



Mr. William Ebbs Wrenshall IV

May 29, 1950 - May 23, 2018

Died, May 23, 2018, husband of Jane (Waldie), father of Mat, Eliza, Kate, and Sarah, father in law of James, Nick, and Josh, grandfather of Abraham and William, son of Mary Ann, brother of Ann and Mary. The Wrenshall Family came to Pittsburgh in 1797 when John Mathew Wrenshall settled at the Point as a lay minister of the Methodist-Episcopal Church. The Wrenshall family homestead, Woodville, built in 1785 by General John Neville, was gifted to the Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation in 1973. Bill grew up in Ingomar and went to North Allegheny High School before attending college at the University of Delaware. He was a member of the Theta Chi fraternity and graduated with a bachelors in political science. His first love was the Stone Harbor Beach Patrol, where he lifeguarded for 5 summers during and after college. He returned to Pittsburgh and joined his father Bill III in the insurance industry. He married Jane Waldie in 1977, after meeting her on a blind date. Children followed: Mat in 1980, Eliza in 1981, Kate in 1983, and Sarah in 1986. Bill was a loyal member of the Allegheny Country Club, and loved golfing. He was also a longtime member of the Pittsburgh Athletic Association and the Oxford Athletic Club.

Bill loved his children ("the kids") and loved supporting them in their various activities, spending inordinate amounts of time at swimming meets, crew regattas, dance recitals, plays, baseball and softball games. Bill worked tirelessly for The Watson Institute, where he sat on the board for many years. He was a great supporter of the North Hills YMCA and served as president of

the Western Pennsylvania Country Club Swimming Association. Bill was loved by all he met. He was a story-teller, a mixer of strong drinks, and a master of the art of making lasting friends. He will be sorely missed by all. Instead of sending flowers, please make a donation to the Watson Institute in Bill's name, at Development Office, Watson Institute, 301 Camp Meeting Road, Sewickley, PA 15143

There will be a viewing at Simons Funeral Home, 7720 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, 15237 on Tuesday May 29 from 1pm – 3pm and from 6pm – 8pm. There will be a funeral mass at Sts. John and Paul on Wednesday May 30 at 10:00am.

Cemetery Details

Holy Savior Catholic Cemetery

4629 Bakerstown Rd
Gibsonia, PA 15044

Tribute Wall

RE

“ At the opening of Froggy's in 1979, Bill and his notorious golf buddies became the best group ever to frequent those hallowed walls/halls. And our many summer outings at Martha's Vineyard. So many memories. My love to Jane and family.

reyn - May 31, 2018 at 03:33 PM

JG

“ Mrs. Wrenshall, Mary and Ann,
I was so saddened to have been informed of Bill's recent passing, Your loss is overwhelming to you and your immediate family. You are all in my prayers.
Joanne Gustine

Joanne Gustine - May 29, 2018 at 06:55 PM

RM

“ Bill was a dear friend of my dad, Steve "Froggy" Morris. As kids, we loved having Bill and family around - he was always laughing and generous and full of stories and advice. I will always remember fondly listening to Bill wind up my dad at Froggy's and spending summer holidays with Bill and Jane and later with their kids. After my dad died, I asked Bill for advice with insurance once I started my own family. As always, he was generous with his time and advice. My sincere condolences to Jane and family. Bill was such a wonderful man. I wish I could be there for the service tomorrow - but I'm in LA and only just heard the news. Love, Regan

Regan Morris - May 29, 2018 at 05:56 PM

PH

My mom who passed away had the most respect for Bill & his dad. Bills daughter is the sweetest girl that I had the pleasure of managing on her job. She talked endlessly of her dad & family. PH

pat hugus - September 02, 2018 at 02:20 PM

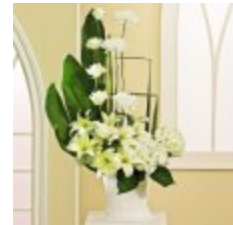
RW

“ Jane I know it's been awhile but I just wanted to remember all the great conversations that I had with Bill at Froggy's and our home . May he spend his time with the angels in peace and happiness. If I was closer I'd be at the service hugging you and your beautiful family my deepest sympathy Ron Wallace

ronald wallace - May 29, 2018 at 03:13 PM



“ Eternal Grace was purchased for the family of Mr. William Ebbs Wrenshall IV.



May 29, 2018 at 02:01 PM



“ Always With Us Lid Decoration was purchased for the family of Mr. William Ebbs Wrenshall IV.



May 29, 2018 at 10:17 AM

TB

“ Jane and family, I am sorry for your loss. I met Bill and his Father when I was in my late 20's at General American Life. Bill III was the savvy older gentleman and "Billy" IV the younger gun ho agent who out sold almost everyone. I learned from both Bill III and IV and respect their diligence, integrity and family commitment. A part of what I am is because of Bill. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Sincerely,
Tom Bell

Tom Bell - May 29, 2018 at 10:11 AM

WD

“ With love, Karen Dimond purchased the Sincere
st Sorrow - Blue and White for the family of Mr.
William Ebbs Wrenshall IV.



With love, Karen Dimond - May 29, 2018 at 09:25 AM



“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and Whit
e was purchased for the family of Mr. William
Ebbs Wrenshall IV.



May 29, 2018 at 06:32 AM

JA

“ Lots of love 💕 and prayers coming your way sweet Jane from this Hape/Dowd household 🙏💙🙏 Bill and his family plus you were a huge part of my life growing up and I just wanted you to know that we are here for you when you need us ❤️ Words cannot express our sorrow but know we are with you in spirit always during this emotional time!!

Love you sweet Jane as you have always meant the world to me 💙

Xoxo

-janis hape dowd-

janisdowd - May 28, 2018 at 11:41 PM

JN

“ Bill was a stand-up guy who went out of his way to meet and help others. We'll all miss his engaging personality. I know Bill left behind a tribute to his memory.

Jim Noland

Jim Noland - May 28, 2018 at 03:26 PM

WM

“ WPCCSA and fellow board members. purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Mr. William Ebbs Wrenshall IV.



WPCCSA and fellow board members. - May 28, 2018 at 01:30 AM

TO

“ *The O'Malleys purchased the Fields of Europe for Spring for the family of Mr. William Ebbs Wrenshall IV.*



The O'Malleys - May 27, 2018 at 08:49 PM

JB

“ *Joyce and Gary Boens purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of Mr. William Ebbs Wrenshall IV.*



Joyce and Gary Boens - May 27, 2018 at 02:17 PM

 Paul Jackson

“ *The things we shared and did together just keep popping into my mind. Besides just school, we spent 2 summers together as roommates in Stone Harbor, dated sisters, married housemates. And we had a weekend in Ann Arbor in the Spring of 1974 that we referred to for years as, "best weekend ever". [Paul Jackson]*

Paul Jackson - May 27, 2018 at 01:41 PM

 Ann Worley

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Ann Worley - May 27, 2018 at 12:19 PM

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Ann Worley - May 27, 2018 at 12:14 PM

BB

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. Although Bill and I were never close, I counted him as a friend and was touched by his thoughtfulness when he came to pay his respects when my father passed away. Rest assured his memory will live on in the lives he touched. Bill Bordas, NA Class of '69, Springfield, VA.

Bill Bordas - May 27, 2018 at 08:13 AM

GB

“ Bill Wrenshall was a friend, a business associate and a great American. I will miss that voice, those old Nantucket red pants and that unusual golf swing. God's peace to Jane and family. R.I.P. Billy.

Gary Boens - May 27, 2018 at 06:34 AM

LC

“ Dear Jane and Family: Will miss seeing Bill as he stopped into Ingomar Beer. "Hey there Lis, just a small bag of ice today." He ALWAYS took the time to whip out his phone and show me the latest pics of his grandsons. Proud Grandpa! May time bring you peace and comfort.

Lisa Colabrese - May 26, 2018 at 10:25 PM

LM

“ Dear Cousin Billy--I treasure memories of your ready smile and hearty, gregarious manner. Billy was the life of every party, a star from the start. Although it was 62+ years ago, I'll never forget watching him in his kindergarten "Circus" play. You guessed it--he was the Ringmaster. Billy--We'll celebrate your life to the hilt.

Louise Machinist - May 26, 2018 at 06:56 PM

GI

“ Mary Ann, Ann, Mary, Jane, and all: I am so saddened for your loss. Bill will always be larger than life to me. In time smiles will replace sadness as we continue to honor and remember a great son, husband, brother, father, grandfather, and friend.

George L. "Chip" Wanner, III - May 26, 2018 at 06:30 PM

MB

“ Jane and family, Ann and Mary, So sorry for your loss. I was numb when Liza called Wednesday night with the news. Liked running into him in Sewickley. Would beep if in car and could hear him yell Hi Muff. Prayers for the family. Will surely be missed.

Muffin Boyd - May 26, 2018 at 05:48 PM

TM

“ All my life I have loved and looked up to my cousin Bill. Jane and wonderful family my heart goes out to you all. RIP Billy.

Tim Mccurdy - May 26, 2018 at 04:34 PM

JG

“ Dear Jane and family, so very sorry to hear about Bill. As a classmate at NA Bill was so much fun and a wonderful person! He did so many wonderful things for the class of 1969. I will miss seeing him at class reunions etc. Rest in peace my friend. Jan Winner Graner.

Jan Graner - May 26, 2018 at 04:22 PM

KS

“ Dear Janie and family, I am so sorry to hear about Bill...I met Bill at the Ken Waldie Memorial Golf Outings.....lots of wonderful memories.....My heart is breaking ...Kim Sylvis

kim Sylvis - May 26, 2018 at 03:45 PM

 Ann Worley

“ So many memories of life with my "big brother", Billy. Remembering a trip he and I took to Stone Harbor for Memorial Day weekend. I was still in college. He was driving his gold mustang convertible. I was going down to stay with friends. He was going down to lifeguard for the Memorial Day weekend. I hope he is lifeguarding on the beaches of heaven as I write this. I loved you beyond measure, Billy!

Ann Worley - May 26, 2018 at 11:34 AM

TM

Very nice Ann. All my life i looked up to Bill and loved him. My heart goes out to you all, cousin Tim.

Tim Mccurdy - May 26, 2018 at 04:28 PM

GI

Ann, so, so sorry. I remember that gold mustang, I think my mother bought it from Bill!

George L. "Chip" Wanner, III - May 26, 2018 at 06:33 PM

SC

I have many fond memories of Bill from high school, and running into each other all these years. Rest In Peace "Cuz".

sue morrow cawley - May 27, 2018 at 02:13 PM

GS

Dear Wrenshalls, I'm deeply saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I hope with time this trauma in your lives will be replaced with the fond memories of his time with you together. I never knew anyone who could greet people with such warmth as Bill. I'll always remember him that way. Sincerely, George Seifert

George Seifert - May 30, 2018 at 09:31 AM