



William "Bill" Milliken

September 29, 1934 - August 2, 2021

William (Bill) L. Milliken, age 86, of New Castle, DE passed away peacefully on August 2, 2021. His wife, Carol, and his son, Will, were by his side supporting his transition to the next world. Bill was born on September 29, 1934, in Wilmington, DE, to Howard Milliken and Florence (Kimmey) Milliken.

Bill attended the Brown Vocational High School in Wilmington. Bill proudly served in the Navy from 1953 to 1957. He was assigned to the USS Mount Olympus and shore duty in Astoria, OR and Norfolk, VA.

Bill was a member of the Plumber – Pipefitters Union, Local 74 in New Castle, DE, from 1952 until 1996 when he retired. Bill (Whitefeather) was an Elder of the Native American group the Buffalo Trace Society. He was highly respected and endeared for his gentle ways of teaching and guiding others with a great sense of humor and quick wit. He was a charter member of the Borderline Truckers Van & Truck club. A 32nd degree Mason and a member of Faith Lutheran Church in Bear, DE.

Bill often remarked that he had lived a full and happy life filled with many adventures and hobbies. The greatest of those was just sharing life with his wife Carol. Some of his many loves were fishing, kayaking, walking, making and playing Native American flutes. Some of his best times were combining two of his loves by fishing from his kayak. Being a part of the Native American community brought great joy to his heart.

Bill is survived by his wife, Carol of 35 years; his son, William Milliken Jr; step-son, Jeffrey Gallion (Sue); step-daughters, Tanya VanSant (Jules) and Michelle Barnhart (Tom); 10 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren; and many friends and family of the heart. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Florence Milliken; daughters, Dawn Strauss and Lisa Finan; and daughter-in-law, Stacey Milliken.

A viewing will be held on August 14, 2021, from 9:30 - 10:30 am at the Strano and Feeley Family Funeral Home, 635 Churchmans Road, Newark, DE 19702. A celebration of

William's life will begin at 10:30. A webcast of the service will be available for those unable to attend:<https://webcasts.lifetributes.com/1153155>

Burial will immediately follow at Gracelawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in William's memory to the Wounded Warriors Project at Support.woundedwarriorproject.org

For directions or to send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com.

To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of William L. Milliken please visit our Sympathy Store.

Cemetery

Gracelawn Memorial Park
2220 N. DuPont Highway
New Castle, DE,

Events

AUG 14 **Viewing** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

Strano & Feeley Family Funeral Home
635 Churchmans Rd., Newark, DE, US, 19702

AUG 14 **Service** 10:30AM

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Comments



“ I will always remember the generosity of William. He was always so giving of his time and energy and his gentle way with seemingly boundless gems of wisdom. He had a way of teaching that required few words. On more than one occasion, he steered the mood of the entire group to a quiet calmness when he quietly pulled out his flute and played the music that came to him.

Thank you Grandfather William White Feather.

Ray - August 17, 2021 at 03:14 PM



“ Carol and family: I tuned into the webcast and was able to watch for about nine minutes, then nothing. I really wanted to be there, but know I'm there in spirit.
Connie/Flying Water Bird

Connie Baker - August 14, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ Dear Grandfather,
There are no words to express the feeling in my heart. I want to Thank you for taking the time to share your vast knowledge and love with us. It has been such a pleasure to travel a small part of this road with you.
Love always
Wendy, Lou, & J



wendy - August 13, 2021 at 05:34 AM



“ I will miss this "Old Bear", (as I called him). I remember him always picking and joking with folkes - especially between Bill and Ed. He will be remembered fondly, and I think I will always have the memory of his presense during ceremony, and he will probably be there in spirit!!

Mary Semilia

Mary Semili - August 11, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ The grandchildren and children. purchased the Beautiful Heart Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Milliken.



The grandchildren and children. - August 09, 2021 at 07:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Milliken.



August 07, 2021 at 06:32 PM



“ Grandfather Whitefeather, Many of your personal experiences were difficult to travel but you were willing to share them with me in my greatest hour of need. Thank you dear brother for your teachings, humor, grumpy sneers, big bear hugs and strength and courage to meet each new day! You are missed but I'll carry you in my heart always.. Now enjoy your kayak trips, fishing and eating Jersey Tomatoes if that's your wish. Until we meet dear friend - Cindy "Lovesonge" Paterno

Cindy Paterno - August 07, 2021 at 01:21 PM



“ I cherish the years that I spent as your friend ,student, and the wonderful adventures we shared on vacations with our wives . with great tears I say good bye and thank you for being in my life. Windwalker .

tom phillips - August 06, 2021 at 08:18 PM



“ I remember when Bill took the time to show my husband Cris, how to "hold my soul" while I had back surgery. It meant a great deal to Cris "to be able to do something" for me. I was so grateful .
Sandye Soaringeagles.

Sandra Soaringeagles Hesford - August 06, 2021 at 08:02 PM