



Willard Henry Robb

February 20, 1936 - April 8, 2015

Willard (Bill) H. Robb, 79, of Palm Beach Gardens, passed away after a long illness on Wednesday, April 8, 2015 at Hospice of Palm Beach County. Bill was the son of Willard F. Robb and Elizabeth Beebe Robb. Bill was born in New Haven, CT on February 20, 1936. He grew up in New Haven, CT and Sachem's Head, Guilford, CT. He attended The Loomis School and graduated from Pennsylvania State University and received an EMBA at University of New Haven.

Bill served with the U.S. Navy as a Lt. in the Mediterranean. He retired from Southern New England Telephone Company in 1994. He served as Chairman of the Board of Finance, Chairman of The Republican Town Committee and President of the Jaycees in Madison, CT. Following his time in Madison, CT, he and his wife, Mary, retired to St. Croix, USVI for eleven years where he served as President of Coakley Bay Condo Association and the Race Committee of the St. Croix Yacht Club. They moved to Palm Beach Gardens, FL in 2011. Bill had a passion for tennis and was an active member of the PGA Men's Tennis. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather and loyal friend who never hesitated to lend a helping hand. Bill was an avid sailor and boater and a member of the Essex and Saint Croix Yacht Clubs.

Bill is survived by his devoted wife of 27 years, Mary Dannaher Robb; his daughter, Susan Gibbons of St. Croix, USVI, and son, Steven Robb (Jennifer) of Fort Wayne, IN; Mary's children, Gretchen Carrola (Stephen) of Cambridge, MA; and James Lubs (Pearl Rogers) of San Francisco, CA; his grandchildren Billy Gibbons (Melissa Acevedo) and Zachary Carrola; and a great-grandson, Eli Gibbons.

A special thank you to the caregivers at Palm Beach Gardens Medical Center, Kindred of the Palm Beaches and Hospice of Palm Beach County.

A funeral mass will be held at St. Paul of the Cross Catholic Church in North Palm Beach on Monday, April 13, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Bill will be laid to rest in graveside service at Beaverdale Cemetery in New Haven, CT this summer. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bills memory may be made to Hospice of Palm beach County, 5300 East Avenue, West Palm Beach, FL 33407 or The Connecticut Hospice, 100 Double Beach Road, Branford, CT 06405.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Henry Robb*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Mary,*

We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing and would like to extend our deepest sympathy to you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth S. Carrolla

Vivian L. Masselli

Elizabeth S. Carrolla - madison, CT - in law - April 27, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Mary: The last time we saw you and Bill was at Chardonnay in Palm Beach Gardens, where he unexpectedly sent us drinks! It was great to see you both, looking so well. We never thought that would be the last time we would see him. We remember lots of good sailing parties on St. Croix.*

We offer our hearts and our prayers, and pray the Lord has welcomed him in Paradise, where we all will meet again.

Claire and JOhn

John and Claire Foster - St. Thomas, Virgis Islands, FL - old friends from the Virgin Isla - April 24, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *Will always remember the good times at Cheeseburgers--the teasing, the fun, the laughs. We really miss you guys, and will be thinking of you, Mary.*

Stiles & Virginia Stevens - Box 365, Christiansted, Virg - St. Croix Friends - April 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So many many stories and memories...where to start? Snapshots in our minds of Bill standing in the pool reading the entire Patrick O'Brien series...Mary and Bill making our maiden voyage passages on Osprey 1 and Osprey 2 in CT...In St Croix Our adventure to see the Macco Jambe in Susan's car which broke down and was left in Mr Brown's front yard while the St Croix police drove us to the event, Bill like a kid being afraid to call Susan...Sailing to Buck Island with Llewellen with Bill and his wonderful smile enjoying every second of it...Cheeseburgers in Paradise...Bill's jigsaw puzzles...Sunset dinners on our special occasions at The Ram's Head Inn on Shelter Island 4 star service, 4 star atmosphere, 5 star memories....Golden Girl and Osprey sails to East Hampton...with Dinghy Bat...Molly and Osprey sailing to Greenport making shrimp scampi on the dock...So many stories about the American Hotel where Bill and Mary made new best friends often but learned not to buy a round for them. Going to Bay St bar where the owners were friends...Sticky notes all over the dashboard of his car always fresh ones! Me riding shotgun on the fly bridge of Molly going through Plum Gut in pea soup fog and Bill had blind faith in me as his lookout. Our kind, gentle, caring, loving friend, every time we think of him we smile and now, cry for the void his passing leaves.

Steve and Toni Miley - Southport, NC - Friends - April 16, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ My thoughts and prayers to the family. My late husband, Bill Nelson always treasured the ATO Brothers and the Reunions. They have so many wonderful memories of your Dad and Husband.

Heather Nelson - Hummelstown, PA - April 15, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ Our condolences for the loss of your loving husband and father.

Sharon and John Paulus - Steamboat Springs, CO - Friend - April 11, 2015 at 12:00 AM