



## William Jay Becker

July 9, 1919 - May 4, 2017

William Jay Becker, formerly of Manassas, Virginia, died on May 4, 2017 in Staunton, Virginia, where he was living at The Legacy at North Augusta.

He leaves three daughters, Donna Shaub (Husband, Richard), Lynn Dunn (Husband, Louis), and Marcia Becker (Husband, James). He leaves six grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his first wife, Ruth Puchta, and his second wife, Elizabeth Miller.

Bill was born July 9, 1919 and raised in Evanston, Illinois, where he worked in the family music business. During World War II he was a member of the Army Air Corps, rising to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel, and served as a member of the Army Air Corps Air Weather Service in the Southwest Pacific. For 30 years following the war he served both as an officer and civilian employee of the Air Force.

He then worked for a major corporation in the Office of Senior Vice President for nine years, and was a partner in a Travel Service for two years.

Bill was a member of, and served in leadership roles, in the following groups and organizations: Prince William County Board of Supervisors, representing

Brentsville Magisterial District, serving for eight years; Board of Directors, Prince William County Service Authority; Prince William County Republican Committee; Prince William West Camp of Gideons International; Manassas Host Lions Club; American Legion Post 10; Air Force Association; Association of the US Army; 15/20th Weather Squadron Association. He was a volunteer at Prince William Hospital for over 10 years.

In 1995 he was privileged, as part of the Australian Celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Victory over Japan, to represent the WWII Veterans of the Army Air Corps Air Weather Service in dedicating memorial plaques commemorating their services in accomplishing that victory at both Cooktown and Townsville, Australia.

Bill is a member of Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, Manassas, having served as Council member and Chairman. For the past year, he was an associate member of Zion Lutheran Church, Waynesboro, Virginia.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Bethel Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8712 Plantation Lane, Manassas, VA with Pastor Jeff Wilson officiating. Interment will be held at Quantico National Cemetery with military honors at a later date.

Condolences may be sent to: [www.piercefh.com](http://www.piercefh.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Previous Events

## Service

MAY 10. 11:00 AM (ET)

Bethel Lutheran Church  
8712 Plantation Lane  
Manassas, VA

# Tribute Wall

JM

“ June M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William Jay Becker.



June M. - June 06, 2017 at 03:59 PM

JR

“ Marcia & Lynn so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. He was a great guy just to talk to & a credit to the community he served. I always enjoyed talking to him & he was so proud of his daughters. He seemed to have a wonderful life .God Bless you all .John Roseberry

John Roseberry - May 09, 2017 at 01:27 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Jay Becker.



May 08, 2017 at 07:45 PM

CL

“ So sorry to hear about the passing of your Dad, he was kind, understanding and well-respected. I enjoyed working for him when he was on the PWCSA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,  
Cheryl Leiby (retiree of PWCSA)

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**Cheryl Leiby** - May 08, 2017 at 02:28 PM

BB

“ Bert Buscher purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Jay Becker.



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**Bert Buscher** - May 08, 2017 at 12:49 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Jay Becker.



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May 08, 2017 at 11:57 AM

BI

“ Gene and I met Bill when we were members of Bethel Lutheran. After church service on Sundays, we met at a local restaurant for breakfast. We talked, discussed, joked and had lots of good laughs with Bill and other Bethel friends. These are really good memories of a wonderful friend and a delightful man. We will miss him. Gene and Brenda Ifert

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**Brenda Ifert** - May 07, 2017 at 08:28 PM

MG

“ I served on the Manassas City Council during the time Bill was on the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. and we worked together on solving many joint jurisdictional issues. Bill was always a very dedicated servant to his constituents and a pleasure to work with. My sincere sympathy to the Baker family.

Maury Gerson  
Manassas City Councilman  
1980-1996

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**Maury Gerson** - May 06, 2017 at 02:49 PM



“ Bill was one of the first people we met when we joined Bethel Lutheran. He was very charming and so warm. Bill encouraged us to get involved in the community (and of course politics, lol!). He will be dearly missed.

May God's love and comfort surround Bill's family and friends.  
Tom & Jeani Wiethop

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**Jeani Wiethop** - May 05, 2017 at 04:33 PM

FM

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of your dad, he was a good neighbor in the Buckhall area. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family in these sad days.

Frank & Mary Moore

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**Frank & Mary Moore** - May 05, 2017 at 02:29 PM