



## William James Skelton II

May 13, 1937 - June 4, 2014

William James Skelton, II, of Smyrna, DE, passed away Wednesday June 4, 2014. He was born in Philipsburg, PA, on May 13, 1937. He was the son of William Skelton and Elizabeth Walker Skelton.

When he was young, William's (Bill) family moved to Chestertown, MD, where both of his parents taught at Chestertown High School. William graduated from Chestertown High and then Shepherd College in Shepherdstown, WV, graduating with a Bachelor's degree in Education.

Most of his working career was spent in the purchasing discipline and rose to the level of VP of Purchasing at the young age of 40 with Owens Illinois Glass Company and subsequently with their subsidiary Brockway Glass.

In 1974, Bill returned to Maryland with his family where he reconnected with many of his high school friends and enjoyed the pleasures of Eastern Shore life, including, hunting and golf. Bill loved living on the Eastern Shore and returned often thru the years to visit his many friends and recall fond memories of those earlier years.

Mr. Skelton is survived by one son, William Skelton, III, and daughter-in-law Susan of Easton, MD; one daughter, Judith Skelton Spann and son-in-law Bill of Jacksonville, FL; four grandchildren, Christopher Skelton of Lincoln, DE,

Patrick Skelton of Brooklyn, NY, Dylan Spann of Flagler, FL, and Kirstin Spann of Jacksonville, FL, along with one great-grandson, Parker Skelton of Lincoln, DE.

He is also survived by one sister, Marjorie Nicewarner, and three nephews, Bill Nicewarner, Tim Nicewarner, and David Nicewarner of Frederick, MD.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 27, 2014, at 1 p.m. at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, 130 Speer Road, Chestertown, MD.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

JUN 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chestertown Location  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
(410) 778-0055  
[info@fhnfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@fhnfuneralhome.com)

# Tribute Wall

EG

“ Dear Skelton Family,

*We were deeply saddened to hear of Jim’s passing. Over the years, we have been fortunate to rent the cottage on Sand Lake, and it has always been such a special place to us, largely because of Jim’s warmth and generosity. He was a true gentleman, and the stories he would share about the lake and his family — especially his daughters and their children — brought the cottage to life in such a meaningful way.*

*Two years ago, we canoed from Sand Lake to Kearney. We asked Jim about the route; he gave us excellent suggestions and told us about how he did the same as a kid and the adventures he had had. Listening to Jim’s stories, provided us with a connection to that beautiful place and its rich Skelton history.*

*The memories of our visits to Sand Lake, where we always looked forward to bringing Jim butter tarts from our route, will stay with us. Jim’s love for the lake and his family was evident in every conversation, and it was a privilege to have known him.*

*Please accept our deepest condolences. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.*

*With heartfelt sympathy,*

*Shelly Shapero & Eric Grove*

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**Eric Grove** - December 23, 2024 at 02:11 PM



“ *William James Skelton II*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William James Skelton II*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William James Skelton II*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Bill was a dear and treasured friend and neighbor from the time he moved with his family to Delmarva. His parents were my teacher and guidance counsellor at Chestertown High School from which we graduated in 1955. Blessings to Bill and family at this time of great loss. Bill had a very loving heart and was always a gentleman, friend I will remember with fond memories. Having died on my birthday I wish him God's speed to the richness of peace without pain and suffering he so richly deserves.*

*Kay Gsell Starkey  
Class of 1955*

**Kay Starkey** - June 10, 2014 at 07:54 PM

KH

“ I will so miss Bill Skelton, I saw him each day at the Pinnacle Rehab where he was a resident for the past several years. He always had some wonderful stories to share about his home outside of Chestertown that my husband Ken Hickman and his father Buck Hickman worked on for him. He also shared memories of he and Ken's brother Albert Hickman who went to school together. Bill was so kind and always had such encouraging words for me. He loved to hear me sing and play the piano right across the room in the dining room from his room. He will be sorely missed. May God bless his family who he dearly loved and was so proud of.

*Karen and Pastor Ken Hickman*

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**Karen and Ken Hickman** - June 06, 2014 at 06:10 PM

MJ

“ Mike & Patti Johnson lit a candle in memory of William James Skelton II



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**Mike & Patti Johnson** - June 05, 2014 at 08:59 PM

EB

“ Eileen % Bill lit a candle in memory of William James Skelton II



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**Eileen % Bill** - June 05, 2014 at 03:11 PM

EB

“ So sorry Judi & Bill. We have so many memories of your Dad, so long ago. He is now at peace. Keeping you all in our prayers. Bill & Eileen Brice

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**Eileen & Bill Brice** - June 05, 2014 at 03:10 PM

ES

Dear family, So sorry for your loss. Gene and I spent some happy times for many summers at the beach in North Ocean City, MD with your family. It was through your family that we met so many wonderful Chestertown friends. Rest in peace, Bill, II

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**Elizabeth Smallwood** - June 12, 2014 at 03:18 PM