



William C. Keil

November 9, 2017 - November 9, 2017

William C. Keil, 86, of Chambersburg, PA passed away on Thursday, November 9, 2017. He was born January 12, 1931 in San Francisco, CA the son of the late William S. and Margaret (Catching) Keil. He was a long time member at Messiah United Methodist Church in Springfield, VA. Bill graduated from the University of California at Berkeley with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering, specializing in Aeronautics. He retired from US Airways in 1990 and went to work with the Regional Airline Association in Washington, D.C. After his wife, Mary, suffered a stroke, he cared for her at home for several years before accompanying her into an assisted living facility. He was made President of the Resident's Council, and was nicknamed "The Mayor" by his family because of his genuine interest and care for all the residents. One of Bill's favorite experiences at the Washington House was playing the piano for the "Skytones" singing group. He and his wife moved to Menno Haven in Chambersburg, PA to be closer to their daughter, Kathy, and son in law, Jay Brown. Bill was a devoted family man and was happiest when the family was all together. He had a lifelong love of airplanes, working on cars, playing the piano, and sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. Bill looked forward to spending time at Smith Mountain Lake in VA, where the family gathered every summer for over 20 years. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Butts), to whom he would have been married for 60 years this coming April; four daughters: Kathryn (Jay) Brown, Elizabeth Harley, Sharon (Scott) Webb, Susan (Jeffrey) White; nine grandchildren: Jeffrey (Vianne) Brown, Julia Brown, Will Harley, James Harley, Madeline Webb, Harrison Webb, Gabrielle White, Lydia White, Rosemary White; sister Marcia Stone; and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life will be held at the Chambers Pointe Health Care Center Chapel, 1425 Philadelphia Ave., Chambersburg, PA on December 29, 2017 at 1:00. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 230 E. Ohio St., Suite 500, Chicago, IL 60611 www.pulmonaryfibrosis.org.

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“ My brother and I extend our deepest sympathy to all of the Keil family, especially Mary. Bill was an important part of the retirement community in Alexandria, VA where he and Mary previously lived, and he made a real difference in the quality of the resident's lives. He was also a caring friend to my parents and to us. He is greatly missed.

Eric Schilling - November 29, 2017 at 12:00 AM

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“ I knew Bill as a Docent in the National Air & Space Museum as we shared Tuesday tours. He was a former airline pilot and knew much about his industry. Very sorry to see his passing noted. My condolences to his wife and Keil family and relatives.

Bob Kovalchik - November 24, 2017 at 12:00 AM