



William Edward Kingsley

March 22, 1934 - February 17, 2020

William “Bill” Edward Kingsley, age 85, of Gainesville, VA passed away Monday, February 17, 2020 at his home in Gainesville, Virginia after a long illness.

Born on March 22, 1934, in New York (Brooklyn), NY, he was the son of the late William F. and Elizabeth (Gruebel) Kingsley and a loving father. Growing up in the Maspeth neighborhood of the borough of Queens, Bill excelled in grammar and high school, enjoying life from deeply humble beginnings. Bill graduated from City College of New York with a Bachelor’s degree in Statistics and later Columbia University, with a Master’s degree in Business. Bill also attended the Advanced Management Program at Harvard University, remaining active until just recently.

Bill met the love of his life and wife of more than 59 years, the late Josephine “Jodi” (Grieve) Kingsley in Manhattan while both worked for Irving Trust Company in 1953. Their love affair, so genuine and true, intersected many interests and provided lasting personal growth for each of them through a beautiful relationship. Their love for each other lasted a true lifetime, even at Bill’s passing.

Bill joined the Institute of Life Insurance in Manhattan in 1956, a public relations organization for the life insurance industry in the US and Canada.

The Institute later merged with two other organizations to become the American Council of Life Insurance in Washington, where Bill rose to become its Executive Vice President, capping a single company career spanning nearly 40 years.

Bill was an avid tennis player, golfer for decades at a time, developing life-long friendships. He learned to ski later in life among many other pursuits. He loved enjoying music and dancing with his wife Jodi, socializing with many friends in their beloved Heritage Hunt community, as well as actively participating as his Virginia based grandchildren grew. He spent many of the last years reading as many James Patterson books as were written, and genuinely enjoying the fruits of a remarkably graceful and well-lived life.

Bill joins his wife Jodi and sister Virginia Hill. Survivors include his three children, William G. and Cynthia Kingsley of Berwyn PA, Janet E. and Ramin Pertee of Rixeyville, VA, Gary P. and Lisa Kingsley of Palm City, Florida; five grandchildren, Meghan Kingsley, Nolan Kingsley, Christian Riegert, Declan Pertee and Katelynne Pertee.

The family will receive friends from 2:00-4:00pm and 6:00-8:00pm Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at the Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA 22110. A prayer service will be held at approximately 3:30 pm on Wednesday.

A private family interment will be held 1:30pm Saturday, February 22, 2020 at Woodlawn Cemetery, Webster Ave & E. 233rd St., Bronx, NY.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the charity of your choosing.

Cemetery Details

Woodlawn Cemetery

4199 Webster Ave
Bronx, NY 10470

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 19. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
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Prayer service

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“ Bill was my first boss at the Institute of Life Insurance after i received my doctorate at NYU. We were friends for many years and he was an important person in my life. He was a great guy in every sense of the word and I am sorry for his passing. My sincere condolences to his family. He will be missed by many.

Hal Edrich
former Director of Social Research at the Institute of Life Insurance/American Council of Life Insurance

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“ Sacred Garden Spray was purchased for the family of William Edward Kingsley.



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