



William Henry Danzeisen Jr

November 1, 1930 - April 19, 2024

William Henry Danzeisen, Jr., known affectionately to all as Bill, passed away on April 19, 2024, in Jupiter, Florida, leaving behind a legacy of love, courage, and selfless dedication. Born on November 1, 1930, in Philadelphia, PA, Bill's journey through life was marked by his unwavering commitment to his family, his country, and his community.

Bill's early years were spent living in a multigenerational environment in the vibrant culture of Philadelphia, a foundation that would later inform his principles and work ethic. He pursued his passion for education at Temple University, where he graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education in 1952. His thirst for knowledge and leadership skills were further honed when he earned a Master's in Education from the College of William and Mary in 1970, and later, a Master's in Business Administration from Embry Riddle in 1987.

His academic achievements were matched by an illustrious military career. Bill served over 27 years in the United States Army, demonstrating the heart of a true patriot. His service took him across the globe, from the frontlines in Korea and Vietnam to strategic positions in Germany and France. Bill's leadership shone brightly as he commanded at the Company, Battalion, and Group levels, and his strategic acumen was recognized with Joint Staff and Army Staff assignments at the Pentagon. Retiring at the rank of Colonel in 1979, Bill's military tenure was a testament to his courageous spirit.

After military retirement, Bill's dedication to service continued at Pratt and Whitney Aircraft, where for over 13 years, he excelled as a Logistics Support Manager. His commitment to excellence and his ability to inspire those around him remained undiminished.

Bill's affiliation with the Masonic Lodge, York Rite Temple, and Amara Shrine reflected his deep-rooted belief in community and brotherhood. Even in retirement, he chose to give back, volunteering at the West Palm Beach VA Hospital, ensuring that his fellow veterans received the care and respect they deserved.

Family was the cornerstone of Bill's life. He shared an enduring love with his wife of 72 years, Joan, and together they raised a family that included their son, William (Laura) Danzeisen III, and daughters, Holly (Tom) Bowman, Sara (Tim Walter) Lassandro, and Marcia Fultz. Bill's role as a grandfather and great-grandfather was one of his greatest joys. He was the embodiment of support, never missing a chance to be present at his family's milestones—whether it was sports events, recitals, or graduations, Bill was there, a steadfast presence in their lives.

Bill's legacy is carried on by his loving family, including his grandchildren, William Bret, Clara, Thomas, Ross, Randy, Tyler, and Emily, as well as his great-grandchildren, Teagan, Peyton, William, and Zachary, and his niece and nephew, Beth and David McConnell. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Miriam Danzeisen, his sister Joann McConnell, and his grandsons, Roy Andrew Danzeisen and Zachary V. Bowman.

In life, Bill was the epitome of courage, selflessness, and love. His word was his bond, a promise as unshakeable as the man himself. To know Bill was to know a man who lived not for himself, but for others. His life was a beacon that guided his family, friends, and colleagues toward their better selves.

As we remember William Henry Danzeisen, Jr., let us celebrate the remarkable man he was and strive to emulate his unwavering integrity, his boundless love, and his indomitable spirit. Bill's journey may have ended, but his influence endures, encouraging each of us to live with purpose, to cherish every moment, and to support one another with the same steadfast devotion he showed throughout his exemplary life.

Memorials may be made in Bills honor to: Shriners Hospital for Children

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 27. 1:00 PM (ET)

First United Methodist Church of Jupiter/Tequesta
815 Indiantown Road
Jupiter, FL 33458

Funeral Mass

APR 27. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

RW

“ *Bill was my commander while stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama. He was a great man and I impressed him with my ability to sign his name exactly the way he did. We attributed it to both being left handed. What a great sense of humor he had.*

I will remember him forever.

Rob Warner East Hampton, CT.

Rob Warner - May 21, 2025 at 09:16 PM

MO

“ *Grief can be so hard, but our special memories help us cope. Remembering you and your loved one today and always.*

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morris - May 17, 2024 at 06:47 AM

RS

“ *Bill will be missed. As a new Florida resident I will always remember his warm welcome to MOAA when I first joined. I always looked forward to seeing Joan and Bill and receiving their warm welcome at MOAA events. He will be remembered.*

Ron Singer - April 29, 2024 at 10:37 AM

CW

“ *COL Bill Danzeisen was a great American, soldier, leader, and friend. He is sorely missed.*

COL (R) Chuck Winn - April 29, 2024 at 10:27 AM

JB

“ *Praying for your family at this difficult time. Bill was a wonderful man, and great neighbor. I will miss him.*

Julie Burkard - April 27, 2024 at 12:06 PM

MG

“ I was saddened to see that Col. Danzeisen had passed away. Our family was close to his family as we grew up, we enjoyed many friendly and very cherished events over the years. Vacationing in Spain together comes to mind. Shared meals, memories, visits, too many to list. There is quite a growing attendance at Happy Hour up there, you just know it. I wish Mrs. D and his family all the best in this difficult time, our prayers are with you all, take care. Mark Glunn

Mark Glunn - April 27, 2024 at 10:59 AM

LW

“ Sending love to the entire family. The Walsh family will remember him fondly. You are in our hearts and prayers. Take gentle care, Ruck, Lori, Caitlin & Blake



Lori Walsh - April 23, 2024 at 08:33 PM