



William "Bill" Wells

April 22, 1931 - March 30, 2020

William G. "Bill" Wells, 88, formerly of Libertyville, passed away on Monday, March 30, 2020 in Los Angeles, CA. He was born on April 22, 1931 in Libertyville, to the late Aubrey and Mary Wells. He was a graduate of Libertyville High School and a graduate and received his Juris Dr. from the University of Illinois. He became a member of the Illinois, Wisconsin and California Bar Associations. William was enlisted in the U.S.M.C. Officer training program at Quantico and later Camp Pendleton where he coached the U.S.M.C. basketball team and was an expert Marksman.

Although he and his wife Sheila settled down in Santa Monica, Ca, he never forgot his midwestern roots and returned to Libertyville several times a year. Bill's grandfather William Laycock had a cabin in Northern Wisconsin and loved to get up to the great outdoors every chance he got. He taught his two daughters how to fish and the importance of preserving natural habitats in Wisconsin.

He enjoyed reading, hunting, fishing and loved the Northwoods and wildlife in Wisconsin. He was an entrepreneur and attorney and was president of the Miramar Sheraton Hotel in Santa Monica, CA.

Surviving are his wife Sheila (nee Bittman) Wells; 2 daughters, Dr. Pamela (Dr. Scott) Wells-Worman and Catherine E. Wells; and his sister, Nancy Ypma; granddaughter, Caroline Worman and dear friend Kisuke "Ace" Kutsuna.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Mary in 1991 and father, Aubrey in 1999.

A private funeral service for Bill will be on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. Libertyville with interment following at Lakeside Cemetery. For Info: 847-362-3009 or please share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Tribute Wall

CW

“ Catherine Wells lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wells



catherine wells - May 04, 2020 at 01:06 AM

CW

I love you more than you know. your loving daughter

catherine wells - May 04, 2020 at 01:06 AM

CW

“ Catherine Wells sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Wells



catherine wells - May 04, 2020 at 01:05 AM

CW

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



catherine wells - May 04, 2020 at 01:04 AM

LM

“ My sincere condolences to the Wells family. Bill was a good friend from our high school days at Libertyville Township high school. I remember good times with him and especially his basketball prowess. It was great to see him at our last several class of 49 reunions. I know your memories of Bill will help sustain you at this time. I will also always remember him.

May you all also stay well during this difficult time.

Larry Mayer

Larry Mayer - April 25, 2020 at 04:03 PM



“ Today's Memorial Service, broadcast from the Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, was perfect! Thanks to ALL who made it so beautiful. (That means you too, Marcy!) Memories crowd me of young Bill, shotgun over his bike handlebars, riding to our woods across the Des Plaines River to shoot SQUIRRELS! He forever named Trusts after our property - "Towering Oak." He has been my friend for over 68 years. My parents, Phyllis and Russ Stewart (Dad ran the Sun-Times and the Daily News papers for years in Chicago), taught Bill so much about Business and moving in 'Higher Society.' He NEVER forgot, up to 10 years ago he repeatedly wrote to them thanking my dad and mum for all they gave him. He never stopped being that rare thing - a good guy. Thanks to ALL again, your service today showed him as he truly was. Ever Onward. Sherry Stewart

Sherry Stewart - April 25, 2020 at 03:12 PM



“ *TO BILL'S FAMILY.: Just thinking of you ALL at this time. One of Bill's earliest jobs was as a surveyor for "Old Studer" who is buried at the other end of the same cemetery. Bill never forgot how to survey. I have known Bill - William G. Wells for - 68 years, and I know what the G stands for. He was always a good pal, and I will miss him. Thanks for this perfect send-off. Wish I could be here in person. An OLD Libertyville resident Sherry Stewart, from Towering Oak, Libertyville, (Old School Road) just across the Des Plaines River from Red Top Farm, if it's still there.*

GO WELL, BILL!



Sherry Stewart - April 24, 2020 at 05:14 PM

SS

“ *Sherry S. purchased the Yellow Rose Bud (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of William "Bill" Wells.*



Sherry S. - April 24, 2020 at 03:51 PM

AF

“ *Aftab/Mike purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William "Bill" Wells.*



Aftab/Mike - April 21, 2020 at 12:42 PM

LP

“ *I just wanted to extend my condolences to Pam and Cathy, who I knew at Red Pine Camp for Girls. Sending hugs! Leslie Pritchard.*

leslie Pritchard - April 17, 2020 at 01:27 PM

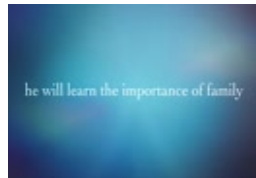
CW

Dear Leslie, Thank you for your condolences. My father lived an incredible life. Although my heart is broken, I know in time it will be filled with many happy memories. Hugs Catherine Wells

catherine wells - April 19, 2020 at 12:45 AM



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catherine Wells - April 08, 2020 at 02:02 AM



*I love you dad now and forever.
You were always in my corner.
Your loving daughter Catherine Wells*

catherine Wells - April 08, 2020 at 01:03 PM



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catherine Wells - April 07, 2020 at 11:14 PM



Bill at his high school reunion

catherine Wells - April 08, 2020 at 01:04 PM



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catherine Wells - April 07, 2020 at 11:13 PM



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catherine Wells - April 07, 2020 at 11:09 PM



“ *Dad; I love you more than you will ever know.
Semper Fi your loving daughter Catherine Wells*

catherine Wells - April 07, 2020 at 10:58 PM