



William "Bill" E. Petlock

October 27, 1935 - July 20, 2015

William E. "Bill" Petlock, age 79, of New Castle, DE was called home to be with the Lord on July 20, 2015. Bill cherished his family and took great pride in his granddaughters. He retired after 30 years of service with Westvaco. He enjoyed boating, fishing, crabbing, and vacationing at his mobile home at West Bay in Lewes. Bill was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan and enjoyed watching golf. He loved growing roses and kept an immaculately manicured lawn.

Bill is survived by his fiancée, Shirley (Tylka) Hudspith; his daughters: Angela M. Phinney (Michael) and Paula L. Truskolawski (Rich); his brother Richard Petlock; his brother-in-law, Jim Fratto; and his granddaughters, Samantha and Rachel; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, Casmire and Anna Petlock; his son, William E. Petlock II; his sisters: Paula Fratto and Dorothy Coppetti and her husband Patsy; and sister-in-law, Ann Petlock.

Services and Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the American Lung Association, 55 W. Wacker Dr. Suite 1150, Chicago, IL 60601 To send an online condolence visit www.stranofeeley.com

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Tribute Wall

AN

“ Happy Birthday Dad

Angela - October 27, 2015 at 07:48 AM

JC

“ Paula and Angela, I met your Dad before I had the pleasure of meeting the rest of the family. He was always a gentleman and I often admired him for taking care of everyone in your small family. Yes, he always had someone to spend time with but always made time for his family. Cooking crabs, going out on the boat, playing pool and my best memory of him making city chicken, are some of the memories I will cherish. He loved you girls so much and all of the family, that should offer you some comfort. There will never be another Bill Petlock and know that I will always be available to talk about him with you, day or night...I will be here...Love, Jackie

Jacqueline Correia - July 27, 2015 at 10:27 PM

NL

“ I'm Nancy sharpe Lewis I work with bill at westvaco for many years may he be at peace and rest with the angles and watch over all of us God bless you and your family sorry for your loss

nancy sharpe lewis - July 27, 2015 at 02:35 PM

BF

“ I know Bill will be missed by all who knew him. from his friends at westvaco for so many years. Betty, Elaine, Cromer, Lois

Betty Frace - July 27, 2015 at 01:46 PM

SU

“ *What a wonderful picture of your Dad girls! A true Spitfire of a gentleman! Crabs, pool, pontoon boats, (not necessarily in that order) come to mind. What a legacy of laughter and love. God Bless! Love, the Tusseys.*



susan - July 27, 2015 at 10:03 AM

SH

“ *As many of you know Bill and I grew up as neighbors and classmates in the small community of Van Meter , PA. We attended school together from 1st grade thru high school graduation. During that time we were very good friends. After graduation from high school, we went our seperate ways. Both of us marrying and divorcing. Then 55 years later , for some reason, Bill decided to attend our annual RHS school gathering and picnic. We talked about old times and what we did after graduation. Several days later, Bill called and asked me out. For some time after that we traveled back and forth from Pittsburgh to Delaware, finally deciding it was time to stay in one place. With an OK from his daughters and their husbands, I sold my home in Monongahela and moved to DE with Bill. We enjoyed family get togethers with our extended families, and we all became very close. Bill and I went on cruises, spent time at West Bay Park fishing and crabbing, went out to eat, and just stayed home watching TV together. We were always together. He told everyone our story and said that I was the love of his life. Now the love of my life is gone, and I must go on without him. I will miss him very much.
Rest in peace my love. Until we meet again.
Love, Shirley*

Shirley - July 26, 2015 at 06:03 PM

WK

“ As everyone is aware Bill and I had some super good times at Rich and Paula's Christmas event each year. We each looked forward to seeing each other for a pool game where it got loud and fun.

Robin and I truly enjoyed his sense of humor as well as sneaking him some sweets while the girl police weren't looking. We also enjoyed coming down for the weekend at his place at the beach - Robin and I appreciated his hospitality and down home feel - he was who he was and we liked/loved him.

We know how much Paula and Angela loved their Dad because while he was complaining they both just smiled at him. He raised some beautiful girls inside and out.

I have to say he was truly taken back one year when he had broken up with his long term girlfriend so I bought him a special Christmas present (I will be a gentlemen and not say what it was) but he loved it and we laughed again and again each year.

Robin and I fell in love with Paula the first time Rich brought her by our first house (over twenty years ago) - she is good people and so is her family and extended family. Robin and I will keep your family and extended family in our prayers and hearts as they have been for many years since you are family to us.

Love,
Robin and Wes K.

Wes and Robin Killebrew - July 24, 2015 at 04:31 PM

AN

“ 1 file added to the album *New Album Name*



Angela - July 23, 2015 at 02:37 PM

AN

Dad loved everyone - even Ravens fans!

Angela - July 23, 2015 at 07:15 PM

TI

*Bill was able to accept that I was a Ravens fan and always welcomed John, Logan and me, literally, with open arms. He loved his family very much and we were lucky enough to be included in that love. Here's hoping he's getting his real sugar dessert up in heaven.
Rest in peace, Bill.*

*Love,
Tina*

Tina - July 31, 2015 at 07:16 AM

CS

“ *Cathy and I were deeply saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was so kind hearted and good natured as evidenced by the ribbing we all gave him and he gave back in return. So many memories:*

One time he pushed the boat away and left me hanging on a piling in the early spring.

To get even for something Bill did, a friend loaded chain in Bill's crab pot and we told him to check on the way in from a fishing trip - he said the trap is loaded with crabs until he saw what was done - immediately he knew it was that @ Bruce Seller.

We were out fishing with Bill and my Dad when Bill hooked into a big bluefish. He just had repaired his fishing rod (epoxy and popsicle sticks) the rod broke in half at the repair. My father grabbed the end and aimed it towards the fish while Bill reeled it in. People in a nearby charter boat were looking at them like they were crazy - we just told them this is how we learned to fish in Poland.

Finally, Bill always had time for our son taking him to his trailer for milk and cookies. Keith still remembers his kindness.

So many memories, when we were all younger back in the day, they will be cherished as long as we live. God Bless You Bill we are going to miss you.

*Regards,
Cliff and Cathy Seeley*

Cliff Seeley - July 23, 2015 at 01:30 PM

SH

“ Sue Hicks lit a candle in memory of William
"Bill" E. Petlock



Sue Hicks - July 23, 2015 at 09:14 AM

MR

You & your family are in all of our thoughts and prayers. You now have a guardian angel looking out for you.

Megan Rae - July 23, 2015 at 10:14 AM

EF

My memories of Uncle Bill are that he was always smiling, happy and funny. He will be sorely missed. With my love, Eileen

Eileen Feeser - July 23, 2015 at 02:40 PM

MK

Angela and Paula--as you well know, your father was a social person--some of my favorite memories were when he would invite our Pennsylvania family to visit him at the beach trailer. Upon our arrival, we would be greeted by half of the trailer park. He loved his family, so he wanted to be sure his special friends had the opportunity to meet his PA family. I think every one of us first learned to drive using his golf cart and this spans at least 2 generations. His golf cart was treasured by all the kids. My 3 kids loved that he trusted them to take his cart to the "little store" and or "little beach"! (not sure how many dents there were in it afterward)-- yikes!

Funniest memory is when he decided to teach my husband, Eric, Suzann's husband, Randy, & Gina's then BF, Scott to cook crabs. He put a huge stockpot of water on to boil outside and then called the guys to help. There was so much laughing, screaming, and "dumb Pollack" remarks, that I believe the whole trailer park heard them. Especially when the guys got pinched by a crab or two or three....too many shrieks of "ouch" to count. LOL! We have the video, so this memory will be treasured by all for a very long time.

Amber, Adrienne, & Alex loved fishing on his boat with him. He was so patient. At times things got dropped into the water and he had to retrieve them, but he was so loving and patient with each of them that he'd just turn the boat around and get beach towels, sun glasses, (treasured crab gloves-oops) etc. They especially loved the fact that he allowed each of them to have an opportunity to drive the boat and play "captain" for a short while. It was especially funny when he'd empty a crab trap and one would get loose--" the kids would squeal and jump onto the nearest adult lap to get away"!

So happy for my mom, Aunt Paula, Gram Ann and Pap Kize, because they get to be with him everyday now. I can only imagine the party that was waiting for him when he arrived in heaven.

His smile and amazing bear hugs will be remembered and cherished by all. I for one, am especially happy to call him "uncle". He was one of a kind--one of the best kind. I love you Uncle Bill, may you rest in peace... I love you!!!

You niece, Maria

Maria Coppetti Koter - July 25, 2015 at 10:26 AM

AN

Thanks so much for sharing such beautiful memories! Big Bill was truly one of a kind!

angela - July 25, 2015 at 08:05 PM