



William Howard Perry

April 9, 2022

William H. "Bill" Perry

U.S. Navy Atomic Veteran, coach, sailor, classic car and aviation enthusiast William H. "Bill" Perry 86, of Palm City, FL died peacefully in his sleep on April 9, 2022 at his home with his loving wife by his side.

Born in Mt. Vernon, IL on August 18, 1935 he graduated from LaPorte High School in LaPorte, Indiana, having lettered in Track and winning the coveted National Industrial Arts Award from Ford Motor Company.

He immediately joined the Navy and proudly served his country, including a stint as a Radarman in the nuclear atomic tests at Bikini Atoll in Western Pacific Ocean aboard the aircraft carrier USS Badoeng Strait.

In 1959 he married Barbara Carnes and together had three children; Curtis (Dawn Boudreau), Matthew (Janet Gibbs) and 5 grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Gregg.

He was employed by Pratt & Whitney Aircraft for 32 years. He moved to Jupiter in 1968 and coached kids sports for many years.

Bill was a Tech Counselor and active participant in Experimental Aircraft

Assoc. (EAA) Chapter 203 at North County Airport. The non-profit organization strives to inspire, develop and educate future generations of aviators from awarding scholarships for flight lessons to teaching hands-on skills to repair, maintain and build aircraft. Bill has built 5 experimental airplanes winning many trophies. Just weeks before his death he was still involved in the painstaking restoration of an aluminum motor glider.

Besides sailing to Bahamas each summer to compete in the races in the Out Islands, he built a beautiful electric bay boat from scratch.

His other passion was classic cars. He and his wife were regulars at local car shows and won praises from attendees with their 1966 Red Impala SS Convertible. During this time he raced a car with his sons and were well known with their "No Problem" race car.

Services will be held April 30 at 11:00am at First United Methodist Church, 815 E. Indiantown Road, Jupiter 33477.

In lieu of flowers, those who wish may make contributions to EAA Chapter 203, Honor Flights or Treasure Coast Hospice.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

APR 30. 11:00 AM (ET)

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

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Howard Perry*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ *Worked many years with Bill at Pratt & Whitney in the Static Structural Test group. He was a co-worker and a friend and he will be deeply missed. He took me up for a ride in his Long Easy plane that he and Don Ogden built and that got me hooked and I went and got my pilots license. Thank you Bill. You'll forever be in my heart.*

Benjamin Hack - April 29, 2022 at 05:50 PM



“ *Dear Barbara and Family,
We were so sorry to hear of Bill's passing and know that he will be truly missed by you and your family. Bill was a kind gentleman and a dear friend. May you find comfort in the coming days by recalling your fond memories of your times together.
Dawn & Rick Johnson*

Dawn & Rick - April 27, 2022 at 05:25 PM

DW

“ My recollection of first knowing Bill was when he and Barb came to Hope Town in The Bahamas on a vacation. I think they stayed at the Hope Town Harbour Lodge and I remember when they came over to visit at our house. I can still see them in my mind sitting on our back porch. Not long afterward they returned and rented our Morgan 30 named "Maia", I remember having popcorn aboard with them and Curt. Our family's bond and friendship grew and Bill was a central figure in our lives.

Bill was the real "McGyver" - he could fabricate anything. He built a big heavy duty trailer for my Dad so he could haul materials and boats. Bill built mufflers for our sailboat fleet and he loved sailing and regattas. I crewed for him on several occasions and when he brought their sailboat to Hope Town, he asked me to watch over it for him.

For a couple years I became a regular guest of the Perry's as I'd hop on a plane to West Palm Beach and stay with them for a couple days to get my orthodontics adjusted. Every time I was there he made me feel like a part of the family, I watched him coach Curt and his teams in sports and he took us to the drag races and I remember one time when he drove us to some neat restaurant to get some fried catfish. There are so many happy memories. Bill was the Dad's - Dad who was always engaged with us kids.

His kindness and generosity knew no boundaries. Right after Hurricane Dorian devastated Hope Town he was helping to get a generator for my brother and he and Barb contributed generously to help my brother and his family recover from their loss of their home and business. Helping others was what they do. Bill created a legacy of service, family and friendship and I am grateful for my memories of him and his family.

David Wilhoyte - April 25, 2022 at 11:16 AM

BB

“ *Worked at Pratt&Whitney with Bill but in a different group. Went sailing many time on his C&C 25 both pleasure and racing. Spent many hours with him and his family. Helped a little bit building his first plane. Was always welcomed as a member.*

Ben Brooks - April 25, 2022 at 09:11 AM



“ *2 files added to the album Memories Album*



Enrique Carrasco - April 24, 2022 at 05:53 PM

JF

“ *My forever friend, William Perry,
I remember a brilliant, courageous, joy filled heart dedicated to family, friends and equality. I know an expressive Soul that radiates Universal Truth, the Great I Am. Through union with this he created a world of abundant love, everlasting Truth and life rich with meaning for all who knew him.
In gratitude, I am amazed and blessed that I shared my life with you!
Jean (Malecki) Friedland*

Jean (Malecki) Friedland - April 24, 2022 at 02:29 PM