



William H. Corkran Jr.

July 25, 2005

William H. Corkran, Jr. of Trappe, MD passed away at his beloved Island Creek home, "Mi Desea" on Monday, July 25, 2005.

Born February 27, 1920 in Trappe, MD to his kind parents, William H. Corkran, Sr. and his wife, Muriel Baker Corkran; he was known by all as Bill. His childhood was spent in Trappe where he attended public school and worked on his grandfather's farm. After graduation from Trappe High School, he attended the University of Maryland from which he graduated with a degree in Civil Engineering, eventually earning the designation of Professional Engineer.

After graduation from college, he was briefly employed by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He then accepted a position with the Third Panama Canal Project in Central America. Some of his assignments in Panama included planning and surveying within the remote rainforests of Panama. It was during this time period that he met his wife, Lucile Pierce Corkran of the Panama Canal Zone.

As the United States became more entrenched in the Second World War, Mr. Corkran chose to enlist in the U.S. Navy, where he was sent to Princeton, New Jersey for special training. After Naval School and prior to his orders to serve in the Pacific Theater, he sent back to Panama for his future wife to

“come to the states” to be married.

While in the Navy, Mr. Corkran was assigned to various naval vessels, destroyers and reconnaissance submarines, on which he had top secret clearance. His Admiral’s “Honorable Discharge” was “with regret” as his commanding officers wished for him to make the Navy his career.

Yet his small town roots continued to be important to him so, he and his wife, Lucile, returned to Easton, where he procured a position with the town of Easton as the Town Engineer and Manager of Easton Utilities. His career spanned thirty six years. His interest in engineering continued all his life. He eventually joined the American Public Power Association and became President of the organization.

Mr. Corkran dedicated his life to the betterment of Easton and Talbot County through his involvement in the community. At various times in his life he belonged to many organizations. He was a member of the Talbot County Historical Society, Elks Club, Rotary International, Lions Club, the Farm Club, the St. Michaels Maritime Museum, the Spring Hill Cemetery Association, the Nantucket Historical Association and the Tred Avon Yacht Club, where he twice served as Commodore.

Through his distinguished career he served as Chairman of the Talbot County Park Board, Chairman on the Easton Airport Authority, Chairman of the Talbot County Public Works Advisory Board, Vice Chairman of the Fuel Cell Users Group, Vice Chairman of the Talbot County Economic Development Committee and on the Review Panel for the Department of Energy Solar Thermal Program and the board of the St. Mark’s Ministry to the Aged.

He was inducted in the Waterfowl Festival Hall of Fame, received a Paul Harris Fellow Award from Rotary International, a certificate of Appreciation for

his work with the Critical Area Commission and just recently, was honored as an Outstanding Citizen of Talbot County. The committees, boards, and memberships are vast and his commitment to learning and contributing never wavered.

Mr. Corkran adored the Town of Easton and was heavily involved in the development of the YMCA, the Easton bypass, the Easton Airport, The Talbot County Community Center, and the Hog Neck Golf Course. He helped enrich others' lives through the planting of thousands of trees, helping to create Idlewild Park, the lovely Children's Garden and enhancing the town with its early electrical Christmas decorations.

Mr. Corkran and his wife, Lucile, traveled the world, learning from other cultures, times and places, always returning to their haven at "Mi Desea" in Trappe. Some have viewed Mr. Corkran as a "Renaissance Man" because of his multiple and vast interests-the cosmos, his telescope, the town, boating, waterfowl, farming, making models, serving on race committees, engineering, and a deep love of family and friends. His life was lived with honesty, integrity, dignity, and love.

Mr. Corkran is survived by his devoted wife of 61 years, Lucile Pierce Corkran; three daughters, Beverly Corkran Edgell and her husband, W.B. Edgell, Sharon Lynn Corkran and Kimberly Carol Corkran; three grandchildren, Michael Colin Edgell and his wife, Jennifer Nicosia Edgell, Trevor Bartlett Newcomb and his wife Lee Lynch Newcomb, and Tenley Baker Newcomb; two great-grandchildren, Gardner Pierce Edgell and William Baker Newcomb.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, August 4, 2005 at 12:00 noon at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 100 Peachblossom Road, Easton, MD.

Memorial donations may be made to a charity of your choice or the Nantucket Historical Association.

Arrangements are by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A., Easton, MD.

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