

William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray

August 22, 1942 - April 13, 2022

William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray passed away on April 13, 2022, at his home in Chestertown. He was 79 years old.

Bill was born on August 22, 1942, in Philadelphia, PA, to John Ashmore Murray and Isabella Gertrude Cary. He graduated from high school in Grandview, MO, and attended Bethany University in Lindsborg, KS. After graduating, he enlisted in the United States Army, serving in Yorkshire, England, as a morse code intercept operator. He was honorably discharged in 1966.

Bill's Army buddy and lifelong friend, Mike Monahan, introduced him to his future wife, Lesley Coe of Yorkshire, England. They were married for 56 years and had one son, Christopher James Murray.

Bill spent ten years with the Anne Arundel County Police Department. In 1985, Bill, Lesley, and Chris began a 33-year adventure as owners of Pomona Store in Quaker Neck, where Bill was admired for his humble and generous nature. Many locals were provided with food or gas when they were without funds. He hosted the Quaker Neck Men's Social Club for "weekly exercises" and was a generous supporter of the Chestertown Christian Academy. Bill never met a stranger who could not be turned into a friend.

Through a 25-year battle with many cancers, Bill remained optimistic and only

recently became tired of the fight. Thoughts of camping and fishing with his father and brothers looked inviting.

In addition to his wife, Bill is survived by his son Christopher, Christopher's wife Laura Carrino Murray, and their two amazing children, Taylor Faith Murray and Dean Michael Murray. Bill was one of ten siblings including: Jackie, Tommy, Jimmy, Patti, Billy, Cathe, Bobby, Chrissy, David, and Gene, and had two special "sisters in love," Rhonda Murray and Margaret Wallman. Bill was often the superglue who kept his family and friends connected. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, and cousins, all of whom he loved deeply.

Bill had hoped to enjoy his 80th birthday this summer. Please join us on Monday, August 22nd, at 11:00 am at Chestertown Christian Academy, where friends can share memories of a life well-lived. Donations in Bill's memory may be made to the Patriot Fund at Chestertown Christian Academy, 401 Morgnec Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

AUG **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Chestertown Christian Academy
401 Morgnec Road
Chestertown, MD 21620

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 19, 2022 at 10:53 AM



“ *William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *I remember coming up for the family parties with my dad at the general store and singing karaoke . It was always a great time and Bill will be truly missed . My prayers are with his entire family .*

Erica Solomon (Cary) - April 20, 2022 at 05:35 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 19, 2022 at 10:55 AM

MM

“ *I met my Bill in 1964 in Menwith Hill Station in Harrogate, England, when we arrived there after being trained by the Army Security Agency in Fort Devens in Massachusetts and were assigned to the same room. For the next 30 months we did our job, checked out many local pubs, and took some time off to travel by train through France, Switzerland, Austria and Germany, finishing up in Venice, Italy. It was a great assignment, since many of our school mates were sent to Viet Nam at that time.*

Every Saturday night there was a dance at the club on base, and that's where Bill met Lesley and it was love at first sight. Didn't see him much after that, but a few months later, after our discharge, I was his best man in A little church in Maryland. A year later he was in my wedding party when I married my high school sweetheart, Ann. What followed was a 56 year friendship between the four of us and our children. I can honestly say that Bill taught me how to be a real friend, honest, genuine, and generous. He was a man who attracted friends and never spoke negatively about anyone, a rare quality that few of us ever achieve. I thank God for having our paths cross in life, and I will just goodbye for now, Pal, and I'll see you soon.

Mike

Mike Monahan - April 18, 2022 at 09:07 PM

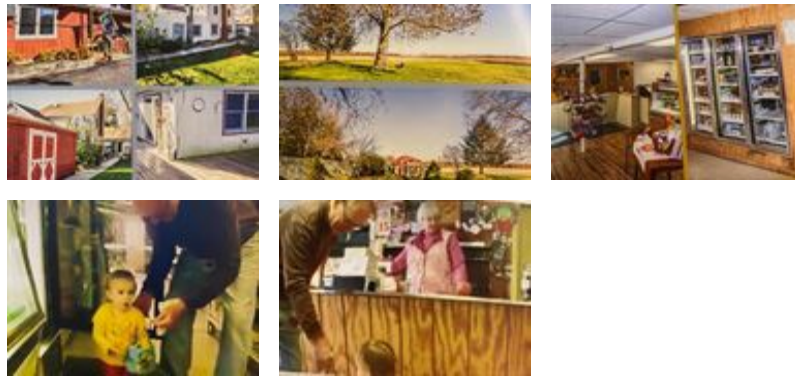


“ *Mr. Bill will definitely be missed. I remember my parents and grandparents taking us to Pomona to get subs, him and his wife were always so sweet. He will be truly missed. My condolences to the family!!!!*

Kiara Nicole - April 18, 2022 at 06:18 PM



“ *15 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 18, 2022 at 02:10 PM



“ *24 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 18, 2022 at 12:43 PM

LF

“ *Linda Fletcher lit a candle in memory of William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray*



Linda Fletcher - April 15, 2022 at 07:46 AM

GK

“ *Bill and Leslie were the hub of the Quaker Neck community They bought Pomona store from my parents and did an amazing job contributing to the community. Bill was a character and will be missed*

George & Mary Jean Kennedy

George Kennedy - April 15, 2022 at 07:30 AM

LS

“ *Quaker Neck has lost a dear friend. So sorry and sending hugs to Lesley and the family.*

Liz Smith - April 14, 2022 at 04:41 PM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray*



Liz Smith - April 14, 2022 at 04:39 PM

FD

“ Frankie & Jane Dill lit a candle in memory of William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray



Frankie & Jane Dill - April 14, 2022 at 04:38 PM

WM

“ Bill was such a good guy and he had such a good sense of humor. We were so lucky when Bill and Lesley decided to move to our community. We used to refer to Bill as the Mayor of Pomona. I'm so sorry to Lesley and the whole family for your loss. We'll miss you Bill! And we will always appreciate how special your marinades were. 😊

Wendy Morrison - April 14, 2022 at 01:13 PM



“ I'll always remember your friendly smile Mr. Bill ❤️



Tiffany Williams - April 14, 2022 at 10:40 AM

CC

“ Chestertown Cardiology lit a candle in memory of William Richard "Pomona Bill" Murray



Chestertown Cardiology - April 14, 2022 at 10:12 AM