



William Howard Durmer Jr

August 31, 1940 - December 2, 2019

Obituary for William H. Durmer, Jr.

William H. "Bill" Durmer, Jr., passed away on December 2, 2019 at the age of 79 years.

He was the third of four siblings born in Rahway, NJ to Eloise and William H. Durmer,

Sr. As a young man, he attended Stevens Institute of Technology and Rutgers University, graduating with a degree in chemical engineering. After completing an MBA

at the University of Connecticut, he quickly ascended the corporate ladder at Clairol and

American Cyanamid. He was instrumental in the development and marketing of many

household products such as Herbal Essence shampoo, Nice & Easy hair color and

Breck shampoo. He was the organizing CEO of CHF Industries, in Chicago, IL and for

the last twenty years of his career the chair of multiple Vistage CEO peer groups in the

Chicago area. Upon retirement, he was awarded a rare distinction as one of a handful

of Emeritus Vistage Chairs. Bill lived in many US cities, but after vacationing in Gulf

Shores in 1992, he and his wife fell in love with lower AL. As a year-round resident of Craft Farms, Bill loved his neighborhood friends and could often be found regaling golf buddies while enjoying a cold Yuengling light at the 19th hole. He was a community philanthropist, working tirelessly with the Foley Rotary and as president of the US-Canadian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians. Aside from golf, Bill's joy was singing in the GSUMC choir.

Bill is survived by his wife of 36 years, Elaine, his sons Jeffrey (Fernanda) of Denver, and Tucker (Irene Lu) of New York. He is also survived by his beloved grandchildren:

Haley, Julia, Jeffrey "Bubba", and Hayden (Jeffrey).

Visitation and service will be held at Gulf Shores United Methodist Church starting at

2:00 pm, Saturday December 7th, 2019.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial support for the Alzheimer's Association

at 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601, or the GSUMC Choir at 1900

Gulf Shores Parkway, Gulf Shores, AL 36542.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Gulf Shores United Methodist Church Auditorium
1720 Gulf Shores Parkway
Gulf Shores , AL 36542

Memorial Service

DEC 7. 2:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

GZ

“ Just heard this news about Bill! Truly an extraordinary gentleman and wit. I treasure many fond memories spending time with him and talking about life. He had wisdom and was eager to share his insights. A great guy who will always be remembered. Greg Ziols

greg z - March 09, 2020 at 07:22 PM

ED

“ Bill was a force to be reckoned with when it came to the US-Canadian Golfing Fellowship of Rotarians. As its President he and I worked to stage an event on Hilton Head Island, and I will remember him fondly for his tireless energy and leadership. The photo of Bill posted here is exactly how I remember him. My sincere condolences to Elaine and his family are hereby given. My God bless Bill and his family. Ed Dowaschinski

EDWARD DOWASCHINSKI - December 09, 2019 at 04:22 AM

RP

“ There probably is not any person who made a difference in my life as Bill did both professionally and personally. He was an amazing coach, friend and confidant. He will truly be missed by the many that he touch and helped with their life's.

R. Scott Prater - December 08, 2019 at 07:55 PM

DA

“ Dear family again so sad hard to believe Uncle Bill has passed away. Just hold onto all the wonderful memories like his smile and always teasing love for his family and extened family. He will be missed a lot and always in our hearts forever.

dawn - December 06, 2019 at 10:38 PM

FI

“ Fany M Ingram lit a candle in memory of William Howard Durmer Jr



Fany M Ingram - December 06, 2019 at 06:24 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Howard Durmer Jr.



December 06, 2019 at 01:43 PM

DA

“ Dawn sent a virtual gift in memory of William Howard Durmer Jr



dawn - December 05, 2019 at 09:01 PM

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DJ

“ *Dawn Jack lit a candle in memory of William Howard Durmer Jr*



dawn jack - December 05, 2019 at 07:56 PM