



William F. Goodwin

July 11, 1931 - June 3, 2019

William F Goodwin (Bill), 87, passed away quietly and peacefully in hospice in Sarasota, FL on June 3, 2019. William was born to William and Ada Goodwin in Dover, Ohio. He graduated from Dover High School in 1949, and joined the United States Marine Corps. He was honorably discharged and began studies at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, Ohio. Five weeks into his studies, he was recalled into the Marine Corps in the Korean War and achieved the rank of Sergeant. He was honorably discharged a second time and returned to Heidelberg College where he graduated in 1956 with a degree in Political Science. He married Norma M. Fant in April of 1955, and they were united for 64 years. Bill and Norma raised their two children in Tiffin, Ohio.

Following his graduation at Heidelberg, Bill worked in life insurance and then as District Scout Executive for Region 4, Ohio, for the Boy Scouts of America for 10 years. He returned to Heidelberg as Director of Alumni Relations in 1965. In 1976, he became Director of the Annual Fund and then Director of Development and Public Affairs. In 1984, Bill was promoted to Vice President of Development, retiring from Heidelberg in 1994 after 30 years of service to his alma mater.

Bill has always been a great champion for Heidelberg students as well as for his alma mater. He supported students, often behind the scenes, and created a scholarship to assist Greek men and women to attend Heidelberg. He was

the advisor to the Excelsior Men's Society, of which he was a member as a student. He received an honorary Doctorate in 2000 and became a member of the Athletic Hall of Fame in 2001. In one of his biggest post retirement accomplishments, he co-lead a campaign for the Paul Hoernemann Stadium, in which he raised over 1 million dollars!

Bill was very active in the community, to include the YMCA, Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, Trinity United Church of Christ, and Mercy Hospital. He was Worship Leader in his church, Evangelical Covenant Church in Venice, FL, where they lived for the past 16 years. Bill loved sailing on Lake Erie with his family, hunting, and model railroading.

William is survived by his beloved wife, Norma and their son, LtCol (ret) William F. Goodwin II (Shae). Their grandchildren include Amy Patterson (Matt), Brooke Grandt (Phil), Katy Minner (Denny), LT USN William F. Goodwin III, Thomas Dudley (Kaylee), Anne Goodwin, Mackenz Goodwin, Lorenz Goodwin, and Acier Goodwin. They have one great grandchild, Nick Minner. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Ada Goodwin, and his daughter, Suzanne Renee Augustine.

Any memorial donations may be made to the William F Goodwin Scholarship Fund at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio, 310 E Market St, Tiffin, OH 44883, or the Evangelical Covenant Church at Bay Indies, Venice, FL, 950 Ridgewood Ave, Venice, FL 34285.

A military service will be held on Monday, June 10, 2019 in Sarasota National Cemetery. A memorial service will be held in Venice, FL at a later date in the autumn.

Tribute Wall

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“ Thank you Mr Goodwin for being a role model and mentor as we navigate our lives in this world and the next. I will never forget his respectful but pointed advise to us young men as we created our identities and values during our time at Heidelberg. “You can’t shxt the man you shave with” will always be embedded in my head and soul. Thank you for blessing my life and guiding me as I carry on your words to other brothers. Ever Upward! Mark Zeno, Heidelberg Class of 1996.

Mark Zeno - June 11, 2019 at 01:06 PM

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“ What can I say? Bill, you were the best mentor ever. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to learn alumni relations/development and to have a dedicated, caring, ethical and loyal leader. You personify the “Heidelberg family” catchphrase. Give Renee a hug for me. ❤️ ~ Cheryl Staib Lewis

Cheryl Staib-Lewis - June 10, 2019 at 10:51 AM

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Bill & Norma Goodwin were like a second set of parents to us during our 4 years at Heidelberg! We babysat Billy & Renee. Also helped Renee out when their family was transferred to Mount Vernon, OH... Sure will miss the phone calls back & forth... about Heidelberg, model trains, Edsels, etc.

Sherry Kapes - June 10, 2019 at 12:27 PM