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William (Bill) Harlan, 80, of Annapolis, MD passed away on Thursday, October 7, 2021.

He was born in Wilkinson, Indiana on December 12, 1940 to Howard and Lois Harlan. After graduating from Wilkinson High School, he went to Purdue University where he graduated with honors with a B.S. in industrial engineering. He then earned a fellowship to Ohio State University and got a master's degree in industrial engineering.

Bill worked in technical sales in Columbus, Ohio and in Annapolis before starting his own business, Sub-Sea Artifacts. He made and sold marine furniture constructed from hatch covers salvaged from WWII Liberty ships. He had an avid interest in aviation, having earned his pilot's license while at Ohio State University. Other interests included history and bird-watching.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Mary K. Harlan, by his sister Mickey Harlan Chase of Irvine, California, and by his sister-in-law, Jean King and her husband, John Kachur of Columbus, Ohio. He was also an uncle to many nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his father and mother, and his brother, Robert Harlan.

He had a great sense of humor and was a wonderful husband. He and his wife have had many beloved pets over the years. Graveside services will be held at a later date at the small, rural Harlan Cemetery near Wilkinson, Indiana. Those wishing to remember Bill might consider a contribution to the SPCA of Anne Arundel County, 1815 Bay Ridge Ave., Annapolis, MD 21403.



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Lolly And Arend Thomas posted:

Dear Mary, We were deeply saddened to learn of Bill's passing. He was such a great guy and I loved hearing the many stories you shared about him and also your adventures together. He was such a talented man and we cherish our tables from Sub Sea Artifacts. Love and Prayers to you. Lolly and Arend

October 15 at 11:39 AM



Victoria Fretwell posted:

Mary, I read about Bill in today's paper. I am so sorry for your loss. While it's been years since I've seen either of you I wanted you to know that my siblings and I are sending our love. Vicki Fretwell (Janet Kain's daughter).

October 14 at 1:08 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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