



William E. Riggs,

May 8, 2014

William E. Riggs (83) of Lancaster passed away following an extended illness on May 6, 2014 with his loving, devoted wife, Marie, by his side.

Bill was born in Canton, PA in August, 1930 and was the son of the late Donald and Frances Riggs. He graduated from Canton, Jr-Sr High School in 1948 and spent many years of his life in Canton where he met and married Anne Marie Landon and raised his family. He owned and operated a communications service Business for 25 years and in 1983 he sold the business and began a new career in Washington, DC working in the radio department for Potomac Electric Power Company (Pepco). Upon retirement in 1998, Bill and Marie returned to Pennsylvania and settled in Lancaster. In addition to enjoying their retirement years, Bill returned to work in 2005-2014 for Lancaster County's 911 Communications Center.

Bill loved life to the fullest and remained active throughout his entire life. Outside of work Bill enjoyed, first and foremost, his family and spending time with his wife, Marie. They were blessed with 65 years of marriage and 9 children. He enjoyed traveling and participating in numerous hobbies including gardening, carpentry and watching the Phillies. Bill was a self-taught man who enjoyed learning new things and remained current in his field of expertise throughout his entire life. Bill was a Ham Radio operator, obtained his first license in 1946, and held the Advanced Extra Class license. He also achieved

his private pilot's license in the early 1970's and he and Marie made numerous flights throughout the region. He faced all of life's challenges including his final days with a quiet, calm, resolve. He is predeceased by his father and mother and youngest son, Jimmy. He will be lovingly remember by his wife, Marie and his children: Larry Riggs of Canton, PA, Mary Ann (Rick) Gorman of Waverly, NY, Linda (Tom) Miller of Lock Haven, PA, Stephen (Jana) Riggs of Bowie, MD, John (Janie) Riggs of Canton, PA, Christine (Gary) Andrewlavage of Elizabethtown, PA, William (Sheila) Riggs of Canton, PA, Susan (Clint) Zohner of Lebanon, PA; his 19 grandchildren and 12 Great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, May 10, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. at The Groffs Family Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., 528 W. Orange Street (corner of Orange and Pine Sts.) Lancaster, PA 17603 with the Reverend Donald LeMaster officiating. The family will greet friends from 11:00 a.m. until time of service. Private family interment in Park Cemetery, Canton, PA.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Bill's name to: Hospice & Community Care, 4075 Old Harrisburg Pike, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or by visiting their website at: www.pathways@hospicecommunity.org or to: ALS Association Philadelphia Chapter, 321 Norristown Road, Suite 260, Ambler, PA or by visiting their website at www.alsphiladelphia.org/donation.

Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Riggs,*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Just heard of Bill's passing. Worked with him at Pepco on a ton of jobs...what a great guy. Always calm & collected. Great sense of humour & a sharp radio tech to boot. He was well liked by everyone here & was missed everyday since he retired.*

Sorry for your loss.

Regards.

Tim

Pepco Radio Shop

Tim Humphreys - August 12, 2014 at 09:40 AM

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“ Growing up in the Riggs family was a true blessing for all of us! We were so fortunate to have you as our Dad, our fearless leader who taught all of us what it's like to be a kind, gentle, reliable, live life with honor and also you gave me my special sense of humor! You and Mom are such special people for anyone who knew you (and Mom)! I have so many memories of lessons you taught me with your steadfast guidance! One of things I remember that I didn't like was when you took your teeth out and chased me! haha! Or when you would tickle me and it really hurt! But in my many times of need when I was younger, and not always on the right path, I would call you and Mom, and you were always there. You came to help me, no matter what time of the day it was and how busy you may have been. You and Mom should be poster "people" of what it means to have a great marriage and family. I try to live my life similar to what you two did, and you and Mom are my role models and my heros! I'm sorry that you ended up with ALS...I really beleived you would live until you were 100 because you were always so healthy and active. I hope and pray they can do more for people with this disease. I will miss you so much Dad and I promise you all of us with be there for Mom. Love and miss you dearly, Sue

Sue Zohner - May 12, 2014 at 07:47 AM

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“ Very much enjoyed our time working together at LCWC Bill. You taught us all many things. Enjoyed hearing stories about your family. I know you always looked forward to family get togethers. You will be missed!

Bob Moyer
KB3YWY

Robert Moyer - May 10, 2014 at 06:02 PM

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“ You taught me a lot old man. Your years of expertise, gentle demeanor and your special sense of humor will be something that can never be replaced.

I will miss you old pal.

73 de N3ATS

Steve Weiss - May 09, 2014 at 01:09 PM

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“ A kind, gentle man who's actions spoke louder than his soft spoken words. Knowing him was a blessing.

Laura Hoppe - May 08, 2014 at 04:45 PM