



William Clayton Bish

January 29, 1949 - August 23, 2014

WILLIAM CLAYTON BISH, age 65, passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2014 at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center, Manassas, VA.

He was born on January 29, 1949 in Nampa, Idaho to the late Orville Paul and Doris Evelyn (Woods) Bish. Mr. Bish was a true patriot having served his country his entire life as a Captain in the U.S. Army, a Special Agent in Charge and Country Attaché in the D.E.A and an Federal Air Marshall Assistant Special Agent in Charge.

Survivors include his loving and devoted wife Malu, six cherished children: Shannon, Jered, Andrew, Anthony, Alexandra and Rachel Camille, beloved brother: Ken and seven adorable grandchildren.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, September 6, 2014 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 8213 Linton Hall Road, Gainesville, VA with military honors taking place at 11:45 AM. A Mass of Christian burial will immediately follow military honors.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Holy Trinity Catholic Church
8213 Linton Hall Road
Gainesville, VA 20155
<http://holytrinityparish.net/>

Mass of Christian Burial

SEP 6. 12:00 PM (ET)

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8213 Linton Hall Road
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Tribute Wall

EN

“ *Expedito Nievera purchased the Peace, Prayer Blessing Sympathy Basket for the family of William Clayton Bish.*



Expedito Nievera - March 18, 2017 at 08:55 AM

GK

“ *Bill was a one of a kind person. I met him while he worked with DEA in Los Angeles, Ca in 1983. I didn't see him again until we met in Manila, Philippines in 1990. From 1990 until I saw Bill every three months when I went to the Philippines. I talked him into taking the job as a FAM after he left DEA. He was a generous and kind person who believed strongly in his faith. I am glad that he is at peace now with The Lord.*

George Kimura - September 06, 2014 at 01:48 AM

FO

“ I had the honor and distinct privilege of working with Bill for about a year when we were both assigned to Germany. He was the Lt. and MP station commander in Bad Kissingen and is was the Lt. in charge of most of the troops that worked at the station and the platoon leader for the 3rd Inf. Div. MP's assigned there. We became very good friends during our time there and would often get together afterwards either at his house with his family or at the Gasthaus just down the block. Leave it to Bill to live in close proximity to an eating/drinking establishment. It was probably the best year that I had while on active duty.

We would occasionally have to see the Post Commander over some issue and offer suggestions. After one such meeting, while still in the Cmdr's office, Bill looked at me and said something to the effect of- "Well Batman, our work here is done". I then told him- "Yes Robin we're finished, let's get back to the batcave". And then we left. But that was the way Bill was, totally professional in every regard, but still able to have fun no matter what the circumstances. But from that day on, we would fondly refer to each other as Batman and Robin.

I lost track of Bill after I left active duty and when he went to DEA. We were able to reconnect a few years ago and had stayed in touch ever since. I was lucky enough to have a trip to the DC area a few years ago and Bill and I met for dinner to reconnect and catch up. It was great to see him again. I'm truly saddened by his passing and offer my sincere condolences to his entire family. RIP my friend, your tour of duty here is done and I'll see you in the Bat cave!

Frank Oschmann

Frank Oschmann - September 05, 2014 at 11:53 AM

TG

“ I met Bill when Fr. Wooten had cigar night and turned out that Bill & I worked in Laredo, TX-Bill with DEA and myself with Border Patrol.

What can I say about Bill?

Bill always had a positive attitude and it was great to talk with him about God & the Faith! My wife & I would always look for Bill & Malu after Mass to share a laugh and a smile.

I am sure he is now resting in peace with the Lord.

Tim & Maria Gallo

Tim Gallo - September 04, 2014 at 04:58 PM

DD

“ I was proud to have called Bill a friend. We met at the U of I in 1967. Bill went the Army route and I went to the Marines--I'm the one Uberauga referenced. We jabbed at each other on that subject for years. Although Bill and I had lost contact several years ago, a chance encounter reconnected us a year ago when he sent gracious greetings on the Marine Corps birthday. He was open and frank with me in discussing his illness and prognosis. It was as though the years melted away and we were back at the U of I in our 20's. Bill was a great friend, soldier and citizen. I consider myself lucky to have known him.

I want to extend my deepest condolences to Bill's family and wish them all the very best.

*Semper Fi
David Decker, Boise, Idaho*

David Decker - September 04, 2014 at 03:44 PM

“ There are many who say Bill was their best friend, people who saw him on a weekly basis or worked with him. Bill was my best friend in his formative years from 68-71 at the University of Idaho. Without my guidance in Army ROTC he'd still be farming onions in Marsing. We were born the same day, but Bill was older than I. We first met our Sophomore year when we both got 3 year scholarships so we could be sent to a warm place in the Far East when we graduated. He and I competed thru our 3 years in ROTC-rifel team, Chrisman Raider Commanders, Drill Team. A comicl story. In 1970 the Navy ROTC building was firebombed. The Army commander asked for two volunteers to guard the arms room in the basement of the Memorial Gym. At night one of us was locked into this room loaded with weapons and ammo with only a telephone. There were 4 barred windows that looked out onto the grass. Bill and I each did one night guard duty until someone figured out that a molitov coctail could easily go thru the bars of the window and turn us into crispy critters. So our guard duty was terminated. flt was my privilidge in 1971 to ask Bill to be my best man at my wedding. There were 5 Army officers and we had to balance out with a Marine from Emmett. Both Bill and David Decker threatened to cut my head off with their sabers if I hesitated at all coming down the processional arch. Bill and the aforementioned Marine were also at my batchelor party where we studied training films with a full colonel, a major and 4 incoherent captains, pluse Bill, me and the Marine. Bill was on the ground at the Moscow Pullman Airport when I made my first parachute jump and took the only picture of me jumping. My former wife and I spend some evenings at Bill and Marilyns apartment on N Almon St. After commissioning I went to Ft Benning School for Boys and Bill went to Ft Gordon School for Boys Want to Grow Up to Be Cops. We were in Germany together at different bases. Again I was privileged to have Bill at my son Jeff's christening in Ansbach and be Jeff's godfather. Time passed while Bill was in Thialand working with Chuck Norris and then running that tacaorito wagon in EIPaso but we finally met up twice in 2008 and 2011 while I attended the National Fire Academy. We got to tour Mt Vernon once. My last meeting with him was in a fog created by his omnipresent cigar at a

Nationals game. Memories are great. I am so humble in his continuing presence around me. Bon Voyage mi amigo.

David Uberuaga - September 04, 2014 at 02:28 PM

SC

“ *SusanStephenson Hayes and classmates purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Clayton Bish.*



SusanStephenson Hayes and classmates - September 04, 2014 at 08:17 AM



“ *Sacred Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Clayton Bish.*



September 03, 2014 at 09:55 PM

PO

“ I had the privilege of meeting Bill in 1984 in Bangkok, where he was working with the DEA and then worked with him in the Philippines between 1990 and 1994 - he as a DEA agent and me as the RSO - I was lucky also that he moved to New Jersey upon returning to the US from Manila and we continued our association as close friends which we still are and I know I will see him in heaven as he is doing the advance arrangements...Bill was baptized in the Catholic Faith last year and I had the honor of being his Godfather - Bill rest in peace and watch over us mortals here on earth - you are now a Saint...
Pat O'Hanlon

Pat O'Hanlon - September 02, 2014 at 02:52 PM

GK

“ I had the honor of working with Bill in both the New York and Newark field offices. Bill always had a smile on his face and a kind word for most all he knew. He was devoted to those who worked with him and especially to those fortunate enough to call him friend. He will be deeply missed. Thank you Bill. It's been an honor to have known you.

George King - September 02, 2014 at 09:45 AM

KE

“ Hello All,

I will truly miss [Big Papa] Bish. He was a really good person who set great examples and helped people when he could. I am very thankful to have had the opportunity to be friends with him. To Mrs. Bish, he always talked about how much he loved you and said that you are one of the best things that ever happened to him. May God Bless him and keep him close until you see each other again.



*Respectfully
K.R.
NWK Squad 3*

Kevin - September 01, 2014 at 05:33 PM

GP

“ Bill,

*I know it was part of you're greeting to most, but you are truly the only Son of a Bish I have ever met. :) I'll remember you always.
NWK Squad 3!*

GP

G P - September 01, 2014 at 03:22 PM

KC

“ *Bill and I worked as Air Marshals and ONE great story involved going to the range one winter day with the rest of the Squad and having a shooting contest. Needless to say Poppa Bill won. We stopped at a Diner to eat afterwards and the with the money he won, Bill paid the entire bill. Few are as thoughtful and wise as he. Enjoy a fine whiskey and cigar for eternity! Love ya my man!*

Kevin Coradeschi - September 01, 2014 at 10:01 AM



“ *Bill and I were in the same group in LA, the SE Asian heroin TF. After retirement, we were blogging colleagues and were able to touch bases over the Internet. Bill was an amazing guy and I am saddened at his loss. Rest in peace, Bill.*

Gary Fouse

Gary Fouse - August 31, 2014 at 12:21 PM

MP

“ *Our condolences and prayers to the Bish family. I remember Bill in Tabac , Peninsula Hotel , Manila quietly enjoying his cigars while waiting for Malu. Great guy and a God fearing person, he cares about others rather than himself...he will be missed.*

Marivic Pelaez - August 31, 2014 at 09:12 AM

EB

“ *Our prayers and condolences go out for Bill and his family and may God grant him eternal life in his kingdom. I actually met Bill a few years ago and came to know him as someone who cared about others and as a true gentleman. He will be missed.*

Ernie Batista - August 31, 2014 at 08:00 AM

HM

“ *Jean and I have many fond memories of Bill from Chiang Mai, pig roasts, cigars and laughter. He was kind, fun to be around and generous to others. A food friend who will be missed. Condolences to malou from Harold and Jean Mackenzie*

Harold Mackenzie - August 31, 2014 at 07:30 AM

RG

“ I worked with Bill in ChiangMai. A great guy and a gentleman always.

Rick Gommert

R Gommert - August 31, 2014 at 07:14 AM

JD

“ I have many fond memories of our dear friend and the evenings after work at the "Forth & Tay" in Manila. Deepest condolences to Malou from Louie Magpayo, Richard Nixon and Tokmin.

Jimmy Dick

Jimmy Dick - August 30, 2014 at 11:32 PM

KM

I had the honor of hiring Bill as a Security consultant when I was VP at Polaroid His job was to identify fake security documents around Asia and we became good friends He was also the Johnnie Walker Ambassador here and when he left to work as an Air Marshall he passed this honorable job to me as I am a Scot.Jesus had spoken to him and he shared his message with me and I know he is in good hands now. I will miss him and pray that Malu and the children are all OK

Karl McLean - June 04, 2015 at 10:16 PM



“ Joe and I met Bill and Malu at Mass -- I always looked for him and his warm, welcoming smile. He radiated the love of Christ and the joy he found in His Church. His courage and ongoing living every moment of every day are an encouragement and inspiration. We didn't know him long, but we will know him and love him forever. May the peace of our Risen Lord envelop his family at this time. Sue and Joe Freivald

Sue Freivald - August 30, 2014 at 07:30 PM

JO

“ Thank you for sharing your life with my friend, Malu. Enjoy heaven...



joy - August 30, 2014 at 05:44 PM

AW

“ Bill you are and will always be one of the best people that has ever entered my life. I treasure your friendship and will always have a place for you in my heart. I will pray everyday that your family will be comforted in this time of sorrow! Rest in peace my friend!

Annie Wojtanowski

annie wojtanowski - August 30, 2014 at 05:09 PM

AW

“ Annie Wojtanowski lit a candle in memory of William Clayton Bish



annie wojtanowski - August 30, 2014 at 05:03 PM

TL

“ R.I.P. Bill. You were a good friend and courageous to the end.
Tex Lierly

Tex Lierly - August 30, 2014 at 04:37 PM

JV

“ I am Bill's first cousin that lives in Idaho. His mother Doris and my mother Pearl were sisters. I have a great many fond, wonderful memories of him as we were growing up in such a loving family. I will miss him greatly. I send my love and condolences to you and your family for your loss. Stay strong and God bless you all.



Jacki (Draper) Valentine

Jacki Valentine - August 30, 2014 at 04:29 PM

IS

“ Bill, you will be missed. You are in our hearts. We are forever grateful for all your help to my Dad and Mom in Manila. You will live forever in our hearts.



irwin Salgado - August 30, 2014 at 04:20 PM

VP

“ Will miss a good friend. RIP Bill

Vernon Parker

Vernon Parker - August 30, 2014 at 03:44 PM

RP

“ Bill was a friend in the true sense of the word. I looked forward to his being in the my cigar store - sharing a smoke, a thought and some laughs. I am glad a had a chance to see you last month and see firsthand the strength of your faith. May God hold you and your family close at this time. Till we see each other again, auf wiedersehen.

Rich Penk - August 30, 2014 at 02:26 PM

JC

“ Bill you are a gentleman, sincere condolences to all the family , God bless. Julieann currie

julieann currie - August 30, 2014 at 01:22 PM

TB

“ To a friend I miss already, Bill's wit and wisdom that he shared with me got me through many rough moments in my life, My condolences and prayers go out to his family! He was an extraordinary gentleman who left an impression on anyone who he came into touch with He will be missed

Terry Bish

Terry Bish - August 30, 2014 at 01:12 PM

RC

“ Bill was such an encourager to me in my faith. I will miss him dearly. My condolences to all the family. Love in Christ. Ricky



ricky currie - August 30, 2014 at 01:01 PM

JH

“ We extend our condolences to Bill's family. Bill was a good man, a very good man. A person that was well liked and respected by his colleagues, and I suspect just about any person that he every had dealings with. Honesty, extending beyond just the label of integrity, generous with a giving heart and mind. We will always treasure our times with Bill and will miss him greatly. Truly, a genuine mensch that will be missed by this world.

*John & Marietta Hastings
Cebu, PI*

john hastings - August 29, 2014 at 05:12 AM

RL

Bill and I missed each other in Asia but I was fortunate in getting to know him as a member of the DEA Asia family that shares a common experience that has formed strong bonds and lasting friendships. I had the pleasure of getting to know him later in our careers and like so many others, grew to like and admire Bill. His courage and positive attitude, no doubt strengthened by his newly found Christian faith, during his illness were remarkable and an inspiration to all of us. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and colleagues and may Our Lord and Savior grant him eternal peace and happiness.

Rich LaMagna

Richard LaMagna - September 03, 2014 at 09:13 AM

JZ

I knew Bill from our DEA days in Los Angeles and Thailand and was happy to reconnect when I served with the Air Marshals in Orlando and Bill was in HQS. May he rest in peace and may his family know how much he was loved and admired by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Jack Zalewski

jack Zalewski - September 22, 2014 at 09:18 PM