



## William C. Van Keuren

February 25, 1935 - February 11, 2017

### WILLIAM CHARLES VAN KEUREN

Bill Van Keuren, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and friend, passed peacefully on February 11, 2017. He was born February 25, 1935, the only child to Robert and Mildred Van Keuren of Worcester, MA. Bill graduated from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1956 with a bachelors degree in Electrical Engineering. He then began his 37 year engineering career for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft in East Hartford, CT, as a Project Engineer and Program Manager for Mature Engines. The family relocated to Florida in 1976.

Bill is survived by his devoted and loving wife of 57 years, Dorothy, and their children William D. and Alexandra Van Keuren (daughter Elizabeth), Peter S. and Kimberly Van Keuren (daughter Lindsay and son Steven), Robert S. and Sandra Van Keuren (sons Christopher, Matthew, and Aaron, grandson Jackson), Susan F. and David Parrish (sons David and Thomas), Debra L. and Robert Gassaway (sons Michael and Adam) and James C. and Monique Van Keuren (son Caleb).

Bill was an avid Boston Red Sox fan his entire life. As a young boy, Bill was involved in scouting and later joined the U. S. Air Force, as an adult, serving his country. From youth throughout his life he had many hobbies, including building models, drawing, developing his photos in his darkroom, woodworking, and tinkering with electronics. As a young man, he proudly

restored a 1931 Ford Model A with which he drove his wife from their wedding reception to their life together.

Bill enjoyed people and had a gift of building lasting relationships with everyone he met. He maintained close ties with his high school buddies, college friends, and Pratt family.

Bill always loved history and exposed his children to numerous, educational and historical vacations while living in New England. As a Floridian, he enjoyed a new hobby, boating, which provided numerous new memories for he and his family.

After retiring in 1993, Bill and Dorothy enjoyed traveling both domestically and abroad. He had visited 47 different countries, by air, land and sea. He and Dorothy surprised their children and their families with two trips of a lifetime, weeklong cruises to, as he put it, "Build lasting memories."

He continually attended his grandchildren's various sporting and academic events throughout their lives. Bill was a lifelong learner and reader. He was an artist who created carvings and free hand paintings. He bought his first computer after retiring which kept him occupied. He also set out to learn the game of golf, in order to spend time with his sons. He enjoyed weekly golf outings with friends and breakfast with his friends and former Pratt colleagues. Eternally the engineer, he always had a project underway and continually developed solutions to any problem he encountered.

Bill will be missed by everyone who was fortunate enough to be in his life.

A visitation will be held 5:00-8:00 p.m. Thursday, February 16 at Taylor-Modeen Funeral Home in Jupiter, FL. A funeral service will be held Friday, February 17, at 11:00 a.m. also at Taylor-Modeen, followed by burial at Riverside Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers the family has asked that you consider donations in his name to St. Jude Children's Hospital

# Tribute Wall



“ *William C. Van Keuren*

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



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DF

“ I've never been more proud to be his daughter as I am after seeing what an impact my Dad has made in the community and in the lives of his family and friends. Thanks to everyone for your heartfelt messages, visits, food, prayers, flowers, donations to St. Jude's Children's Research, etc. We really enjoyed being surrounded by you all in these past few weeks. We miss him more than we could ever have believed but his loving spirit lives on in all of us. My family and I appreciate your love and support.

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**Debbie Gassaway - Tampa, FL - February 21, 2017 at 12:00 AM**

SF

“ Dearest Sue & Family, Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you & your family at this difficult time. May your beautiful memories of your Dad keep him alive in your heart. Sending love & sympathy, Sharon & Duke Barwick

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**Sharon Barwick - Jupiter, FL - Friend - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM**

EG

“ GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN  
One Saturday God's angels  
came  
And took Grampie far away  
But, in the stillness of the night  
As I sat and prayed  
I could almost hear him say  
Dear Elizabeth, I will miss you  
You mean so much to me  
But Jesus called me to his side  
In Heaven I will be  
A place of great beauty  
No tears or cares  
Only peace, joy, and happiness forever  
And love beyond compare  
So remember all the good times  
Don't think about the sad  
Treasure all the special moments  
Through all the years we've all always had  
And if you trust in Jesus  
I can promise this and even more  
You'll receive a hug from Grampie  
Someday on Heavens Golden Shore  
And don't forget go Red Sox and I love you Grampie  
Written by Elizabeth Van Keuren 2/15/17

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**Elizabeth Van Keuren - Jupiter, FL - Grandchild - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM**

JF

“ *My condolences go out to the entire VanKeuren Family. Bill's legacy will live on through his children and grandchildren.*

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**jon wainwright - West Palm Beach, FL - Family Friend** - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

WC

“ *I was saddened by the news of Bill's passing when I heard it from the other members of the P&W Tuesday breakfast group. I worked for Bill for many years and as a boss was one of the better ones I worked for, honest, straight, pleasant and a good friend and mentor. Our pleasant conversations will be missed.*

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**William Guevremont - Jupiter, FL - Coworker** - February 16, 2017 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Bill was a great friend. In my wedding party and we doubled dated with the girls in high school. Golfed with him the last few years and exchanged fond memories. We will miss him.*

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**Jane and Frank DeFalco - Worcester and Naples, FL - Friend** - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *What a full, happy life he lead.. I am very sorry to the family for such a heartfelt loss. May many memories resurface at this time to provide some support & reminiscence of such a wonderful man.*

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**Karen Hunt - Jupiter, FL - Friend** - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *your family is truly blessed to have had such a strong loving father to look up to and have wonderful memories to share for many years to come. He will always be close to you in your hearts*

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**Mary West - Jupiter, FL - Friend** - February 15, 2017 at 12:00 AM