



## William F. Maylett

December 2, 1942 - March 4, 2021

William “Bill” F. Maylett, 78, of Annandale, Virginia, passed away 4 Mar 2021, surrounded by family. Bill was born in Salt Lake City, Utah, to Ellis and Donna (McFarlane) Maylett 2 Dec 1942. He claimed he retired at the age of 12, when he left door-to-door spudnut sales and began riding his bike around to repair electronics in his neighborhood. In high school, he began work in local radio stations. He made his mark in television broadcast engineering and studio design, having worked at places such as KSL, ABC Sports, and WETA, before starting his own businesses in the DC-area, where he had lived since 1966. His professional accomplishments include an Emmy Award that lived in the back of his closet behind rolls of gaffers tape, and only ever writing one resume. Other hobbies included pulling (elaborate) pranks, flying his C-182P, and asking his kids how tall the trees are in the backyard using Pythagorean’s theorem.

Bill’s proudest accomplishment is his family. He is preceded in death by many, among them: his parents, his Uncle Boyd, and his dog, Fred. He is survived by wife of 46 years, Joan (Gray); 7 children: Nicole Maylett (daughter from previous marriage), Jeff and Kimberly Hall, Christopher and Anna (Payne) Maylett, Gregg and Leslie Retkowski, Karl and Jennifer Jarvis, Erin Maylett, and Daniel Maylett; and 17 grandchildren: Lacy, Samantha, Hannah, Brooke, Michael, Matthew, Amelia, Gregory, Oliver, Kelly, Andrew, William, Molly, William “Billy,” Luke, Keira, and Elizabeth.

Funeral services will be held 2:00pm, 10 Mar 2021, at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints chapel on 3900 Howard St., Annandale, Virginia. He will be interred in Manti, Utah.

# Events

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
3900 Howard Street, Annandale, VA, US

# Comments

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“ I had such good times with Joan and Bill when they were first married. I still talk about the time I got to go on vacation with them in their plane with baby Kimberly. Wasn't Kim born on March 4th  
Kimberly was my flower girl for my first wedding and Joanie was a flower girl I am so sorry we lost touch. Your dad was a really great guy

**Cheryl Scalco (Bradley)** - March 12 at 06:10 PM

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“ Early in my life, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Bill and his father, my Uncle Ellis who I idolized as a great human. After spending time with Bill, I was convinced that I had found my calling. When anyone asked me what I was going to be when I grew up, I'd tell them that I was going to work in production at a TV station, running the cameras and making the magic happen. Well, life took a few turns and I never did make it into that line of work, but it did blossom into a love of creativity, photography, and videography. My only regret now as I'm older, is that I didn't take the opportunity to spend more time with Bill and his family. His influence had a hand in making me who I am today and for that, I'm eternally grateful.

**Frank Maylett** - March 10 at 04:18 PM

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“ I worked with Bill at WETA back in the seventies. When I got promoted to the night production crew, he was my boss - the technical director. This was the premier crew in those days and I was lucky to make the grade. We did shows like Washington Week, the PBS Newshour, In Performance at Wolf Trap, etc. We also rubbed shoulders with whoever noteworthy happened to be at the Capitol or White House.

Bill was a stickler for quality work, but in an easy going way that made you want to do better. He was an excellent leader but also fun to be around, that's a rare combination.

Bill was also the first "big thinker" I encountered in my career. An example of that would be when I told him I was about to open a TV repair shop to supplement my income. Bill told me to not waste my time on that but to pursue a contract with the Pentagon instead. Now that was a big idea for me, but a bit too challenging.

To wrap up, I moved to California after seven years at WETA but Bill was kind enough to include me in several of his projects after he left WETA.

I hope that we are always friends and colleagues.

My condolences to Joan and the his family.

Tim Balint  
Palm Springs, California

Timothy Balint - March 09 at 11:12 PM

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“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William F. Maylett.



March 09 at 07:57 PM

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“ Karin F. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William F. Maylett.



Karin F. - March 09 at 05:27 PM