



## WILLIAM FORREST MUENSTER

November 7, 2011

William Muenster, A Founder of Mapquest.

William Forrest Muenster, age 59 of Lancaster County, died Monday, November 7, 2011 of cancer at Hospice of Lancaster County, Essa Flory, Lancaster. He was born October 23, 1952 in Washington D.C. and adopted by the late Robert William and Lorraine Maser Muenster. He grew up in Maryland, Germany, Spain, and Virginia. He graduated from the University of Virginia in 1974 with a BA in Economics and then earned a Masters Degree of International Management from the Thunderbird School in Arizona. He and his wife Elizabeth Gress Muenster have celebrated their 37th Wedding Anniversary.

He worked for various technological companies and moved to Lancaster in 1993 to work for the map division of R.R. Donnelly. In 1994, the division became an independent firm, Geosystems, which morphed into Mapquest.com. He was a Unit President and quite involved in launching the Mapquest website in 1999. AOL bought the company in 2000 and did not continue his employment. In 2004, William became a certified yoga instructor and immensely enjoyed teaching yoga. He also enjoyed travel, fine wine, astronomy, wildlife photography, guitar, and all things Spanish.

Over the past eighteen years, he came to love Lancaster County. In addition

to his wife, Elizabeth, he is survived by his children, Mathew Ian Muenster of Lancaster and Georgia Anne Muenster of Long Island City, New York. He is also survived by his siblings, Jeffrey Robert Muenster of Atlanta, Georgia and Kimberly Muenster Tomey of Highlands Ranch, Colorado. He was predeceased by his sister, Victoria Muenster.

Family and friends are respectfully invited to William's Funeral Service at St. James Episcopal Church, 119 N. Duke Street, Lancaster on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. with The Rev. David W. Peck officiating. The family will receive friends in the Chapel from 10:00 a.m. until the time of the Service. Interment will be in the St. James Memorial Garden.

# Tribute Wall



“ *WILLIAM FORREST MUENSTER*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Hello Liz,*

*It meant a lot for us to be with you today. The tribute to Bill via the church and the interment ceremony were fitting. Take care of yourself and we will contact you in a bit.*

*Herwig & Heidi*

Herwig Schutzler - November 15, 2011 at 07:15 AM



“ *Liz, my prayers are for your grace during this sorrow.*

Bonita Reed - November 13, 2011 at 10:42 AM



“ *I always remember our days at UVA and all the wonderful times we all shared... Lizo, Aramis and all the rest of our group. Those were some of the best years of my life and I'm grateful that I met you both. Aramis' parting breaks my heart, but Bill, you did not go alone as part of us went with you. God's garden must be beautiful as He always takes the best. Will love you guys forever.*

Vivian (Vivo) Lerner - November 13, 2011 at 12:57 AM

KW

“ Thinking of you Liz. So sorry and shocked to hear of Bill's passing.

Namaste,  
Kim

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**Kim Wilczak** - November 11, 2011 at 05:27 AM

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“ I knew William from the Hempfield United Methodist Church yoga classes. I didn't know William as the work a day, coproate person, but as a fellow yogian, he was full of light and brought a calmness to our class.

He and Elizabeth attended together, which I always thought was pretty special! I admire the way he was able to embrace change on his journey through life. May he rest in peace. My love to all of you who loved him and shared his life. You are in my prayers.

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**Nancy O'Halloran** - November 11, 2011 at 04:43 AM

RM

“ I am saddened to hear of Bill's passing. I remember his wit and ability to engage one in a great conversation or debate. As a member of the Hall he was part of that group that made my time at the University so memorable.

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**Roy Alson, MD** - November 11, 2011 at 01:43 AM

DH

“ Bill was a great friend for almost 40 years. Even during his final illness he was thinking of other people.

*I had the privilege of being involved at the beginning of Geosystems, and the public offering of Mapquest. I am still amazed at what they accomplished. We should celebrate his life, even while mourning our loss.*

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**David Hunt** - November 11, 2011 at 12:42 AM

JF

“ I enjoyed working for Bill while at MapQuest and I learned a lot from him too. So it was very sad to hear about his death.

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**John Fix** - November 10, 2011 at 10:47 PM