



William D. Wilsman

November 26, 1927 - October 21, 2016

William D. Wilsman,

On October 21, 2016, of Washington Twp. Age 88. Beloved husband of the late Helen (nee Boyle). Devoted father of Michael (Anna), William, Jr., John, Gerald and Kurt (Lisa). Loving grandfather of Elizabeth, Bernadette, Rebecca, Ashley, Christian and William, III. Proud great-grandfather of Natalee, Scarlett and Anna. Dear brother of John "Pidge", Richard and Grace.

Bill Wilsman was born in Philadelphia on November 26, 1929. The son of Harry and Grace Wilsman, he was preceded in death by an older brother John (also known as "Pidge") and sister Grace, as well as a younger brother Richard.

Mr. Wilsman graduated from Bok Vocational High School where he starred on the baseball field and also played basketball. Shortly after graduating, following in his father's footsteps, he signed a contract with the Pittsburgh Pirates organization to play professionally. He was assigned to the Rehobeth Beach Pirates of the Eastern Shore League where he played for two years before being traded to the Brooklyn Dodgers. He played for the Dodgers' farm team, the Billings Mustangs who won the Pioneer League Championship in 1950.

The following year Bill was drafted into the United States Army and stationed in Korea before being honorably discharged in 1953. That year he was invited to the Dodgers spring training camp in Vero Beach, Florida and moved up a class when he was assigned to the Santa Clara Dodgers for the upcoming season. Unfortunately, he broke his leg early in the season and was released from the team.

He returned to Philadelphia and was married to Helen (nee Boyle) for over fifty years. Following his baseball career, he worked for the U.S. Government in the payroll department. Following his retirement from the government he worked as a security guard for Kennedy hospital. He and Helen resided in South Philadelphia until 1964, when they moved to Washington Township for the remainder of their lives. Helen died in 2007. The

two of them raised five boys, Michael (married to Anna), Billy, Jackie, Jerry, and Kurt (married to Lisa).

He died peacefully in his sleep on October 21, 2016. In addition to his sons and their wives, he is survived by six grandchildren, Elizabeth, Bernadette, Rebecca, Christian, Ashley, and William, and three great-grandchildren, Natalee, Scarlett, and Anna. He will be missed by many.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing Thursday 9:00 – 10:30 AM at the Egizi Funeral Home, 119 Ganttown Road, Washington Twp. Funeral Service Thursday 10:30 AM. Interment St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing.

In lieu of flowers, donations in William's memory may be made to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20090-6929.

Condolences may be shared with the family at www.egizifuneral.com

"A Life Well Lived
Is Worth Remembering"

Cemetery

St. Joseph's Cemetery, Chews Landing

240 Lower Landing Road
Chews Landing, NJ,

Events

OCT 27	Viewing	09:00AM - 10:30AM
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Egizi Funeral Home 119 Ganttown Rd., Washington Township, NJ, US		

OCT 27	Funeral Service	10:30AM
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Comments



“ Just found out about this today. A great guy who will be sorely missed by his family and friends. Cherish all good memories, like these from the old Bell Lake Party Day.



Dennis Crowley - November 02, 2016 at 10:12 AM



“ Rest in peace Mr. Wilsman and give Mrs. Wilsman a hug for me in Heaven. If you come across my Dad and Mom give them both hugs too . You were both always good to me. You and your family are in my prayers. Bev S.

Bev S. - October 30, 2016 at 05:39 PM



“ Really sorry about your loss. I wish I had met Mr. Wilsman and got to know him the way you had all grown to love him. My prayers are with all of the family at this very tragic time. May the peace of God be with you and give you strength in your time of need.

Lovingly, Gloria Liebal



Gloria Liebal - October 26, 2016 at 11:10 PM



“ Willie was the quintessential Bells Laker. Always making sure everyone had a burger and helping us all cut to the front of the line during one of our many trips to the ER. The picture of him dragging that grill up the hill every Sunday as my dad and Mr. Mooney sat back and read the paper shall forever make me cherish being a Bells Laker.

We will all miss our Uncle Willie.

Matt Lyons



“DAD,WHAT CAN I SAY THAT YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY SAID TO YOUR BOYS.THIS WAS THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE YOU EVER TOOK ON.AND AS YOU TAUGHT YOUR BOYS DONT EVER BE AFRAID,AND ALWAYS FIGHT BACK.I BELIEVE THAT THOSE WORDS SOMEHOW PUT YOU IN THE RING FOR YOUR FINAL FIGHT.DAD EVERYTHING YOU SAID TO ME THE LAST 6 YEARS I HAVE BEEN BY YOUR SIDE I WILL CHERISH.YOU GAVE ME A LIFETIME OF MEMORIES THAT ARE PRICELESS.STILL CAN HERE YOUR VOICE SAYING"GET RID OF THE BUBBLE GUM IT STINKS",TO US AND YOUR GRANDCHILDREN.CLASSIC WILLIE,AS MOM WOULD SAY. ANY WAY DAD, MOM IS THERE TO GREET YOU. AND THAT THOUGHT ALONE WILL GET ME THROUGH THIS. I NEED TO TELL YOU BOTH THAT YOU ARE SIMPLY THE GREATEST PARENTS A SON COULD HAVE.AND NO MATTER WHAT SOME MAY THINK, YOU BOTH DID THE BEST JOB RAISING ALL 5 OF YOUR BOYS.I LOVE YOU DAD AND TELL MOM THE SAME. YOUR SON JERRY.

JERRY WILSMAN - October 23, 2016 at 08:09 PM



“"I have so many fond memories of Uncle Wil. A dapper man, so handsome with and incredible loving spirit. Always full of laughter and kindness. Thank you for all the great memories from your unwillingness to leave Bells Lake on Sundays, to Wedgwood Drive to Sheffield Lane. Will miss you, may you rest in peace. Love you dearly Uncle Wil."

Erin Mooney McGourn - October 23, 2016 at 06:37 PM



“THE GREATEST FATHER A SON COULD HAVE. THE MEMORIES OF HOW HE MADE OUR CHRISTMAS WITH ALL HE AND MOMS HIDDEN GIFTS WILL NEVER LEAVE OUR HEARTS. TO RAISE 5 SONS AND SERVE HIS COUNTRY TO GO ALONG WITH A PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL CAREER, IS A LIFE WELL LIVED.MY DAD ALWAYS PUT OTHERS FIRST IN HIS LIFE AND TOOK CARE OF HISLOVING WIFE AND MOTHER LIKE NO ONE COULD IMAGINE.WILL ALWAYS BE PROUD TO SAY THATS MY DAD,MY HERO.YOUR WITH MOM IN HEAVEN NOW DAD,THE TWO BEST PARENTS A SON COULD HAVE. RIP YOUR LOVING SON BILLY.

BILLY WILSMAN - October 22, 2016 at 05:21 PM



“ All love for Uncle Will - He was a Legendary, One of a Kind figure. Fond Memories with him and Aunt Helen at the Lake, Wedgwood Drive and too many events and parties to name. Can't say enough about his energy, humor and love for life. Rest in Peace Uncle Will.....

Bill Mooney - October 22, 2016 at 12:05 PM



“ We all knew him as Uncle Will and spent our summer Sundays up on the hill at the Lake. He kept the charcoal hot and the food flowing. He was the one to make sure every spot on the grill got filled as soon as one opened up. He was also the one who made sure the tunes were filling the air and that we all knew how to "get it" and keep the beat. Happy feet grilling away. The memories are many as he touch our lives in a way one will never forget. Thank you Uncle Will may you fill the dance floor in heaven and always keep the beat.

Rachel Lyons Kuzmich - October 22, 2016 at 11:04 AM



“ My dad loved Bells lake swim club . He never wanted to leave on Sundays. He was so much fun . He would climb 3 fences when they locked him in . 2 of them surrounded the basketball court . He was exaughsted by the time he reach the gate .

Kurt Wilsman - October 22, 2016 at 08:40 AM



“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Kurt Wilsman - October 22, 2016 at 08:30 AM



“ I have 45 years of memories of Mr. Wilsman and my parents knew him even longer. Friend and neighbor and fellow Bells Laker! He was a fun loving friend and father! You would always find him in the center of the dance floor! Fun loving man with a wonderful heart! Loved him dearly!

Karen Kowalski Scarcia - October 22, 2016 at 06:47 AM



“ Please accept my deepest sympathies.
I remember your Dad always smiling, willing to help anyone.
My prayers and thoughts are with all
Love, Cindy (Fitz) Chamberlain

cindy chamberlain - October 22, 2016 at 06:44 AM