

William U. Reybold III

April 8, 1932 - March 9, 2023

Easton resident William “Bill” U. Reybold, III, son of William U. and Rosalie (nee Steel) Reybold of Newark, DE, died unexpectedly March 9, 2023. He is preceded in death by his devoted wife of 57 years, Nancy South Reybold; his loving sister, Patricia Gause; and brother, Walter Reybold.

Born April 8, 1932, Bill graduated in 1954 with a Bachelor's of Science in Agronomy from the University of Delaware. He was a superb Blue Hen athlete on both the track and swim teams, receiving the Outstanding Athlete Award of 1954. In 2007 he was inducted into the University of Delaware Sports Hall of Fame.

Bill also graduated with a commission as Army 2nd Lieutenant, serving two years as an artillery officer with the 5th Infantry Division and 11th Airborne Division in Munich, Germany, and Fort Ord, CA. After active service, he remained in the Army Reserve as a recruiter for West Point. He retired a Colonel in 1992.

He went on from college to become a prominent soil scientist with the United States Department of Agriculture and began his career right here in Talbot County. He spent the bulk of his career in Washington, DC, trailblazing the digitization of soil surveys across the nation in the 1970's. As National Leader for Soil Geography, he travelled globally sharing his extensive knowledge of

soil mapping systems. He was Associate Editor of Soil Survey Horizons for 12 years.

Upon retiring in 1989, Bill and Nancy returned to Talbot County where they happily spent the last years of their lives. During these years, Bill served on the Boards of the Waterfowl Festival, Pickering Creek Audubon Center, and Chesapeake Wildlife Heritage. Other volunteer work included with The Nature Conservancy, the Eastern Shore Conservancy, and Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. He was a member of the Tidewater Farm Club and served as secretary of the Easton Ruritan Club for 12 years. He enjoyed helping his artist wife hang shows in the local galleries and sailing competitively at the “Wednesday Night Races” in Annapolis.

Bill was a warm, cheerful, and supportive family man, neighbor, and friend. He made all who crossed his path feel welcome and respected.

He is survived by his brother-in-law, F. Gregory Gause; sister-in-law, Barbara South DiFrancesca; and six children, Will and Julie Reybold, Larry and Katie Reybold Leffler, Nathan Reybold, Tom and Mary Reybold Cook, Jack Reybold and wife Mary Ann Sorra, and Abe Reybold and husband Ernie Nolan. Bill is also survived by six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

There will be a visitation on Friday, March 17 from 6 - 8 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 200 S. Harrison Street, in Easton. Burial will take place on Saturday, March 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Georges Cemetery in Bear, DE with a reception to follow at Deerfield Golf Club, 507 Thompson Station Rd. in Newark, DE.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Pickering Creek Audubon Center or the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum (two of Bill’s favorite organizations), or to a charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

St. Georges Cemetery

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home
200 S. Harrison Street
EASTON
EASTON, MD 21601

Burial

MAR 18. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. George's Cemetery
Just west of St. Georges United Presbyterian Church near 4396 Kirkwood St. Georges Road
Bear, DE 19701

Reception

MAR 18. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Deerfield Golf Club
507 Thompson Station Road
Newark, DE 19711

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William U. Reybold III*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 15, 2023 at 12:27 PM



“ *William U. Reybold III*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William U. Reybold III.*



March 17, 2023 at 07:26 AM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of William U. Reybold III.*



March 15, 2023 at 03:05 PM



“ 69 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 15, 2023 at 11:20 AM



“ 240 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - March 14, 2023 at 04:51 PM

BR

“ On behalf of the Rust family (long time neighbor on Bloomfield Rd) ,our deepest sympathies for the entire Reybold family. Vonnie and Paul Rust were great friends of Nancy and Bill, and many of their kids and grandkids were frequent visitors/guests at their house. Walking in those woods was everyone's favorite pastime. Watching owls, birds, osprey and eagles was a passion for all. He was a real treasure, and will be fondly remembered and very much missed.
Bonner Rust and siblings

Bonner Rust - March 12, 2023 at 02:35 PM

HF

“ Howard Siegler and family purchased the Delightful Dieffenbachia for the family of William U. Reybold III.



Howard Siegler and family - March 12, 2023 at 10:43 AM

JM

“What a great friend and shipmate we lost with the passing of “Capt. Bill.” We are all honored to be part of Bill, wife Nancy, and his family’s life. Bill sailed with for years, making the weekly commute from Easton to Annapolis to race with us on the Annapolis Wednesday night races and the many weekend races. Bill was the mainstay of our crew. He might have been the elder of us but he definitely was the most physically fit with his quick responses and agility. Bill and Nancy are an inspiration to all of us with treasured memories. Jim and Linda Mumper, and crew of Diamond in the Rough III.



Jim Mumper - March 12, 2023 at 10:29 AM

MG

“ *The artists of Main Street Gallery send sincere condolences to the Reybold family. Nancy was a long-time and treasured member of our little gallery and Bill came to help hang all our shows with Nancy. Always so upbeat, he would be in early, up on the ladder making our walls ready for the new show and helping with all our crazy ideas to hang the show. Your wonderful smile will be missed. Rest in peace, Bill. You will always be remembered by all of us with love and gratitude.*



Main Street Gallery - March 11, 2023 at 03:50 PM

MW

“ *Bill was a long time volunteer at Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge. Really great guy. He loved being outside and getting projects done. A real joy to work with. We will miss him.*

matt whitbeck - March 10, 2023 at 07:08 PM

CN

“ *The wonderful life like photo of Bill brings tears to my eyes. How I loved him our former neighbor on Bloomfield Road. On warm evenings he would row down Shipshead Creek past our place with Nancy sitting in the stern and we could wave to them. He loved being outside and volunteered at Pickering Creek and Blackwater refuge. Our closest conversations had to do with the music we loved-concerts of the MSO. I'd stop my car beside him as I passed him on the road and we'd share our excitement over the most recent concert.*

He was a very dear friend and neighbor whom we lost touch with after moving away 4 years ago. My deepest sympathies and love,

Ceci and Rob Nobel

Cecilia Nobel - March 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William U. Reybold III.*



March 10, 2023 at 03:29 PM

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“ *Condolences from the Talbot Soil Conservation District Board of Supervisors and staff.*



Shawn Smith - March 10, 2023 at 11:25 AM

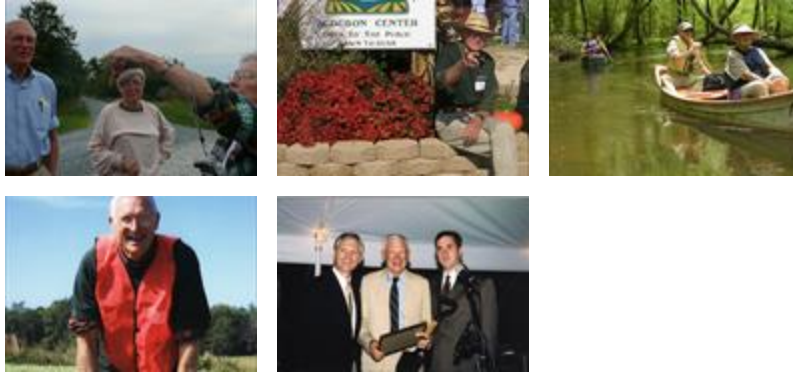
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This photo of William Reybold was taken from the Talbot County Soil Survey (1970), written by Mr. Reybold.

Shawn Smith - March 13, 2023 at 12:36 PM

SU

“ 9 files added to the album Bill at Pickering Creek



Susanna - March 10, 2023 at 11:05 AM

CK

“ *Both of my wives, Patti, Maria and I have such fond memories of Bill Reybold and his lovely family. Bill had an enormous work ethic, his character was beyond reproach, he embodied old school values, loved the outdoors, had a dry sense of humor and every now and then I could talk him into a Dairy Queen Blizzard! Bill and I would go big or go home! Although he was very accomplished, deep down he was a simply man. I am happy that Bill will be rejoined with his lovely Nancy, his sister and a brother who he has not seen in awhile. Bill thank you for sharing your family with me - having the Reybolds' as a second family is a blessing and an honor that I will always cherish. May you rest in peace.*

Chuck Kennedy - March 10, 2023 at 10:38 AM

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“ Our deepest deepest sympathies for the Reybold clan. Bill was a wonderful man, mark and I were lucky to have him and Nancy in our lives. Though he and his fantastic smile will be missed greatly, his impact on and love of Pickering will remain on the trails for a long long time.

susanna s - March 09, 2023 at 09:14 PM