 PM

VC

“ *Cathy, sending our sincerest condolences to you and your family. Memory eternal... 🙏*

Vivian Carpenter - September 04, 2022 at 09:45 PM

TB

“ *Tim & Esther Blackiston sent a virtual gift in memory of William H. Downes*



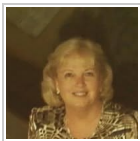
Tim & Esther Blackiston - September 04, 2022 at 11:34 AM

FP

“ *Frank And Tish Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of William H. Downes*



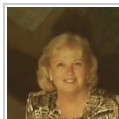
Frank and Tish Palmatary - September 04, 2022 at 11:33 AM



“ *Patricia VanStavern lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes*



Patricia VanStavern - September 03, 2022 at 08:58 AM



Deepest condolences Joyce, Cathy, Robin, Karen, Sharon and extended family. Bill was always a great friend. Missed him after leaving Centreville, fortunately we were able to keep in touch through Facebook and his evening doggy pictures which I always looked forward to seeing. Rest easy my friend, your earthly work is done and now it is time for your reward with our Heavenly Father. Patty Boone VanStavern

Patricia VanStavern - September 03, 2022 at 09:12 AM

CD

Thank you Patty. I'm just now, Dad's birthday, Jan. 30 feeling like I can get around to do things I should have months ago. Your kindness will never be forgotten. Love, Cathy

Cathy Downes - January 30, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William H. Downes.*



September 02, 2022 at 07:20 PM

JE

“ *Jim And Mary Ann Edwards sent a virtual gift in memory of William H. Downes*



Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - September 02, 2022 at 03:44 PM

JE

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing, will miss him and his dogs on Facebook. Sincere condolences to the family. God Bless. Jim and Mary Ann Edwards

Jim and Mary Ann Edwards - September 02, 2022 at 03:50 PM

SD

“ Sara Jane Davidson lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes



Sara Jane Davidson - September 02, 2022 at 03:23 PM

SD

Sorry to hear this. Loved seeing his facebook dogs. I will miss him as he has been a friend along time with Dick and I.

Sara Jane Davidson - September 02, 2022 at 03:25 PM

TH

“ So sorry for your loss. Thinking of you during this difficult time. Hugs and ❤️

Tracy Harding - September 02, 2022 at 03:21 AM

JC

“ June Clark lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes



June Clark - September 01, 2022 at 08:12 PM

GP

“ Gene And Lynda Palmatary sent a virtual gift in memory of William H. Downes



Gene and Lynda Palmatary - September 01, 2022 at 11:03 AM

GP

Our hearts are saddened to hear of Billy's passing. Many great times over the years when Gene worked for the Business. Also, they always enjoyed their golfing. Prayers and blessings to all at this time. He will surely be missed in the Church and Community. RIP friend. Gene and Lynda Palmatary

Gene and Lynda Palmatary - September 01, 2022 at 11:05 AM

CD

Thank you Gene and Lynda. Your kindness and support will never be forgotten. Cathy

Cathy Downes - January 30, 2023 at 09:48 AM

CC

“ *Clint And Nancy Connolly lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes*



Clint and Nancy Connolly - September 01, 2022 at 10:00 AM

CC

Prayers to Joyce, Cathy and Family. My dear friend, Bill, my heart cries for you. But my soul smiles for our shared journey in this life together. Love you Brother.

Clint and Nancy Connolly - September 01, 2022 at 10:02 AM

KC

“ *Thoughts and prayers with the Downes family*



Kay Cuncell - September 01, 2022 at 08:44 AM

CW

“ *Centreville Methodist Women sent a virtual gift in memory of William H. Downes*



Centreville Methodist Women - September 01, 2022 at 08:29 AM

CW

Bill will be missed in our church. Our prayers and blessings are with the family at this time. God bless. Centreville Methodist Women

Centreville Methodist Women - September 01, 2022 at 08:30 AM

BH

“ *Brenda Hahn lit a candle in memory of William H. Downes*



Brenda Hahn - August 31, 2022 at 09:49 PM