



William Jesse Etheridge

September 5, 1940 - August 13, 2019

William Jesse Etheridge, age 78, passed away on August 13, 2019 in Lake Manassas Health and Rehabilitation Center in Gainesville, VA.

He was born on September 5, 1940 in Wilson, North Carolina to the late Marvin David Etheridge, Sr. and Mae (Barnes) Etheridge.

Mr. Etheridge was the owner of Elderly Things Antiques, he specialized in Civil War memorabilia. He also enjoyed NASCAR racing.

Predeceased by his parents and brother: Marvin Davis Etheridge, Jr.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Barbe Etheridge.

The family will receive friends on Friday, August 16, 2019 at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA from 3:00 PM – 4:00 PM where a funeral service will be held at 4 PM with Rev. Dr. Billy G. Tatum officiating. Interment will be held at Frostville Cemetery in Wisconsin at a later date.

Expressions of sympathy may take the form of flowers or you may donate to Barton College, ATT: Alpha Sigma Phi-Gamma Lambda Chapter, P.O. Box 5000, Wilson, North Carolina 27893 in loving memory of William J. Etheridge.

Condolences may be sent to: www.piercefh.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 16. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
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Tribute Wall

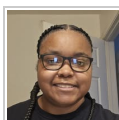


“ I met Mr. Etheridge a few times, back when I was a fourth grader in Mrs. Etheridge's class in the 90s. They are brief but very fond memories-- it was obvious to me back then, even as a little kid, how happy they were as a couple. They were so sweet with each other.

Mrs. Etheridge, I think about you all the time and I look you up occasionally because I want to know you're doing well. I was so sorry this time to find out about the loss of your husband. I know his years were well spent with you, and I can't imagine a more joyful and loving way to live a life than by your side. You made every child in your class feel loved, welcome, and celebrated every single day, and I've never forgotten that. You gave each and every one of us a gift just by being your wonderful, colorful self. I hope you feel just as loved now as you made us feel. My thoughts are with you always.

I still have two little angel dolls, and a hair ribbon that you made for me, all that time ago. But I think you must have been the real angel. Thank you so much for all the love and kindness you showed me. I hope the coming days are restful and healing for you. I will never forget the wonderful time I spent with you and your family.

Katie Lippincott - August 21, 2019 at 12:19 AM



Hello Katie. You might not remember me but you and I were in Miss Nelson's 3rd class together. I had Mrs. E the year after. Is it ok if I read this to her? She still Doesn't do computers." tee hee". She told me to tell you to thank you so much for your comment and How it was beautifully written and she still remembers you and she loves you dearly.

Teasa Stewart

Teasa Bell - August 29, 2019 at 02:05 PM

BM

“ *Bill was the embodiment of the unbreakable ties that develop between young men that pledge themselves as fraternity brothers - and remain with us even as we age. His devotion and his generosity to us were exemplary as was his enthusiasm and I will always appreciate those great attributes. Barbe, we are terribly sorry for your loss. You have our prayers and best wishes.*

Biff McGilvray

Biff McGilvray - August 15, 2019 at 11:39 AM

EH

“ *Bill was not only a friend of mine, he was a brother. His kindness, his humor, and his love of life are what I remember most about "Wild Bill." Although he was a bit older than I am, it was always like we had known each other forever. I always loved the times when we would talk and share ideas at our Alpha Sigma Phi Beach Weekends. He was truly a gentleman and a scholar, and I, along with our other brothers will miss him greatly. Barbe, he always spoke so highly of you so I know those 53 years you spent together were wonderful. My thoughts and prayers are with you now during this difficult time.*

Fraternally yours,

*Edward Harding
Washington, North Carolina*

Edward Harding - August 14, 2019 at 01:41 PM

BL

“ *Rest in Peace, Brother!*

Bradley Lushbaugh - August 14, 2019 at 08:28 AM

TS

“ I remember all the cool civil war stories and Memorabilia you used to show us kids in school and when I brought my husband to meet you for the first time while he was under the radar lol. You were one cool dude and you will be deeply missed. Anthony and Teasa Bell



Teasa Stewart - August 13, 2019 at 09:23 PM

MM

“ Fraternity Beach Weekend 2018 Brother Bill presented Brother Ray S. with a piece of jewelry for his wife who was ill which brought me to tears as I witnessed such a lovely gesture from this kind, wonderful man & human being. One year later learned Ray's wife had recovered which touched me equally knowing Bill must have played a part.

Love & Will Miss You Bill!

Fraternally, Matt Mancini

Matt Mancini - August 13, 2019 at 09:21 PM

LC

“ Bill or "Wild Bill" as he is known at the house will for ever be missed. I was lucky enough to be at the house when Bill and Barbie first came back to campus some 10 years ago. Bill meant so much to so many brothers and will for ever remembered for his many contributions to the fraternity. Thoughts and prayers to his family especially the lovely Barbie! We will miss you Bill!

In Phi-

Luke Costanza

Luke Costanza - August 13, 2019 at 08:41 PM