



William A. Murphy Jr.

June 14, 1933 - June 4, 2019

William A. Murphy Jr., 85, of Mentor, formerly of Grosse Pointe Park, Michigan, died unexpectedly Tuesday, June 4, 2019 at Hillcrest Hospital surrounded by his most loving family. He was born June 14, 1933 in Pittsburgh, PA.

Bill graduated from Central Catholic High School and attended Duquesne University. He was a veteran of the Korean War where he served in the 101st Airborne Division of the U.S. Army attaining the rank of Sergeant.

Murphy began his 36 year career with Pan American World Airways, stationed in Pittsburgh, Detroit and St. Louis, where he was named the Pan American System Wide Salesman of the Year. When he eventually returned to Detroit, he was a member of the Detroit Athletic Club.

Upon the closing of Pan American, he became the director of the Detroit Medical Center Guild until his retirement in 2000.

Bill took full advantage of the opportunities Pan Am afforded him and traveled the world extensively, logging millions of miles and enjoyed Europe, South and Central America, the Far East and China, the Middle East and 40 of states of the USA.

Married in 1966 to his beloved wife Dinah, they raised and are survived by two

daughters, Anne Murphy Griffith (Peter Griffith) of Lubbock, Texas, and Elizabeth Murphy Zappitelli (Jason Sanden) of Mentor, Ohio; as well as five grandchildren, Peter Jr. (Sara), Elizabeth and Samuel Griffith of Lubbock, Texas, McKenna and Katherine Zappitelli of Mentor, as well as a great grandson, John Luke Griffith.

Bill was a lifelong Pittsburgh Pirate and Steeler fan who attended 5 Super Bowls! He was also an avid gardener, bowler and dancer. Bill was a 4th degree Knight of Columbus and a very active member of St. Bede the Venerable Church garden ministry.

The family will receive friends from 3-7 p.m. Monday, June 10, 2019 at the Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave., Mentor, OH 44060. A funeral mass in honor of Bill will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at St. Bede the Venerable Church, 9114 Lakeshore Blvd., Mentor, OH 44060 (Please meet at the church.) Private family inurnment will be held at St. Clair Cemetery, Greensburg, PA at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family hopes you will consider a memorial contribution to St. Bede the Venerable Church, or to the St. Ambrose Parish, 15020 Hampton Rd. Grosse Pointe Park, MI 48230 or to Central Catholic High School, 4720 Fifth Ave. Pittsburgh, PA 15213.

Please offer condolences at www.brunners.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN **10**. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center
8466 Mentor Avenue
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 255-3401
ajs@brunners.com
<https://www.brunners.com/>

Funeral Mass

JUN **11**. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Bede The Venerable Catholic Church
9114 Lakeshore Blvd
Mentor, OH 44060
(440) 257-5544

Tribute Wall

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I know how dearly he was loved by his family. *Rebecca Starr*

Rebecca Starr - June 17, 2019 at 05:44 PM

DA

“ Dinah,

When Lana called last week to tell me of Bill's passing,I was saddened but I remembered the few dinners we had at her home in Sarasota and the way Bill filled the room with laughter.It brought a smile to my face

My prayers are with you and your family during this very difficult time.

Donna Lang Arenschild

Donna M Arenschild - June 09, 2019 at 08:53 PM

JF

“ *Jim Simpson and family purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..*



Jim Simpson and family - June 09, 2019 at 01:28 PM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..*



June 09, 2019 at 10:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..*



June 08, 2019 at 05:34 PM



“ *I will miss Bill he was one of my favorite customers at Walgreens I remember him always telling me he is going to buy Walgreens with all his points he was a very nice man and always had a smile on his face we will miss him my prayers are with his family R.I.P Bill*

Christine Olm - June 07, 2019 at 07:51 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..*



June 07, 2019 at 04:05 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..*



June 07, 2019 at 03:59 PM



“ *Most recent memory was Peter Jr & Sara's wedding in Lubbock Texas.....Bill Murphy danced the entire evening...Even line dancing....Such a fun time watching him out there with young kids in boots & cowboy hats! He had as much energy as anyone!*

Arlene Kirchman Griffith - June 07, 2019 at 12:40 PM



“ *Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..*



June 07, 2019 at 12:35 PM

JK

“ Bill was our beloved neighbor and we will truly miss him! He was an incredibly kind man who was always ready to help others in thoughtful "little" big ways. Every week after the garbage collectors came, Bill would deliver each neighbor's empty trash cans from along the street at the end of our cul-de-sac to just outside our garage doors. My last memory of Bill is just two days before he went to the hospital. There he was on a very windy, stormy, rainy morning, trying to hold on to his umbrella with one hand and drag our trash can up our driveway with the other hand. Recently, we were standing in his driveway visiting and he waved at a passing car. He said, "I don't know who that was, but I always wave anyway". Bill taught me so many important lessons about life. I hope to strive to carry on his legacy of kindness and thoughtfulness in the "little" big things. Jean King

Jean King - June 07, 2019 at 12:14 PM

KB

A gentle man in the true sense of the word. Wonderful sense of humor. A glister in his eyes when talking to you. A gardener, keeper of God's beauty. And a neighbor loved by all. A good and faithful servant. How awesome that you are seeing the face of God!
Kathryn Bea

Kathryn Bea - June 07, 2019 at 03:03 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William A. Murphy Jr..



June 07, 2019 at 11:52 AM