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Bill is survived by his wife of 62 years, Carol Atkinson Durr of Pasadena, Maryland, his son Arin Wallace Durr of Woodbridge, Virginia, his daughter Cara Lyle Durr Galvis of Mountain View, California, his grandsons Milan Daniel Galvis and Tate Leon Galvis of Mountain View, California and Antonia Rose Durr of Wellsburg, West Virginia.

Bill spent his 31 year government career at NSA at Fort Meade. Upon his retirement he was able to spend full time at Hammock Island Marina, which he designed and built - beginning in 1972.

Among his many accomplishments Bill is best known for woodworking - especially restoring and building boats, both models and full sized. There is only one boat that he built from scratch, which is Parasol, a 19' electric boat designed by Antonia Diaz and built in Bill's workshop on the island. Two other boats that were long term and rather large projects were Griselda I, the Morris 36 sailboat, hull #1 and Griselda II the Tad Roberts designed 38' powerboat which was built in the parking lot and finished off alongside the pier at Hammock Island. Both were used a lot but did not travel very far.

On occasion when Carol and Bill were traveling on group tours (beyond the Chesapeake Bay), Carol sometimes introduced him as Bill Durr, the Boat BuildDurr.

Memories of My Dad
Arin Durr

He was my hero, the person I admired the most, my confidant and my best friend. He was my go to for just about any questions on repairs, plumbing, electrical, history, politics, finance, a true



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renaissance man. He could build a fully functional boat, but I still had to help with the DVR and TV setup. I think he just pretended not to know though. The impacts he had on my life are unmeasurable and would take a lifetime to detail it all, but buy me drink I will certainly try. He will be so missed. I could not have asked for a better Dad.

Memories of My Dad
Cara Lyle Durr Galvis

Some favorite memories: His coming home from work early to take Arin and me to the local school's field to play soccer with us which inspired a love of the sport. Dancing in the kitchen together before dinner. The value of a back scratch and back rub. We could have both the serious conversations and the goofball laughter sillies. He introduced me to detective novels and we'd discuss favorite authors. He shared his love of the art and joy of cooking, and his meals were restaurant worthy. His calm patience was something I wanted to instill in me and share that with my own kids. When I felt stuck or stressed he was the one I'd call, and he showed up as I needed him - to just listen or help redirect me. My dad saw me as I was and loved me for it!

Bill Has Set Sail on His Eternal Voyage

In Lieu of Flowers The Family Suggests
[Contributions to the Tate Cancer Center](#)
301 Hospital Drive, Glen Burnie, Maryland 21061

Or A Charity of Your Choice

Our family appreciates all your support, love and prayers.
A Spring Celebration of Life Is Planned By Our Family.



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George Durr posted:

Uncle Bill was always there for me. Starting with the passing of his older brother, my father Lewis Durr in 1996, Uncle Bill did everything in his power to take over the father figure role. He was a great listener and logical communicator. The passing of Uncle Bill for me meant the last direct connection to my father's side of the family. I will miss him in all aspects. Currently, I know that he is joining his parents, brother and my son Christopher. I will continue to cherish great memories I had with him, and I look forward to someday see him in Heaven. God Bless you and thank you for showing me the way.

January 30 at 1:33 PM



Dave Porter posted:

We have so many fond memories of Bill from our trips and times together. He piloted a barge on a canal in France where we had delightful adventures and one scary one where he pulled Pat back onto the barge after she fell into the canal. We had such wonderful conversations where he was curious and interested in so many things, and he could make a mean Gimlet for New Years. He was special, and we remember him with love and affection.

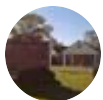
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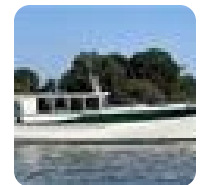
Karen W. posted:

My 1st memory of Bill is from Thanksgiving 1990 when I learned he had the wonDURRRful ability to laugh at himself. His nephew Geoff had superimposed Bill's image on a then popular "engine killer" advertisement after an engine succumbed to improper maintenance. His laughter was as loud and hearty as everyone else's. He was a great straight man with deadpan delivery such as the time he narrated Carol's dance to "White Boots". And he once played a great gay man as he and Uncle Glenn cuddled behind a newspaper with its colorful gay pride headline. But my fondest memories are of him and Carol as consummate 4th of July hosts on Hammock Island. Rock balancing, racing boats made out of bread, limerick writing, boat rides and so much more. Delicious food and gimlets. Much laughter. Just time enjoying each other's company.

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