



William D. Essick

April 23, 2014

William Darlington Essick of Lancaster died at home on April 17, 2014. Bill was born in Lancaster on May 31, 1945 to DeWitt and Clara Essick, and grew up in Millersville. From the age of five he was a devoted Phillies fan. He graduated from Lancaster's J.P. McCaskey High School in 1963. In 1965, he joined the U.S. Army, serving his country as a cryptanalytical specialist and traffic analyst in the Army Security Agency. Bill was first stationed at Udorn in Thailand (and to the end of his life was an enthusiastic participant in the Udorn vets' email group). He was later stationed in Fukuoka, Japan, where he met Keiko Miyake. Bill and Keiko married at the U.S. Consulate in Fukuoka in September 1969, shortly before his honorable discharge. They made their home in Lancaster for the rest of their lives, except for a stint in State College while Bill earned his M.A. in history from Penn State. Their daughter Kathy was born in 1970; son John was born in 1974. Bill's grandson and namesake, William, was born in 2010. Bill is survived by his loving wife Keiko; his son John Essick (Iris) of Lancaster; his daughter Katharine Essick Snavely (Robert) of San Francisco; and his grandson William Essick Snavely of San Francisco. Also surviving Bill are his siblings, Ron Essick (Kaye) of North Carolina and Nancy Essick Head (Jorj) of Virginia, and their families. Words can never fully convey the essence of the man: his intelligence, curiosity, humor, and strength. We will never forget him. A private family interment to be held at a later date.

Tribute Wall



“ *William D. Essick*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *I grew up with Bill at LT and McCaskey, and he was one of the few people i looked for on my rare return visits after i left Lancaster. I was fortunate to have met Keiko when Kathy was a little bitty baby. I miss him still. I will not forget him, his warmth, and his friendship. May he rest in peace.*

*Regards, and sympathy,
Jay*

(brad) Jay Brodsky - May 01, 2014 at 05:39 PM



“ *It was a joy to meet the Essick's a few months ago. Bill was always upbeat, even during trying times. I enjoyed getting to know Keiko, and think of them both when I look at the origami birds she made for me. I wish the best to the Essick family. With Sympathy,
Emily*

Emily Mungai - April 25, 2014 at 09:13 AM



“ *Bill Essick,
Worked with Bill at the printing plant years ago. Kind, easy to talk with, full of information on many subjects. Lost track of him over the years but never forgot him. Kind regards. Dan N*

Daniel Nafziger - April 24, 2014 at 01:45 PM



“ *I offer my deepest sympathy to Bill's family, especially Ron & Nancy. Many memories of our childhood friendship come to mind. Bill would give his birthdate as "May-the-last." Some things one never forgets after all these years.*

With Sympathy,

Ken

Kenneth L. Siglin - April 24, 2014 at 11:57 AM