



Mr. William Donald Klaus

October 22, 1938 - September 13, 2017

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Previous Events

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Tribute Wall

JH

“ *“Young Bill” and I were shipmates on the USS Rowe some 50+ years ago. He was a joy to know then and when we reconnected many years later along with some of our other shipmates, he was the same great guy I remembered. May he rest in peace.*

Judi and I will keep Mary Ann and family in our thoughts and prayers.

Johnny Harris

Johnny Harris - September 17, 2017 at 04:25 PM



“ *In Memory - Angel Figurine, 8.25 in was purchased for the family of Mr. William Donald Klaus .*



September 15, 2017 at 03:52 PM

ML

“ *So Sorry for your loss Mary.. God be with you and May Billy Rest In Peace.*



Maureen Lallo - September 15, 2017 at 03:15 PM

DW

May Billy rest in peace

Don & Ila Wilson - September 15, 2017 at 03:31 PM

MK

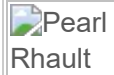
“ *Mary Ann & Family, so sorry to hear of Bills passing. I am looking back now & remembering how Leona & I were so in love with him (even though he was our cousin) he looked like Fabian. Always smiling, telling a joke, he had such a beautiful personality with everyone, not just family. I remember going to your wedding & how happy you both were & how all the family was there having a great time. Miss those days. Now he is at peace. Fly high my Billy. your cousin, MaryAnn*

Mary Ann Klaus - September 15, 2017 at 02:57 PM

RK

“ *Bill, "Young Bill" as we called him, was a shipmate, a friend, a valuable member of the US Navy and our ship the USS Rowe DD564. He served at a time of uncertainty between the major world powers, Russian submarines were on our doorstep. A wrong move could have produced a major conflict and disaster. Bill was a proud sailor and served not only as a guardian of our Nation, but as an Ambassador in many of the foreign countries of the world we visited. Each of his shipmates will remember the good times we had, the money we spent, and the fun we had. He will be missed until we all "sail as shipmates" again. Our deepest condolences to Maryann and family. Fair winds and following seas Young Bill. Ray & Valerie Karcher*

Ray Karcher - September 15, 2017 at 01:13 PM



Pearl
Rhault

“ *Dennis, I am so very sorry for your loss. He is in a very beautiful place now, free of pain, stress, worry and surrounded by love and peace. You and your family are in my prayers.*

Sending love and prayers,

Pearl

Pearl Rhault - September 15, 2017 at 06:18 AM

WK

“Pop, You lived a lot of life in your 78 years. Your 4 children, 13 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren love you very much and will miss you. We are proud of your service in the Navy and your career in the NYPD, where you were a detective in the first NYPD Brooklyn Sex Crimes unit. And you continued to apply your investigative skills when you went to work as a Supervising Investigator at the NYS Office of Professional Discipline, stopping dangerous people who preyed on the public. You continued your education, earning a Bachelor's degree and showing us the value of self-improvement. We will never forget your gourmet cooking, or playing cards with you, or fishing. Your love for your family has guided and guarded us through our lives. You were larger than life, singing Johnny Mathis and doo-wop to us, regaling us with tales of your youth in Williamsburg, and enriching every life you touched. We know that you are at peace now with family and friends - eating Grandma's chicken wings, dancing with Aunt Georgia and singing with Uncle Stuey.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there;

I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow.

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain.

I am the gentle autumn rain.

When you awaken in the morning's hush

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circled flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry;

I am not there;

I did not die.

William A. Klaus - September 14, 2017 at 09:09 PM

PG

“ Bill was a wonderful brother-in-law and we always had fun when we were together. He took me to my first Yankee game and I took him to his first Pro football game with Colts & Giants! Maryann & Bill always spent vacation time with us and we would visit them when we could. Bill always loved bragging about his children and grandchildren. He was definitely a family man. I will miss you Bill and will cherish all our memories. Love your sister-in-law, Pam.

Pam Gerdowsky - September 14, 2017 at 07:07 PM

MF

“ Bill and I were shipmates on the USS Rowe in the mid 50's. We had some great times together then, and again 50 years later. A small group of us started getting together on an annual basis. We had some wonderful visits and renewed old memories.
Our heartfelt condolences to Mary Ann and the family.
Mike & Mary Flaherty

Mike Flaherty - September 14, 2017 at 06:16 PM