



William Francis Lehr

January 28, 1932 - October 31, 2019

Born on January 28, 1932 to Paul C. Lehr and Helen Kathleen Ellis of White Plains, NY during a blizzard...a harbinger of things to come.

A tall, scrappy, curious lad, Bill, as he was known to his family and friends, was smart and resourceful. A fact born from the placement of a cow on the 4th floor of Towers Hall at Otterbein college in Westerville, Ohio where a student prank required a crane to remove said bovine once realized that cows can go up stairs but not down...

Graduating from Otterbein circa 1953 with a degree in Chemistry, Bill married Aimee Lucette Jenni and moved to New Jersey where he worked for Airco. Two children followed, Douglas, born in 1955 and Leslie in 1957. From New Jersey, the family moved to Atlanta in 1963 where they lived until Bill and Lou divorced in 1971. Bill moved to Greenville, SC where he married Judy Brown, and added her daughter Amy to their union and welcomed son, William in 1980. A founding partner of Tanner Chemical Company, he remained there until its sale. Circa 1991, Bill married Mary Bruce of Greenville and moved to Charleston, SC to pursue his dream of sailing and living life on the next gust of wind... His magnum opus, EnviroMarine, was his passion. An enterprise composed of his own inventions to keep our waterways clean and free of gas and harmful oils which he labored until a year before his death.

A philosopher, an adventurer and a founding member of the Yellow Jacket Bucket Riders Brigade, Bill lived on his terms; lamenting politics around a bonfire with nieces and nephews, recollecting sailing trips from the past and savoring fond childhood memories of growing up with his brother Paul. Bill died on Halloween...an observance not lost on his family.

He leaves behind children Douglas Lehr, Leslie Lehr Daly, Amy Lehr Camp and William Lehr as well as grandchildren Andrew and Matthew Lehr, Joseph, Kathleen and Elizabeth Daly, William Camp, and Samuel and Ellington Lehr. The family will hold a special, private service at a later date. Donations may be made in his name to Special Olympics of Hamilton County Ohio, 4790 Red Bank Expy, Cincinnati, OH 45227 to honor his

granddaughter, Kathleen Ellis Daly...his mother's namesake, or to Oceanconsevancy.org to honor his stewardship of our oceans.

Comments



“ I worked for Bill making fuel rings for his company Enviromarine for many years. Always a friendly sort. Easy to get along with. Will miss him.

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