



William Henry Prah

February 5, 1938 - March 31, 2025

William “Bill” Henry Prah of Cambridge, MD went to be with our Lord and Savior and his wife Joyce on March 31, 2025. He passed away in his home surrounded by the Love of God, his daughters, granddaughter and Smokey his dog. During his short illness at home, he was cared for by family, friends and Coastal Hospice of Salisbury (Mia, Angela, Gary, Janet and Kathy).

Bill was born on February 5, 1938, to the late George Prah and Margaret “Carey” Prah in Bruceville/Trappe, MD. The Prah family later moved to Sherwood, MD with Bill attending schools in Talbot County MD. He also worked on the water and at a tire shop. Then he found his calling/career with C. Albert Matthews and his soon to be father-in-law Ray Stewart of Royal Oak.

On September 21, 1957, Bill married the love of his life Joyce Ann Stewart of Royal Oak, MD. In their early married years in Royal Oak they raised 3 children, Debbie, Kenny, and Donna Gail. Every Sunday after going to Royal Oak Church services there was a trip to Andrews where Bill’s parents lived. There was family dinner and fun with mom and dad, 6 brothers and a sister, nieces and nephews and spouses. In our family fun time Bill and Joyce enjoyed boating, crabbing, fishing and swimming in the clear waters. That’s why two of his children are still boating to this day. Bill and Joyce had several boats from runabouts, overnight trojan cruisers and center consoles. Many of

trips were made to LaTrappe Creek along with his brother Buddy's boat the 6 Brothers.

Then Joyce and Bill settled down for good in Cambridge, MD and had wonderful neighbors even to this day. One lifelong friend since 1967, Marsha Marsh, now Discus and her husband Michael would look after pop's needs in his final years and days.

Bill later went on to work for Hess Mechanical Corp. and had a great boss, Kathy "Hess" Tietel. Bill and the Prahl A team would leave home at 3am to work in DC at hospitals, office complex buildings and chemistry labs as he was the superintendent on the jobs. His brothers, Buddy and Louis, son Kenny and grandson Daniel along with nephew Vincent and Lee Hughes would cross the Bay Bridge twice a day to provide for their family. Bill did this until he retired but remained great friends with his boss Kathy until his passing. He loved what he did. He also had his hand in Cambridge South Dorchester High School.

After retirement, Joyce and Bill got out of boating and started camping with her mom Mildred and stepfather Bill. They traveled across many US states and enjoyed every place they went. They were also members of the Happy Hour Camping Group out of Delaware and loved to hang out at Tom's Cove in Chincoteague, VA. They did this until Joyce passed away in June of 2015. Bill also helped Joyce with events in Cambridge such as the Iron Man passing out water, the Dorchester Showcase where Bill cooked crab cake and oyster sandwiches. The same would happen for the St. Paul's Church Flower Fair. Bill loved to cook and tell his stories, a good storyteller he was. In his spare time, he helped his daughter Debbie build their home they live in now and he also loved skipjacks, so he built remote control model skipjacks that he and his #1 grandson, Ben raced at St. Michaels Museum and Solomon Island Museum. Bill also loved to build smaller scale style screw pile light houses.

Bill could do anything with his hands. If you knew Bill he enjoyed bluegrass music, the old country western music, Geroge Jones, Alan Jackson, and Randy Travis. He also loved his old time black and white movies. Bill was also a member of his brother Richards Church of the Nazarene up until he couldn't drive anymore.

Bill is survived by his children, Debbie Murphy (Eddie) of Cambridge, Kenny PrahI (Donna) of Delaware, and Donna Gail Elzey (Ricky) of Lamar, SC; 4 grandchildren, Ben Murphy (Christie) of Tennessee, Daniel PrahI of Delaware, Jonathan PrahI (Danielle) of Cambridge and Denise Sampson (Monte) of Cambridge; 14 great grandchildren; and 7 great great grandchildren; his sister, Doris Moran of Elkton, MD; brothers, Wilmer PrahI (Cindy) of Foley, Alabama and Richard PrahI (Sharon) of Cambridge; and several nieces and nephews.

He was proceeded in death by his parents, George and Margaret; brothers, Carl "Fuzzy" and his wife Sis, John "Buddy", Louis and his wife Carol; brother-in-law, Charles Moran; and nephew, Ray Gordon.

Pallbearers are Kenny PrahI, Eddie Murphy, Jonathan PrahI, Daniel PrahI, Brian Jones and Nicholas Murphy.

A funeral service will be held on Tuesday April 8, 2025, beginning at 11am at Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home in Easton, MD. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Oxford Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Costal Hospice, P.O. Box 1733, Salisbury, MD 21802 or <https://www.coastalhospice.org/make-a-donation/> or Cambridge Church of the Nazarene, 97 Sandy Hill Rd, Cambridge, MD 21613.

Cemetery Details

Oxford Cemetery

Oxford Cemetery Rd
Oxford, MD 21654

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 8. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A. - Easton
200 S. Harrison St.
Easton, MD 21601

Funeral Service

APR 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Graveside Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Henry Prah*l



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 10, 2025 at 04:36 PM

KR

“ *Kay Elzey Rhea lit a candle in memory of William Henry Prah*l



Kay Elzey Rhea - April 08, 2025 at 07:52 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Henry Prah*l.



April 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Henry Prah*l.

April 07, 2025 at 10:38 AM

SM

“ I am so sad. I have been telling Mr. PrahI for several years that Rex and I would come sit in the yard with him and laugh about our shenanigans in the food booth at the Flower Fair. We laughed so much about everything and really got silly at the end of the day when we were so tired. Rest in peace and I plan to see you again. Deepest sympathy to the PrahI family.

Shirley Marshall - April 06, 2025 at 06:01 PM

RM

“ Donna Gail, Debbie, and Kenny so sorry for your loss.

Randy Marsh - April 02, 2025 at 10:43 AM

RC

“ Ricky Collison lit a candle in memory of William Henry PrahI



Ricky collison - April 02, 2025 at 08:54 AM

AB

“ Agnes Blades lit a candle in memory of William Henry PrahI



Agnes Blades - April 02, 2025 at 07:54 AM

AB

So very sorry for your loss

Agnes Blades - April 02, 2025 at 07:55 AM

JE

“ When I was younger I never understood why he didn't like me around his daughter, but as I've gotten older I fully understand that I wouldn't want someone like I was around my daughter either!! But since Donna Gail has been my best friend and my wife he and I got a lot closer! And as the son in law I am very saddened that he left us , but I'm sure he's with his family and Miss Joyce looking down on all of his family and will continue to love and protect us all for eternity! Debbie, Kenny and Donna my heart goes out to you and all your going through at this time and I just think of how Blessed we were to have this man in our lives. I'm here for all of you and I'll always keep each of you in my prayers



John Elzey - April 01, 2025 at 07:52 PM

NM

“ Debbie, Kenny & Donna Gail & family, so sorry to here about your Bunky's passing, Back in the day we had a good neighborhood everybody looked out for everybody. They were the good old days. Please know that you all are in my thoughts and prayers.



Nancy Meekins - April 01, 2025 at 01:54 PM