



## William Ludwig Jacobsen Jr.

December 2, 1936 - September 20, 2022

William Ludwig Jacobsen Jr., 85, known to all as Jake, died at home in Easton, Maryland, on September 20.

Jake was born in Seattle, Washington, as the first of four sons to Bill and Dorothy Jacobsen. His first work was as a deckhand on his father's commercial fishing boat. After education at the University of Washington and time as a teacher in Seattle and Kobe, Japan, he began a career in the US State Department that would take him and his family all over the world. He served in the George H.W. Bush White House and as American Ambassador to the West African nation of Guinea-Bissau.

His humor was one of his greatest diplomatic assets, once described by a Brazilian as the only American who could tell a joke in Portuguese with a Norwegian accent.

In retirement, Jake and his wife Monica ran Sinclair House B&B on Tilghman Island, Maryland. He described his career as a bell-shaped curve. It began cleaning fish, rose to the position of American Ambassador, and ended cleaning B&B toilets.

Married in Seattle, June 1961 to Linda Perkins (deceased). Married in Washington, DC, June 1993 to Monica Stecher. He leaves his spouse Monica,

three brothers (Byram, Jay, Kurt), five children (Heidi Hannapel, Kristina Bouweiri, Karl-Eric Jacobsen, Isabel Stecher, and Claudia Stecher), along with 13 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

The family will hold a private service in 2023.

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“ *Jake was our spirited and tireless colleague in Mozambique during its traumatic transition to independence in 1975. His home there was full of laughter and crazy wild animal decor, like the elephant leg umbrella stand. Jake's wit, humor, and memories were as sharp as ever on a later visit to see him in Easton. My condolences to Monica and his family.*

**Yvonne Thayer** - November 02, 2022 at 09:21 AM