



William Harold Heffel

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William “Bill” Heffel, age 66, passed away April 2, 2021 following a lengthy struggle with hospital acquired Covid-19. Beloved husband to Verlinda, father to Brandon, Ashton, and Monica, Boppa to seven grandchildren, Bill favored family time above all else. Aside from family, his passion was music. He was blessed with talents for singing and composing, as well as playing guitar and Irish fiddle. Throughout their 36 years of marriage, Bill and Verlinda performed together at churches, fairs and festivals. In recent years Bill enjoyed taking his fiddle to the streets of downtown Annapolis and playing for the wandering crowds. He and Verlinda most enjoyed finding a quiet spot in nature – God’s theater - to sing simply for the joy of being together.

Well-read and well educated, Bill was a graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary in St. Louis, where he earned a Master of Divinity degree. Upon graduation he was ordained and installed as a Minister in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. Throughout his career Bill pastored churches in North Dakota, Wisconsin, California, Washington, and Maryland.

Bill was a man of great kindness, wit, intelligence, and honor. He will be missed by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

A memorial service, officiated by Rev. Tyson Labuhn, will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowie, MD on Saturday, June 5, 2021 at 12:00 pm.




Events


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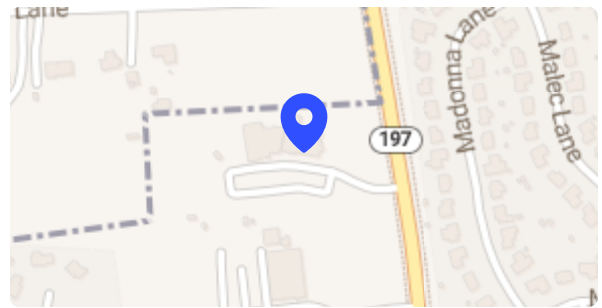
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Memorial Service

 **Saturday**, June 5, 2021

 12:00 PM ET

 **Trinity Lutheran Church**
6600 Laurel Bowie Rd, Bowie MD 20715





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Kathy Schulz Raddatz posted:

Bill was a dear friend back in our Concordia-Milwaukee days. We graduated there in 1975. He loved to sing then, too. He had a sweet, clear voice, was always kind, had the cutest fun laugh and loved the Lord. Rest in peace, old friend, and I will see you in the other side for sure. To Bill's beloved family, I send my sincerest condolences. He is gone too soon and I am sorry for your loss.

October 3 at 9:15 PM



Kathy Schulz Raddatz lit a candle in honor of William.



October 3 at 9:05 PM



Margaret Abbott posted:

Upon meeting Bill, just a short 25 years ago, I thought his was the epitome of the West Coast man and family. Such an obviously loving and loved man. Verlin and I were lucky to be able to be included in his family, even though briefly. I am so sorry Verlinda. It was too soon. Brandon, Ashton and Monica - he was way too young, but I am so glad you ALL have such vivid memories of him and your family to share with each other and your extended families. With my sympathy and much love, Aunt MARGaret

May 7 at 6:00 PM



Jenny Jumbelick lit a candle in honor of William.

Verlinda and family, To this day, I still sing the closing benediction by Pastor Heffel.... May the Lord bless you.... I loved we he sang and it and the congregation sang back to him. He was very talented. I will always be thankful to him for his introduction of Robin Marks to my musical repertoire and for bringing Robin Marks to Trinity. Those songs can't be heard without thinking of him. With deepest sympathy to you. May your way be peace.....Jenny Jumbelick



April 12 at 1:13 PM



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Jean Edwards posted:

Whenever I listen to Robin Mark songs, I hear Verlinda and Bill's voices. Your love for each other and the Lord always shone through. May God comfort you Verlinda and your family. We all cherish our memories of Bill and rejoice that he served our risen Savior.

April 11 at 6:16 PM



Cindy (Boeck) Durk posted:

Sang with Bill at Concordia Milwaukee. I remember him with great fondness. He was full of fun and had a great *chuckle*. Beyond that, he was a great witness to his faith, even as a young man. May God send His comfort and peace to Bill's wife and family.

April 11 at 3:42 PM



Kathy Schulz Raddatz October 3 at 9:22 PM

All true!



Beckie Munson lit a candle in honor of William.

My heart is breaking for this beautiful family for the loss of Bill Heffel. I am so sorry for your loss. May the following words bring you some comfort at this painful time. Over the 36 years that I have known Bill, time spent together has been few and far between due to ever-changing career moves for both of our families. When we were together it was always like the years since our last visit melted away. Verlinda and I have been friends since high school. When she met Bill I heard a change in her voice, I sensed a change in her heart. That change was Bill. He brought her so much happiness, so much love. This man, Bill, brought her joy and laughter and a never-ending love. It is a love that never wavered through school, raising children, multiple moves to unknown destinations, through sickness and health. After years of battling health issues, Bill is whole and healthy once again. The trade off for that transition is that we can no longer see him here with us, physically. We do still have all of our wonderful memories of Bill and memories with Bill. In addition to our memories, we must all look for him in different ways. He is still here with us...we can see him in the faces of his children and grandchildren. When we hear beautiful music, we will have Bill with us. When we hear laughter and see the bond of friends and family, we will see Bill. To honor Bill let us all emulate his gifts of goodness, life, laughter and the greatest gift of all, love.



April 10 at 9:19 AM



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MC

Michael Callahan posted:

I always looked forward to listening to Pastor Heffel sing "Ancient Words" during Sunday morning worship. It was an honor to play guitar or piano for him and listen to his heart-song for God.-
Michael Callahan

April 10 at 8:15 PM

JE

Jean Edwards April 11 at 5:57 PM

Mike, you put my thoughts to words so very well.

JS

Julie Burton Sawhill posted:

Bill and I were in Chamber Singers together at Concordia-Milwaukee from 1973-1975. This was a tight knit group, and we all became close friends. Besides his beautiful voice, Bill provided lots of shenanigans and laughter for all of us. He was a wonderful friend and a great Christian example for everyone around him. He will be truly missed, but we know he is in the arms of the Savior he loved.

April 10 at 3:05 PM

DP

Diane Presley posted:

Remember him as a kind intelligent and witty individual as we celebrated Full Sail graduations. We are holding prayer for you, Mom and family. Love Drew Ron and Diane Presley

April 10 at 2:03 PM

TM

Tricia And Phil Mahoney posted:

Phil and I will miss Bill so much. He and Verlinda helped to "raise" our deaf dog, Knox, and they both became close friends. Bill was a truly funny man, and I always felt calmer in his presence. I'm comforted knowing he's with the communion of saints and will still be a part of our lives in that different way, but we will miss him here so much. Verlinda and the kids and grandkids are in our prayers.

April 10 at 9:46 AM



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Daniel Hahn sent a virtual gift in honor of William.

i remember all the good at Concordia Milwaukee with Bill always brought a smile
tp my face will miss him

April 10 at 9:19 AM





Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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