



William Henry Gemmill

June 24, 1932 - February 1, 2018

William Henry Gemmill, age 85 of Manassas, VA died on February 1, 2018 at Novant Health Prince William Medical Center.

He was born on June 24, 1932 in York, PA to Frank Ellsworth Gemmill and Hattie Robinson Gemmill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Dorothy Gemmill and his twin brother Robert Gemmill and a stepson Thomas Rickard.

Survivors include his children Cathy Gemmill, William Gemmill, Jr., Pamela Wright and Wilma Korzendorfer; a stepson John Rickard; his siblings Claudia Keister, Ellsworth Gemmill, Phyllis Workman and Wenda Yescavage; his grandchildren Tiffany Gemmill and Bret A. Gemmill; his step-grandchildren Christa Rickard, Mark Rickard, Lori Altimore, Danny Rickard and Leah Rickard and by his great grandchildren Ethan Spagnola and Addison Spagnola.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, February 7, 2018 from 6-8 PM at Pierce Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA where funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at 12:00 PM. Interment Quantico National Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Quantico National Cemetery

18424 Joplin Road
Triangle, VA 22172

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
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Service

FEB 8. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

PW

“ Brother Bill was quite a guy. With his hardy laughter and bright smile he could light up a room. My sister Claudia spoke of how he loved baseball but didn't mention that when he went into the Army he played on a baseball team as a pitcher. He was a really good pitcher, he held the record for the most strikeouts and no hitter games. A few years ago after my husband passed I decided to go to North Fort Myers and spend some time with Bill. I rented an oceanfront condo on Fort Myers Beach. Bill would come over to the condo and we would sit on the balcony and look out over the ocean and talk of days gone by and whatever else we could think of. We went out to eat together everyday and one day he just looked at me kind of funny and said " you know Phyl this is the first time we have spent so much time together and it's really been nice". Bill and his twin Bob were 9 years older than me. Bill told us he prayed that he would live to be 100 but the Good Lord had other plans for him and told him to "come on home". RIP brother, hope to see you on the other side one day!

Phyllis Workman - February 09, 2018 at 09:45 PM

CK

Good one Phyllis!

Claudia (Sis) Gemmill Keister - February 12, 2018 at 02:59 PM

PW

“ Phyllis Workman lit a candle in memory of William Henry Gemmill



Phyllis Workman - February 09, 2018 at 08:59 PM

DH

“ Bill was married to my Aunt Dorothy. She brought him to Va.late one summer night.

She wanted him to meet her family, I can remember it like it was yesterday. He was such a handsome polite and friendly man and I was tickled that he was going to be my uncle.

Tammy (my sister) and I began to spend alot of time at their house here in Luray. He treated us like we had always been family. We had such great times on the river or just sitting around the kitchen table. Bill had a million-dollar smile! Did I mention he was handsome? Bill came to visit me back in the fall I hadn't seen him for almost thirty

years. We hugged alot and taled even more. I will never forget him. He was a great uncle and I told him so! I loved you, Bill Gemmill. RIP

Love & prayers,
Debbie

Debbie Hilliards - February 07, 2018 at 08:36 PM

TW

Bill and Aunt Dorothy were absolutely my favorite ..love and miss them alot.I think Debbie (my sister) said it all.....we couldn't have ask for a better uncle.RIP Bill until we meet again.What awesome memories we have of you.

Tammy Wright - February 09, 2018 at 05:46 PM



“ 3 files added to the album Memories From Earlier Years



Jean Green - February 07, 2018 at 07:42 AM

CK

“ I remember my twin brothers Bob and Bill so well. I was 2 and a half years younger than them so I was always tagging along with them. They were identical twins. In school kids on the playground were always asking me "is that Bob or Bill". Bill loved to play baseball...he was a pitcher. We used to go to all his games. He and Bob started setting up pins at the bowling alley at a very young age. They started bowling and Bill has won many awards in bowling. Bill loved to bowl. When he was drafted into the Army in the early fifties he had a 1942 Chevy coupe that he had just bought. He told me if I wanted to continue making the monthly payments I could have the car. I didn't even hesitate...I went for that deal. I had a big fight with him when Obama was running for President. He said he was going to vote for him. He was living in Florida at the time. I was so angry with him that I was actually screaming at him over the phone but I could not talk him out of it. But the second term...he did not vote for him. At least I won that one. He lived at my house in Dover PA a couple times. I love gospel music and Mom and I used to go to Gospel Concerts all the time. Bill started going along with us and he loved Gospel music as much as we did. Bill and I talked on the phone every week...or every other week. I will surely miss him...but I know he is in a better place.

Claudia (Sis) Gemmill Keister - February 07, 2018 at 03:10 AM

WJ

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



William H. Gemmill, Jr. - February 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WJ

This is the last picture of Dad and I together during his last visit home.

William H. Gemmill, Jr. - February 07, 2018 at 12:01 AM

WJ

“ *William H. Gemmill, Jr. lit a candle in memory of William Henry Gemmill*



William H. Gemmill, Jr. - February 06, 2018 at 11:35 PM

WJ

“ *One of my favorite memories of Dad was the summer he, Judy, and I bowled in a mixed bowling league. Our name was "The Three G's," and we won 2nd Place in the league tournament. It was great getting together every week doing something with you that you loved. Rest in Peace Dad. You were loved and will be missed.*

William H. Gemmill, Jr. - February 06, 2018 at 11:33 PM

CK

Good one Jr.

Claudia (Sis) Gemmill Keister - February 12, 2018 at 03:02 PM



“ *1 file added to the album A Story of a Lifetime*



Pierce Funeral Home - February 06, 2018 at 11:59 AM

WK

“ I will never forget all the times we went fishing when I was little. It seemed liked we were always on the river in the summer. Hitting golf balls in the field next to the house in Luray or just taking walks back through the field with Gretchen our dog. I am so glad that dad was here with me. I miss him so much already.

Wilma Korzendorfer - February 05, 2018 at 02:25 PM

KO

“ What a blessings getting to know you. He'd recently moved in with Wilma and Joey, in our neighborhood. Each day when I would walked my dogs, you would always come out to greet us. One day, he had a new ball to give to my dog Macie. He knew how much she loved balls. Thank you so much for that. He always had a smile and laughter to share with us.
We will miss seeing your smiling face and caring heart.
With lots of love, Kevin & Alice ODonnell & Macie & Marlie

Kevin & Alice ODonnell - February 04, 2018 at 12:56 PM

MS

I just wanted to say what a joy it has been knowing Wilma's Dad. He always had a smile for you when you visited and he loved to debate just about anything but especially politics and religion. He will truly be missed by friends and family. Sister mary

Mary Snellings - February 05, 2018 at 08:30 PM

DO

When I met Bill for the first time, it was like we had been friends for years. We rode around Manassas laughing and seeing the sights. We stopped and got ice cream. His smile was the best! I'll miss him, but I'll never forget him. RIP my friend.

Dodie - February 07, 2018 at 11:23 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Henry Gemmill.* ”



February 03, 2018 at 07:28 PM