



## William (Bill) Michael Van Cott

January 25, 2019

William Michael (Bill) Van Cott, 90, passed away on Friday January 25th in Sarasota.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Ann, and daughters Cheryl Lutz of Newfane N.Y., Nancy Platt of Burt N.Y., and grand daughters Elizabeth and Grace Platt. also, son Patrick and his wife Karla Totten of Pompano Beach FL., grandsons Eric Totten of Russellville AK and Joseph Totten of Denver Co and daughter Cathleen and her husband Marty Nardi of Maui, HI.

Bill left high school before graduation to serve in the US Navy during the end of WW II. He was called back in 1950 to serve on the aircraft carrier Newport News during the Korean conflict. He then attended Utica College of Syracuse University where he received a degree in marketing. He was Sales Manager in the Northeast for Alling & Corey Paper company and then Northeast Sales Manager for Imperial Metal & Chemical Company of Philadelphia.

In 1973 Bill and Ann bought a 250-acre resort in Williamstown MA called Jericho Valley. After successfully running the resort for several years, they escaped the cold and moved to FL in 1975. They bought and lived on their boat, Ondine, for a year, then settled in the Venice area. They joined the Venice Yacht club in 1977 which became a very important part of their life and boating activities.

Bill served as Commodore in 1994. He was a member of the International Order of the Blue Gavel. He also served as president of the Venice-Nokomis Rotary in 1985 and continued to be active in these organizations. In his endearing love of the sea, his travels on his boat Ondine, and his travels worldwide reflected that care and concern.

A memorial flag pole ceremony be held at the Venice Yacht Club on Saturday February 9, 2019 at 10:00 am. A small private burial at sea will follow.

Please consider memorial donations to Tidewell Hospice, Philanthropy Department, 5955 Rand Blvd., Sarasota, FL 34238 or the Venice Yacht Club Charitable Foundation (VYCCF) through the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, Philanthropy Center, 1931 South Osprey Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34239.

# Previous Events

## Memorial flag pole ceremony

FEB 9. 10:00 AM (ET)

Venice Yacht Club  
1330 Tarpon Center Dr.  
Venice, FL 34285