



## Mr. William C. Heaton Sr.

April 1, 1938 - September 7, 2017

On September 7, 2017, William (Bill) C. Heaton, Sr., 79, of Marshall Township, passed away after a courageous battle against Lewy Body Dementia, a form of Alzheimer's. Beloved husband of 54 years of Judith (Judy) K. Heaton. The couple grew up in a small town in Ohio and were high school sweethearts.

He is survived by his loving wife Judith, his daughter Sara (Raymond) Hildenbrand of Richland Township, his son William C. (Christine) Heaton, Jr. of Sheffield, MA, and proud grandpa to Elijah Hildenbrand, Tobias Heaton, and Agnes Heaton. He was preceded in death by his father Clifford Heaton, his mother Maxine Heaton, and his brother Craig Heaton of Chillicothe, OH.

Mr. Heaton was a natural athlete and received a baseball scholarship to Ohio University. William graduated with a degree in Fine Arts and a major in Architecture, but baseball was his first love. After graduation, he tried out for the Cincinnati Reds and the Pittsburgh Pirates. Bill was a member of the Ohio National Guard and served in the Army Corps of Engineers. He worked as an architect in Ohio, prior to relocating to Pittsburgh with his bride. In 1968, he designed and built their home in Ross Township and settled down to raise a family.

William retired from the University of Pittsburgh's Facilities Management Department. One of his most memorable projects was transforming the

Masonic Temple into the Pitt Alumni Center. The project received the Award of Merit from the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation. He will be remembered for his love of travel, sailing, golf, genealogy, and most importantly his friends and family.

A private service will be held for immediate family, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association.

The family would like to thank the staff of Arden Courts Memory Care and Heartland Hospice for their kind and caring service.

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SM

“My deepest condolences to the Heaton family for this tremendous loss. May the words found at Isaiah 26:19 bring you comfort in knowing that you will one day see Bill again.

*Isaiah 26:19 "Your dead will live. My corpses will rise up. Awake and shout joyfully, You residents in the dust! For your dew is as the dew of the morning, And the earth will let those powerless in death come to life"*

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**Suzy M** - September 30, 2017 at 09:45 AM

BH

“Bill and I worked together on the design of the Sennott Square building at Pitt. I remember him as a very warm and friendly person and I will never forget how excited he was that he was able to salvage a marble floor from another campus building being demolished, the Mineral Industries Building, and use that to restore the floor in the Masonic Temple, now Alumni Hall. His work in that building resulted in a true jewel on the campus, faithful to the original splendor of the building. He will be greatly missed.

*Bob Hoffman*

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**Bob Hoffman** - September 16, 2017 at 08:10 PM

NW

“ I remember the first time I met Bill. I had just moved into a house just 2 houses away on 5th Street. I went out to the sidewalk on my tricycle and here he comes down the sidewalk on his. We said hi and off we both went down the street toward the Wonder bakery plant. It was likely a strange sight because one of us had a tall bike with big front wheels and the other a short bike with a smaller front wheel. Somehow, I forget who had which. We were friends from then on. Nice kid... nice guy  
Nick Wells

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**Nick Wells** - September 14, 2017 at 06:45 PM

AB

“ Judy and family,  
I'm so glad I was able to visit with you and Bill when you were in Chilli. The last time Bill graciously invited us to visit and explained everything great about your area. Bill was a true gentleman and a great guy. I know you will miss him terribly.

Ann Hixon Brenning

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**Ann Brenning** - September 12, 2017 at 10:16 AM

MH

“ Dear Judy and Family,  
I grew up next door to Bill in his Chillicothe days. He was always a quiet person and I considered him to be a gentle giant. I admired him for his baseball skills and I aspired to be like him. He was seven years older than me so I was probably the little pest next door but he always treated me with the utmost respect. Back then, your neighbors were almost like family.  
I remember one summer when Bill was working on an OU project in his backyard constructing a concrete chair for one of his classes. I thought that was the dumbest thing I'd ever heard of until he invited me over to try it out and found it to be very comfortable.  
I can, also, recall when the two of you started dating that I thought Bill was the luckiest guy around because you were such a warm and beautiful person; the two of you seemed like the ideal couple. When I got married in 1968 we received a set of bright yellow towels from you and Bill that I remember thinking were the softest towels I'd ever felt. When they finally wore out after many years of use I hated to stop using them because of where they came from.  
I'm so sorry that Bill had to suffer the effects of Alzheimer disease, like my father had, but I'm sure he had his family there to help him along.  
Your husband and father will be remembered fondly.  
Mike Hurff  
(mhurff@fioptics.com)

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**Mike Hurff** - September 12, 2017 at 08:56 AM

GK

“ Dear Heaton Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. You have my deepest sympathy.  
George Kovacs

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**George Kovacs** - September 11, 2017 at 03:48 PM