



William "Bill" Chalfant Cunningham

October 2, 1935 - April 14, 2017

William C. (Bill) Cunningham of Sarasota went to be with the Lord peacefully on April 14th, 2017.

Bill was born in Charleroi, Pennsylvania in 1935, and spent his early life in Speers, Pennsylvania until his induction into the US Army. After completing his service, he moved with his family to Sarasota, Florida in 1961. He was married to his beloved wife Joanie for 63 years. He is survived by his wife, daughter Petra Cunningham-Smith (David), son William C. Cunningham II (Karen), son Daniel O. Cunningham (Jeanne). He is also survived by seven grandchildren: William C. Cunningham III, Jason C. Smith, Leila A. Chapman (Scott), Alissa S. Dietz (Paul), Tessa J. Mason (Kyle), Daniel C. Cunningham, Victoria E. Cunningham, and four great-grandchildren.

Bill loved music, travel and sports. He was a member of the Phoenix Masonic Lodge for 60 years. He was active in the community and served the Sarasota area as a Sarasota Police Officer and as a Sarasota County Commissioner. He served on the board of directors for Cardinal Mooney High School, Sarasota Little League, Ringling Redskins and the Four Winds Beach Resort. He retired from General Telephone Company and was an active member of Colonial Oaks Baptist Church.

A celebration of life will be held Saturday May 6 at Colonial Oaks Baptist

Church, 6901 Bee Ridge Road, Sarasota, FL at 2:00 pm. Interment will be at National Cemetery in Sarasota at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to Colonial Oaks Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Joanie:*

While I never met Bill in person, we became friends via e-mail and a phone call or two. We were to meet for lunch several times but it never happened. For this I am sad.....

He was a splendid person. I will miss our conversations.

My very Best to his Family.

God Bless.

Bob Fortier

Sarasota, Florida

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May 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry for your loss, we shared many family fun times together.
Thoughts and prayers to the family.*

Theresa DeWald - May 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ Joanie:

I am sorry that I never met Bill in person. I was introduced to Bill by Maria who provided me with Bill's E-mail address.

Bill and I have been friends for several years via e-mail and a phone conversation or two. We tried to meet for Lunch a few times but it never happened. For this I am truly sad.

He was a good friend and I enjoyed our conversations.

My sincere Best Wishes to all the Family.

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May 05, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am at a loss for words, I have known Bill since I was a little girl, my father was his best friend. I grew up with his children. I love Joanne. Bill will be missed, he was a wonderful loving man. My heart goes out to all of Bill's family*
Diane Creamer Unger

Diane Creamer Unger - April 25, 2017 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for the family's loss. I remember Bill (and the family) for so many years, even back to visits with my family and all the "horsie" activities. Then seeing him again at GTE. Please, take care during this hard time.*

Nancy (Huntoon) Perrin - April 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Condolences to the family. Miss seeing Bill at church, he welcomed us into the church when we first started going there. He made us feel very welcome and we caught up on some old GTE times too.*

Bev Gilford - April 23, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JT

“ *Good man. Blessings on the family.
Jim & Susan Tollerton*

James Tollerton - April 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ *Bill was a close friend for many years. I sure will miss him. Prayers to Joannie and family.*

Bob Creamer - April 22, 2017 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ *Thoughts and prayers to your family.
We are so sorry to hear of your loss.
Take care
Sue and Bruce Noel*

Sue Noel - April 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM