



William "Bill" Winemaster

November 24, 1926 - December 12, 2019

It is with great sadness that the family of William D. Winemaster announces his passing, on Thursday, December 12, 2019, at the age of 93. Known to friends as "Bill," he passed away at his home, in the company of his loving wife of 66 years, Maureen. Bill was an internationally respected businessman, a talented athlete and loyal friend but most of all, he was a devoted husband, a wonderful, giving father and family man.

A native of Toronto, Canada, Bill was an aspiring hockey player, who signed with the Detroit Red Wings at the age of 18. While playing in their junior system, he was approached with the opportunity to travel to England to play in the British professional hockey leagues. While in England, Bill met Maureen, a figure skater in the Ice Follies, and they married in 1953. While playing hockey, Bill enrolled at the University of London and pursued a Mechanical Engineering degree. In 1955, Bill traveled with his team, the Harringay Racers, to Moscow to play the Soviet Union's Red Army team. Bill's team, mostly comprised of Canadians, was the first team from the West to travel into the Soviet Union to play the Red Army team. This team also played international games against National teams from Czechoslovakia, Sweden and Finland. Bill and his team's achievements abroad were recognized by the NHL Hockey Hall of Fame in March of 2007. They were honored by an exhibition at the Hall in Toronto in recognition of being at the forefront of the game of hockey on the global stage

After graduating from the University of London in 1957, Bill started his

business career at Perkins Engines Ltd. (a leader in diesel engine sales and manufacturing). Bill and Maureen would move to Canada, as Perkins expanded into North America. In Canada, Bill worked with Perkins's JV partner, Chrysler, to establish a North American diesel strategy before moving to Ford Motor Company to manage their Industrial Engine and Turbine Group in the early 1970's. In 1975, Bill rejoined Perkins and in 1979, was promoted to President of North American Operations. Bill would work for Perkins until 1985, when he retired to start his own engine distributor business with his sons Gary and Ken. He was well recognized and respected for a very successful career in the engine business.

Surviving are his wife Maureen and children, Gary (Cindy), Jayne (Fernand) Schroeder and Ken (Adrienne). Bill will also be remembered by his grandchildren, Sam, Zoe, Zach, Elina, Ella, William, and Liz and by his brother, Ken (Joan) Winemaster. He was predeceased by his sisters, Marjory Winemaster and Mary Campkin.

A private memorial service will be held on January 20, 2020 at Burnett-Dane Funeral Home, 120 W. Park Ave. in Libertyville. Visitation will begin at 10:00am with a memorial service to follow at 11:00am. We invite you to join us for lunch at 1:00pm at Deer Path Inn, 255 E. Illinois Road in Lake Forest. Please contact the family for details at kwinemaster@gmail.com. In Lieu of flowers, contributions would be appreciated to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, www.alzfdn.org. For further info: 847-362-3009 or share a memory at www.burnettdane.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 20. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Burnett-Dane Funeral Home
120 West Park Avenue
Libertyville, IL 60048
(847) 362-3009

Memorial Service

JAN 20. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Winemaster.*



January 17, 2020 at 11:52 AM



“ *Where do I begin - so many years - so many memories - Northville - you coaching our kids for hockey - Perkins - weddings - visits. So many wonderful memories of a wonderful person - "Bill" - and his wonderful family. I was blessed beyond measure by having the friendship of Bill. He made a difference in my life. Above all, the deep love Bill had for Maureen and his children was always evident. That was so much to be admired. He will be missed, but never forgotten. He was a role model to his sons and daughter for his integrity and honesty. I say goodbye to you "Bill" as you go to meet God and those who loved you and are there waiting for you. I am sure there are some hockey teams in heaven that you will join for the fun of the sport you love. God bless you as you ascend into eternal life. ~Much Love, Diann Nance~*

Diann Nance - January 15, 2020 at 01:35 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Winemaster.*



January 12, 2020 at 06:12 PM

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“ Mr William, Sir Winemaster as I would sometimes call him, he is by far the kindest person I've come across. Bill I have truly missed you my friend, you were an inspiration a true leader for the many years I've known you. I've had and will always remember you and the many memories we shared. One is particular was when we were transporting you to your doctor's appointment, you didnt like the van an you said and I quote "Where did they get this old tin can from" I laughed so hard because you were right, it was a tin can. Or the time u thought i stoled your wallet and u said just you wait my son (Gary) will come woop my behind.. lol Bill you were a true comedian, someone who was funny an always makes others welcome, your were and will always be a beacon of light for all to follow. I'll truly miss you my friend. Sleep in peace and my God's richest blessings be upon your family..



Re: Ricardo (caregiver) or John Tom as u would normally call me 😊
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Ricardo Samuels - January 12, 2020 at 05:58 PM



“ Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Winemaster.



January 12, 2020 at 08:30 AM