



William George Sutter Jr.

January 5, 1941 - October 2, 2016

William G. Sutter, Jr., passed away at home on Sunday, October 2, 2016. He was 75.

He had a driving passion to create his own style of carved and painted detailed replicas of living birds, mostly of the waterfowl variety. Known as WG the Carver, today his work is greatly admired, highly prized and much sought-after by art collectors. The carving started when he was in his twenties. Many years of practice culminated in his artful and distinctive style.

If you wanted one of his pieces, you couldn't simply buy it, but you could vie to own it by making a substantial donation to a charity. Some of the charities that have benefitted from his generosity are The Avalon Foundation, The Nicholas E. Bramble "Ironman" Foundation, The Talbot Special Riders, Take a Kid Outdoors, The Coastal Conservation Association, and most recently CASA.

William G. Sutter, Jr. began his career as Managing Partner of Sutter, Sutter and Adams, a Pittsburgh firm focusing on commercial and real estate law. Early in his career, he became General Counsel for the Redevelopment Authority of the City of Pittsburgh.

In 1969, he was a partner in the development of Central Medical Pavilion, one of the first new-construction proprietary hospitals east of the Mississippi River. That enterprise was followed by many others; the acquisition of operating steel processing facilities, the export of steel industry equipment and technology to third world countries, the acquisition of health care and nursing care facilities, the ownership of a 360-seat gourmet restaurant overlooking the city of Pittsburgh, the development of fiber optic lighting products, and a venture in the cryogenic storage of stem cells. He was no stranger to start-up projects and took great pride in being a synergist: connecting those with ideas to those with the ability to bring the ideas to realization.

He also created an international investment marketplace for the rare Egyptian Arabian horse that brought buyers from around the world.

After graduation from Penn Hills High School just outside of Pittsburgh, he obtained his Bachelor of Arts degree from Allegheny College in Meadville, PA. He worked his way by singing duwop music with his grand tenor voice and his band "Willie Sutton and the Innocents." He earned his Juris Doctor from Duquesne University, working his way through law school by driving a cab through the contorted streets of the "Burgh." WG took great pride in his Irish-German heritage, acquiring dual citizenship to Ireland and uniting the family in Ireland with the family in the States.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Snyder of Trappe, MD; his sister, Marian Sutter of Hummelstown, PA; his brother, Paul E. Sutter and his wife Lou Ann of Pittsburgh; his daughter, Eden Reynolds and her husband, James, and their children, Maura and Nolan of Jacksonville, FL; his son, William G. Sutter, III, and his wife Marci of White Oak, PA, and their children, Cameron, Erin, Sydney and Rachel.

He is predeceased by his parents, William G. and Margaret Sutter, and a brother, Edward J. Sutter, Sr.

This is a man who was handsome in a tux, but comfortable in camo; relaxed with a fishing pole in the summer salt air, but energized by the freezing rain of a mid-winter hunt; overflowing with amazing stories, but great at listening to a needy friend; silly and humorous, but serious and studied.

He loved his dogs, his Irish heritage, his children and grandchildren, his Eastern Shore home, his wife, his ducks, his music, and his countless friends. Each one of these loves was at the top of his list.

Friends may call on Saturday, October 8, 2016, from 6-8 PM, and Sunday, October 9, from noon to 1 PM, followed immediately by a Celebration of Life at Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home, P.A., 200 S. Harrison St., in Easton.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the charity of your choice or to the Izaak Walton League Mid-Shore Chapter, P.O. Box 962, Easton, MD 21601

Previous Events

Calling Hours

OCT 8. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Easton Location
200 South Harrison Street
Easton, MD 21601
(410) 822-3131
info@fhfuneralhome.com

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OCT 9. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

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celebration of life

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Tribute Wall



“ *William George Sutter Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *William George Sutter Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *William George Sutter Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

DC

“ *Dear Nancy and family and pets that are family, Bill and Deborah Evans Crawford from Clinton, Pa express our deepest sympathy. Although our visits together were very short, longest being when we traveled in our motorhome to be with you in Maryland. Great memories of a great man and his partner Nancy.*

Deborah Crawford - October 21, 2016 at 05:10 PM

BH

“ *Bob H. purchased the Dreams From the Heart Bouquet for the family of William George Sutter Jr..*



Bob H. - October 21, 2016 at 08:42 AM

BH

“ I have a top 5 list of business people who have influenced my life and WG is on that list

Bill and I tried to buy a landfill in Missouri and resell it, during that time i got to know him and his vast understanding of doing deals, that knowledge remains with me to this day. I have been a good friend of Paul and Lou Ann for 50# years and have had the pleasure of meeting the great Sutter family and Nancy.

Bob Hazen

Bob Hazen - October 21, 2016 at 07:58 AM

RO

“ Mate,
*It was too early for you to leave this earth, with that said I am sure you will give them some laughter up there where I am sure you are.
I was a pleasure to have you as a friend and you will always be remembered.
Cheers.
Roger*



roger - October 12, 2016 at 08:31 AM

AH

“ *Good by old Friend Prayers for you Nancy and family. Many happy memories of school days and beyond
Andy and Suzie Hartman*

andrew hartman - October 11, 2016 at 06:36 PM



“ 64 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - October 08, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of *William George Sutter Jr.*



October 06, 2016 at 10:10 PM

MD

“ *Michael Palamone and Brenda Dare* purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of *William George Sutter Jr.*



Michael Palamone and Brenda Dare - October 06, 2016 at 05:16 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of *William George Sutter Jr.*



October 06, 2016 at 12:13 PM

MB

“ Warmest wishes and deep sympathy to Nancy, the sun in Bill's world. WG the Carver made many heartfelt contributions to the community with his beautiful carvings because of his deep love of the Eastern Shore. He always had the Irish twinkle in his eye and was ever-ready for a good party. Family and friends will remember him with much love.
Maureen and Norman Bowie

Maureen Bowie - October 06, 2016 at 11:45 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William George Sutter Jr..



October 05, 2016 at 06:35 PM

CS

“ I first met WG through Jack Halperin when I worked for an associate of their's. We hit it off right away and a wonderful friendship was formed. Later we would meet at the Sewickley Hotel for lunch and talk and talk about all manner of things. When he and Nancy moved to Maryland we lost touch but we found each other again through his WG the Carver website, given to me by his son Will. I was so fascinated by his wonderful talent and the amazing pictures of his work.

I will miss knowing that you are in the world and I can reach out to you. I do know that you are always with me in my heart. Thank you for being you. Love, Cindy Stevens

Cindy Stevens - October 05, 2016 at 02:57 PM