



William D. Rutledge

March 7, 2024

William D. Rutledge, 88, passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

A man with a heart of gold and sarcastic witty banter, Bill always kept you laughing.

Born and raised in Lancaster, Bill followed in the footsteps of his father by working as a hairdresser in the family business; Rutledge Beauty, first on Prince Street, then later moving to Columbia Avenue.

Bill wanted to live in “God’s Country”, so he put his blood, sweat and tears building his own home in Holtwood, which became his pride and joy for 50 years. Spending time with his family, his pets and just relaxing at home brought him great joy and love.

He is the beloved husband of Alexis A. (Kern); devoted father of Denise L. Hall (Thomas), D. Daniel Rutledge (Dana) and the late William A. Rutledge; and step-father to Tammy Lilly and the late J. Tyler Smith; dear brother-in-law to Dana Brooks; loving grandfather of Lauren Hall, Erin Hall and Bill Rutledge and step-grandfather of Brittany Gunn, Kiersten Johnson and Cole Smith; loving great-grandfather of 4; amazing pet dad of Sadie.

Bill’s family would like to thank the Heart Group of Lancaster, the staff at the

Presbyterian Home of Quarryville and staff at Hospice of Lancaster for their kindness and care.

Relatives and friends will be invited to attend a time of remembrance that will be scheduled in the future.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice & Community Care Development Office, 685 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17601 or to Pet Pantry of Lancaster, 26 Millersville Road, Lancaster, PA 17603.

Tribute Wall

RM

“ *Rose Murphy lit a candle in memory of William D. Rutledge*



Rose Murphy - May 14, 2025 at 06:11 PM

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I was 8 yrs old we lived at 218 Clay St lanc pa my parents were. Townsend Bill dyed my mother's hair great neighbors

Rose Murphy - May 14, 2025 at 06:15 PM

RM

My mother loved Sylvia

Rose Murphy - May 14, 2025 at 06:16 PM

JM

“ *Jim Martin lit a candle in memory of William D. Rutledge*



Jim Martin - April 12, 2024 at 12:01 AM

AS

“ *Alexis - We are are so sorry for your loss. It was a difficult journey but your husband is now at peace. And you should find peace knowing that you did all you could for him. Take care.*

Glenn & Anna Stauffer

Anna Stauffer - March 12, 2024 at 05:50 PM

AR

“ *Thinking of you at this difficult time Lexi*

Andrea Cellasio Race - March 12, 2024 at 02:10 PM

ML

“ *Alexis & Family: Keeping you in my thoughts & prayers at this time.
Milli Lawrence (Bill's wife)*

mildred j lawrence - March 11, 2024 at 11:18 AM

CB

*We are so saddened to hear of “Sweet Williams” passing. (I always called him that). He was a great person, & friend who will be missed by everyone who knew him! My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Hold onto the memories!
Carolyn, Adam, Matthew and Joan. 🙏🙏🙏*

Carolyn Bukowski - March 11, 2024 at 03:25 PM