



William E. Pappendick,

August 29, 2013

“We all live under the same sky, but we don’t have the same horizon.”

- Konrad Adenauer

William E. Pappendick III sailed over his horizon on Tuesday, August 27, 2013, leaving in his wake family and friends who will forever be the better for his warmth, strength, love, and character. He was the loving husband of Barbara Jean Crowell for over 50 years.

Bill was born in Elizabeth City, North Carolina, and as a child he developed the sense of humor and inquisitiveness that would endear him to all he met in his life. His childhood was one rich with laughter and friendships that lasted throughout his life.

After graduating from North Carolina State with a degree in Civil Engineering, Bill served in the U.S. Army for two years. Following his discharge, Bill began a career at Armstrong World Industries. While working for Armstrong in Grand Rapids, MI, he met the love of his life, Barb. Bill and Barb moved to Lancaster, PA in 1971 with their three young children. After almost 30 years at Armstrong, Bill retired and set about putting his engineering degree to work, renovating homes and classic cars. Bill found his true calling though working with his wife on her art business. Working together transformed not only the business but also their love story and the chapters they wrote over the past 25

years are ones we can all hope to write one day.

Bill leaves behind a family that will forever remember his love, courage, and devotion. In addition to his loving wife Barb, he is survived by his daughter Liz Sugden (his favorite...in her mind) and her husband Mike; his daughter Katie Johnson (his favorite...in her mind) and her husband Nick; his son Ted Pappendick (his favorite son...in all minds) and his wife Erica; his six adoring grandchildren Cole, Caroline and Finn Johnson, and Will, Jack and Quinn Pappendick; and his sister Doris Pappendick. Bill is also survived by innumerable friends and acquaintances who will fondly recall his quick wit, his insatiable curiosity and his willingness to do everything he could for anyone in need with no expectation for anything in return.

As we all look out to our own horizons, all of us who knew and loved Bill will be forever grateful for the time on our journey we spent with him and the happiness and love he brought to our lives, always with a twinkle in his eye. It is with joy and sadness we say goodbye to Bill, a man of character, a man of love and happiness, and a true Southern gentleman.

In lieu of flowers, please do something nice for someone else today as Bill did every day of his life.

A Celebration of Bill's Life for family and friends will take place on Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 11:00 a.m., 1126 Columbia Avenue, Lancaster PA.

Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Pappendick,*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bills passing. He is truly one of the most wry, quick witted and kind people i have met. Always willing to help without being asked and always painting part of his house! Salud!*

Hobie - September 06, 2013 at 09:15 AM



“ *Hi Ted, Katie, Liz and Barb. There are so many memories it is impossible to recount them all. The endless cars, the art shows, the home renovations, but more than anything, the speed of wit and humor (think Gilmore Girls). Ted calling him Bill. Spontaneous card games on the porch. He was indeed a character, and a great character - no matter what was going on there was never a question of the love in the family, and what is more important than that? It's really hard to believe he sailed over the horizon, I was shocked and saddened, but I know he would not want it that way. His legacy will surely live on with the rest of the family, passing on much of his wisdom, and probably a few quirks too! There are no words to express the feeling of a loved one passing - all I can say is that it is a rare moment (thankfully) where the filters of everyday life get removed and everything gains clarity. Take the opportunity to bond with each other and make mental notes of what is most important to you in this life. As time passes and life's filters slowly form again, it can be hard see things as clearly as you can in this moment. Bill will always be with you and if you pay attention, in spontaneous moments through the rest of your lives he will let you know he is there waiting for you. LOVE to all of you, Eric and Tina*

Eric Danese (aka Catman) - September 05, 2013 at 02:54 PM

WJ

“ I was very sorry to learn of Bill's death through the obituary in our local newspaper. As a high school classmate and a fraternity brother at N. C. State, I enjoyed having Bill as a friend. Although I lost contact over the years after college, I remember my last opportunity to see him and Barbara on the Outer Banks during their vacation, and having the opportunity to visit with him again. I cannot better describe him than was written in the obituary, a true southern gentleman of the highest character. I hope that over time the many good memories will ease the pain of your loss. I extend my sincere sympathy to all of Bill's family.

Wilson Jones

Wilson Jones - September 04, 2013 at 03:58 PM

CT

“ Dear Barbara and Family, we were truly saddened to hear of Bill's passing. We enjoyed the times when you and Bill would bring your artwork for Steve to scan. He would always make us laugh. We will concentrate on "doing something nice for someone else".

Sincerely,

Carole Eller and Cornerstone co-workers.

Carole / Cornerstone Graphic Tech - September 03, 2013 at 12:51 PM

JB

“*Ted, Katie, Liz and Mrs. Pappendick, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Bill taught me (and many others) a lot; I was lucky that Bill kept me and Ted busy with many summer jobs working on houses in downtown Lancaster, going to Baltimore for car auctions, or working on the roof at the Pappendick's house. He taught me about business, selling me my first car, a Toyota Starlet, on summer installments (I loved that car). He taught us about playing competitive table tennis, and I remember that board or card games with the Pappendicks could always happen when visiting. Bill's humor always kept us on our toes, and he usually knew what we were up to. We were lucky that the Pappendicks always welcomed so many of us into their home, and we usually had so much fun there that it was hard to leave (and often we didn't for days). I wish you and your families strength and peace.*

Jon Bull

Jon Bull - September 02, 2013 at 02:59 PM

DE

“*Dear Barb and Family,*

Though many years have passed since School Lane Hills days, I do remember Bill as a most supportive family man. My deepest sympathy to you all. Harvey and I will keep you in our thoughts and prayers in the coming days ahead.

Sincerely,

*Debbie Benson Everett
Oak Bluffs, MA*

Debbie Everett - September 01, 2013 at 01:16 PM

BB

“ Dear Pappendick family, Your tribute to Bill in his obituary was both moving and joyful. I am going to be out of town this weekend so I will not be at your Celebration of his life, and I do intend to do something nice for an unexpected person as you requested. With best wishes for Saturday and beyond, Bill Bash

Bill Bash - August 31, 2013 at 04:37 PM

SC

“ Barb, Katie, Nick, and family: I only had the pleasure of meeting Bill twice, but I will always remember his kindness and charm. I thank God for his life, and that he was such a tribute to his amazing family. A man who leaves this legacy and impression with people such as me, will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him. My prayers go out to all of you in his family for your huge loss, but at least you will always know where he is! Much love, Sally Coers (Suzie Johnson's sister) Fort Worth, Texas

Sally Eastwood Coers - August 31, 2013 at 10:53 AM

MN

“ BILLY AND I WERE IN HIGH SCHOOL TOGETHER AT ECHS IN THE 50S. I ALSO LIVED IN LANCASTER BUT ONLY SAW BILLY ONE TIME AT A SOCCER MATCH IN WHICH OUR SONS COMPETED. DURING OUR HIGH SCHOOL DAYS, I RECALL BILLY TEAMING WITH CLAY FOREMAN AND JIMMY PRESCOTT TO MAKE FRIDAY NIGHT YELLOW JACKETS FOOTBALL GAMES THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE SCHOOL WEEK. I'M SO SORRY TO READ OF HIS PASSING AND OFFER MY DEEP CONDOLENCES TO THE FAMILY.

**MACON L. NIXON, JR., ECHS CLASS OF 1954
AJIJIC, MEXICO**

macon nixon - August 30, 2013 at 01:07 PM

BS

“ *Many fond memories of Pappy's humor and constant smile during my years in Lancaster.(1972-1976) . Peace!*

Brian Sinclair - August 30, 2013 at 06:54 AM