



# William John Palk

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**W**illiam John Palk of Annapolis, Maryland, passed away on 16 August 2023 from complications of heart disease. Bill was born on the 4th of July 1946 in Rockville Centre, New York, to the late William Henry Palk and Mildred Marie Palk. The family, including his younger sister, Peggy, moved to Atlanta, Georgia, in the late 1950s for his father's job with Eastern Airlines, and Bill graduated in 1964 from Georgia Military Academy. After two years at Georgia State University, he joined the Army and served four years in the Army Security Agency, He spent the first year in Monterey, California, in language school, after which he was assigned to Fort Meade, where he met his future wife, Veronica, who survives him. They married in 1971 and moved to Annapolis in 1981. Bill graduated from the University of Maryland and worked for various federal agencies, including the Navy, which brought him to Annapolis. He retired in 2006 from the U.S. Marshals Service. He was predeceased by his parents and sister and is survived by his wife of 52 years, his nephews Johnathan and Tom Short, his cousin Peggy Haase and her husband Joe, as well as numerous other cousins.

His retirement years allowed him to pursue his interest in antique firearms, and he was an active member of Anne Arundel Fish and Game, where he formed numerous close friendships and played a major role, including with the membership process. He had a long-time interest in languages and reading and found the history of WWI particularly fascinating. He played both the piano and trombone in his younger years and continued to enjoy music, especially ballet, opera, Sousa, and ragtime, throughout his life. He was a good and loyal friend and will be sorely missed by those who had the pleasure of knowing him.

Please check back for updated service information.



# Events

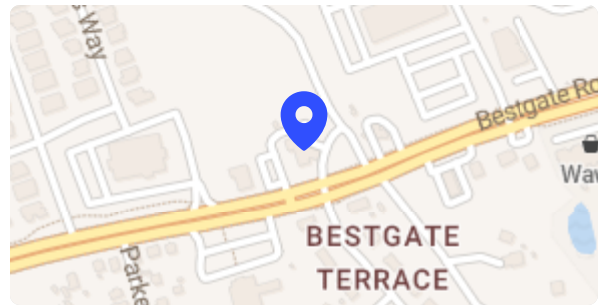
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## Memorial Gathering

**Sunday**, September 17, 2023

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM ET

**Lasting Tributes Cremation & Funeral Care**  
814 Bestgate Rd, Annapolis MD 21401

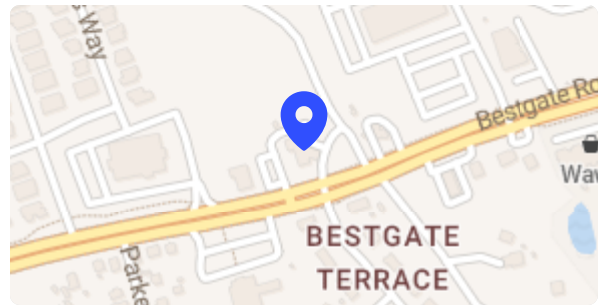


## Memorial Service

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3:30 PM - 4:00 PM ET

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## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent a Blue Caribbean Bouquet to the Palk family.



September 6 at 8:59 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



September 6 at 8:59 AM



**Terry Fitzsimmons** posted:

Bill was such a lovely man, kind, gentle, wise and certainly a leader of men - and always with a smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye. He welcomed me like an old friend when I first joined AAF&G and I always looked forward to seeing him. His passing makes me very, very sad. My thoughts, prayers and condolences go to his family and friends.

August 31 at 12:46 PM



**Mehmet G.** planted a grove of 3 Memorial Trees in honor of William.



August 31 at 12:04 PM



**Eric Smith** posted:

Even though I was a year older than Bill, he was like a terrific big brother to me for more than 20 fun years. God bless him.

August 24 at 3:44 PM



**Michael Bruzdinski** posted:

I knew Bill as a board member of the Maryland State Rifle and Pistol Association. I will miss his humor and advice during our meetings. May his family find comfort in knowing he is at peace.

August 21 at 4:38 AM



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**Anonymous** sent a Beautiful in Blue to the Palk family.



August 18 at 5:17 AM



**Anonymous** planted a Memorial Tree in honor of William.



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**Andy Mckinney** posted:

Bill Palk was a great man and a better friend who made people become welcomed members of his communities. Bill was generous, thoughtful, funny, wise and enjoyed warm fellowship with a wide circle of people lucky enough to call themselves friends. His public and volunteer service was long and distinguished, and he had a subtle knack for converting complainers into volunteers. He's sorely missed!

August 17 at 2:13 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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