



William J. Mercier Jr.

February 2, 1952 - August 31, 2023

William "Bugger Bill" Mercier, Jr., 71, of Trappe, MD, passed away at the University of Maryland Shore Medical Center in Easton, MD, on August 31, 2023.

Bill was born on February 2, 1952, to William and Barbara (Travers) Mercier at Fort Meade, MD. Bill grew up in Reisterstown, MD, and attended Sacred Heart Catholic School and Franklin High School.

He joined the U.S. Air Force in 1972 and retired with honors after 20 distinguished years. While stationed in Osan, South Korea, he met the love of his life, Soun (Yi) Mercier, and they were married on March 31, 1981.

Bill began his military service in Cheyenne, WY, successfully completing extensive coursework to become an aircraft avionics navigation systems specialist. He also graduated from leadership school and supervised and trained personnel on installing, repairing, inspecting, and operating aircraft radar and communication systems. Of all the different airframes he was assigned to, his favorites were the U-2 and SR-71.

He was an integral member of the "Black Cats," an Air Force reconnaissance squadron, and raised money for a Korean orphanage. After Korea, Bill was stationed at Beale AFB, California and then Dyess AFB, Texas. He retired as

a Technical Sergeant with numerous awards and decorations. He returned home to Maryland with his family and was employed by the U.S. Postal Service in Easton, MD. He spent this second career as a Maintenance Mechanic at the Eastern Shore P&D Facility and retired after 13 years.

Although Bill thought he would never marry, he instantly changed his mind upon meeting Soun in 1980. As their courtship began, Bill and Soun used a Korean/English dictionary to overcome their language barrier. He said they were lucky to have three perfect children: William "Billy," Keith, and Angela.

Bill was an avid music collector, enthusiastic jokester, and lifelong storyteller. He enjoyed kicking back in his La-Z-Boy chair and listening to his favorite band The Rolling Stones on his McIntosh stereo system. He was a larger-than-life figure to all that knew him.

He is survived by his loving wife, Soun; son, Billy Mercier (Meg); daughter, Angela Grove (Bruce and Kennedy); mother, Barbara; siblings, Gary, Kenny, and Mike; and nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his son, Keith; father, William; and sister, Sharon Zanetti.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Friday, September 15, 11 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church, 1210 S. Washington St. in Easton. A visitation will be held one hour prior from 10 -11 a.m. at the church. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church Cemetery and Columbarium

1214 S. Washington Street
Easton, MD 21601
<https://ssppcemetary.com/>

Previous Events

Viewing

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

Sts. Peter & Paul Catholic Church
1210 South Washington Street
Easton, MD

Funeral Mass

SEP **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Burial

SEP **15**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William J. Mercier Jr.*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 13, 2023 at 09:07 AM

GM

Beautiful

Gary mercier - September 15, 2023 at 09:59 AM


Garret
Okui

A very late but sincerest sympathies for the family of a unique indiidual! Buggger was a well loved and respected co worker repairing and maintaining the U-2. Work to him was serious, and play was also! He could bring a smile to anyone!.He is truly missed. With deepest sympathy, Garret "Pineapple" Okui

Garret Okui - November 10, 2024 at 10:39 AM



“ *William J. Mercier Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM

HB

Way to soon Bill... From one Black Cat to another, Godspeed. To his Family, Bill was an inspirational friend and mentor in my life; and I'd like to thank you, for what he did for me.

Harry Berens, MSgt, Retired

Harry Berens - April 28, 2024 at 11:38 PM



“ Off at midnight, stay awake all night recording for KRAP radio in the barracks, breakfast at the chow hall next door, sleep all day, then get up at 3 in the afternoon and do it again. Bill, I miss you - D'berg

U-2 pilots will be happy to know there will be no more Atomic Situps.

Rick Durrenberg - October 03, 2023 at 10:14 PM

“ I came to know Mr Mercier as his social worker at UMMC. Over the years he kept in touch if he happened to be back at the hospital. I was so sorry to read of his death in the Baltimore Sun. My deepest sympathies to all the family. Jane Gerber

Jane F Gerber - September 21, 2023 at 06:04 PM

“ Deepest condolences from all the Wirth family. My first day at the easton postal processing plant, Bill came up and said, "What happened to you? Case of a low flying stork in a snowstorm." My second day at the plant, "What happened to you? Case of a nearsighted low flying stork? And it went on and on. Luckily we both loved Rock and the Stones. When I get my meal at veterans day, I'll be thinking about you. God bless.

william Wirth - September 14, 2023 at 03:46 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William J. Mercier Jr..



September 14, 2023 at 10:59 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William J. Mercier Jr..

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“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William J. Mercier Jr..



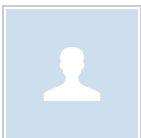
September 11, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ Loretta purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William J. Mercier Jr..



Loretta - September 11, 2023 at 09:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William J. Mercier Jr..



September 10, 2023 at 02:03 PM

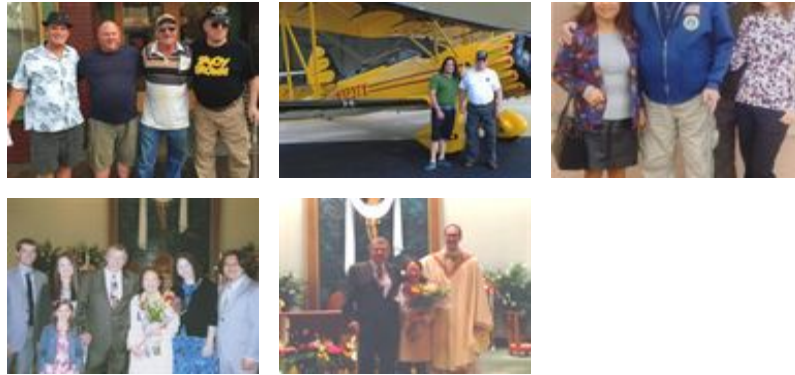


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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 08, 2023 at 01:57 PM



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September 08, 2023 at 07:57 AM

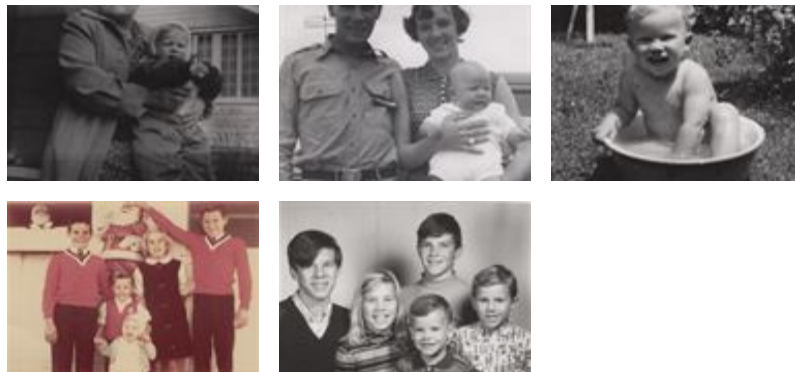


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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 06, 2023 at 04:49 PM



“ *Elisa lit a candle in memory of William J. Mercier Jr.*



Elisa - September 05, 2023 at 05:55 PM