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Dad led by action & example, not words. "Bill" was strong, independent, thoughtful, humble & very private.

Born in a coal mining town in WV, he grew up very poor. After serving in the

Air Force, he put himself through college & went on to run the auditing agency at Macdill Airforce Base In Tampa, FL for 35 years, never missing a single day of work.

He lived his life with a great sense of gratitude & was an excellent judge of character. The only things he was intolerant of were laziness & disrespect. He had a great sense of humor and regularly gave me grief for wearing ripped jeans.

His first 82 years of life were lived in perfect health - no illness, disease or hospital visits.

His final year in 2016 was turbulent. Yet he remained strong & vigilant through it all, fighting a long & difficult battle with amazing fortitude.

He was a blessing in my life, and to the lives of all his family, friends & neighbors.

I am so proud of you, Dad. Rest in peace.



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With Love & Gratitude,
Barbara



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Violet Stroud posted:

We were fortunate to meet Bill in 1997 when he and our friend Jan came to visit us in Virginia Beach. Bill was attending a business conference at Langley. When we first met Bill, he was so very quite and a man of few words. Through our friendship of almost thirty years, we learned that though Bill was not always talking, when he had something to say...it was worth listening to. He had a knack for putting life's challenges into the proper perspective. We came to appreciate his dry sense of humor and enjoyed so many laughs. He was truly a wonderful friend to so many and we will miss miss him. Mac and Violet Stroud Virginia Beach, VA

October 17 at 4:03 AM



Jennie Keller posted:

Charles "Bill" Barrass was a man of a few words, and as a career Auditor, truth lay in numbers. So, what can I say in a few words to truthfully sum up my dear friend Bill's life. Immediately, a story from the Bible emerged. Jesus and some of His disciples were standing among a group of people for a man's entombment. A disciple asked: "Master, what do you say of this man?" The Lord said: "What do these here that knew him say?" The disciple replied: "They say he was a good and kind man." Our Lord replied: "Then, I say the same." The sum of a man's life in just seven (7) words -----He was a good and kind man. May this be truly said of each one of us as our thoughts, words and actions proceed ahead of us into eternal life. Jennie Keller

October 16 at 10:28 AM



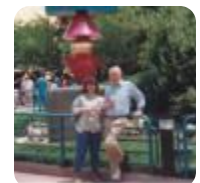
A Haemmerlie posted:

Barbara - We were saddened to hear of your dad's passing. He and our dad shared a wonderful friendship over the years. Dad would often tell us stories about your dad's no-nonsense approach at work. When Bill asked a question, there were three - and only three - possible answers. Yes, No, or I Don't Know. No long, round-about explanations...just a simple, concise answer. To this day, that still makes us smile. Sending caring thoughts, Annette Farinola Haemmerlie Carolyn Farinola Cretkos

October 12 at 2:09 PM



Jan Costello Johnson shared an album called **New Album Name**.



October 12 at 2:28 AM



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Jan Costello Johnson lit a candle in honor of Charles.



Bill Barrass -- a vital, sustaining part of my heart and a lifetime friend...he leaves behind wonderful memories of a quiet man with a love for the Lord, his family, and his country. His integrity, wisdom, generous spirit, and love of music—especially choral and gospel—reflected his gratitude for life's opportunities and brought him great joy. Bill was always willing and available to research a good answer to a challenging issue, giving great care to ensuring his "findings" were timely provided to those who asked! He could always find a path through difficulty -for someone else's benefit. His clever, dry-wit, and sense of humor will be missed by all that knew him... he was a blessing and a great encouragement. Until we meet again, Mr. B...love and thanks to you, Jan

October 12 at 2:07 AM



Jan Costello Johnson October 5 at 2:55 PM

Love and appreciation from Jan on this 1st year anniversary of your leaving this world for heaven. Thank you, Mr. B. 10-5-17



George Migliore posted:

On behalf of the entire staff of Boza & Roel Funeral Home please accept our sincere condolences.

October 6 at 8:06 AM



Media

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Jan Costello Johnson shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

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Friends Jan & Bill --a day in the park!



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Charles by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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