



## William "Bill" Bourgeois

April 11, 1932 - October 28, 2021

We celebrate the life of Bill Bourgeois - husband, dad, grandpa, Navy veteran, golfer, air traffic controller ...

Born in Lawrence, MA in 1932 and a graduate of the Edward F. Searle High School in Methuen, MA in 1950 - Bill was the captain of the football team and a three-letterman excelling in football, basketball, and baseball. As a senior, he was awarded the Andrew Haldane trophy given to the student whose outstanding sportsmanship and all round scholastic excellence and friendship merited the award - qualities that resonated throughout his 89 years. He attended Northeastern University and played freshman football for their team.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy spending the next 21 years on active duty, retiring as an Air Traffic Controller Senior Chief and followed by 20 years in the FAA as a Flight Service Specialist. After retiring from the FAA, Bill would be found almost every day at the golf course either working or joining a foursome with friends. A loving grandpa, he adored his four grandchildren - traveling all over the country and the world to spend time with them.

He is survived by his wife of sixty-seven years, Ann; daughter Nadine and

husband Stephen of New York, NY; his son Paul and wife Libby of Orlando, FL; four beloved grandchildren: Meaghan, Susan, Katherine, and Liam; brother Rick and wife Peggy of Tyngsborough, MA; and many loving nieces and nephews.

A Funeral Mass will be held at 11:00am, Thursday, November 11, 2021 - Bill and Ann's 67th wedding anniversary - at Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church in Apex, NC, with a period for reflections at 10:45am. The family requests those attending mass wear a mask to prevent the spread of COVID-19. In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution in Bill's name to a charitable organization of your choice.

The Funeral Mass will be lived streamed on St. Andrew's website. A link will be provided here on the day of the service. The service will be lived streamed at [https://youtu.be/eske\\_W3eTXU](https://youtu.be/eske_W3eTXU)

# Cemetery Details

## St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church Columbarium

3008 Old Raleigh Rd  
Apex, NC 27502

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

NOV 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

CL

“ Bill will always be remembered for the great man that he was. I had the pleasure of knowing him and Ms. Ann since I was in grade school. I am now a 40 year old mom of three. They were a beautiful example to many of a loving and devout couple. I am grateful for the many special occasions that we shared and the many things I learned from them. May he rest eternally in peace. He will be received with open arms in God's kingdom. 💕💕



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**carolynn lawley** - January 06, 2022 at 10:08 AM

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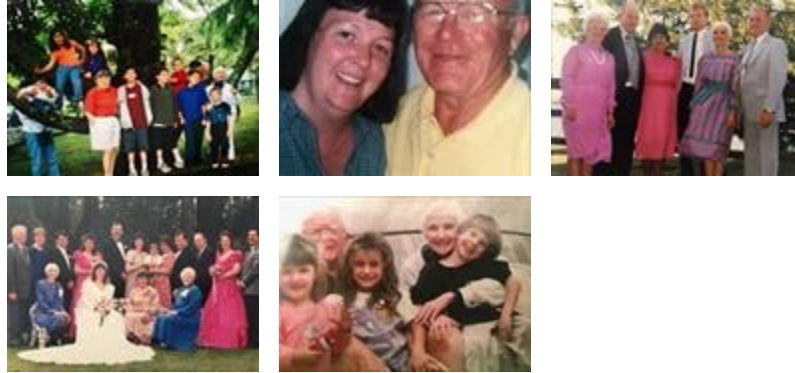
*Just learned of Bill's passing. The Shea family loved him and will pray for his eternal rest with Our Lord. The next time we get to visit The Saint Michael the Archangel columbarium, Where Jeff is inurned, and visit St Andrew also. Pax, Bourgeois family. 🕊️🕊️❤️❤️*

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**Louanne and Chrissy Shea** - July 23, 2022 at 07:04 PM

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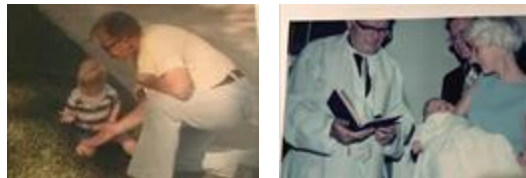
“ Wonderful family photos provided by David Walsh and Mary Coveney. xoxo



N B - November 09, 2021 at 01:35 PM

MW

“ We have known Ann and Bill for 47 yrs! They are the godparents of my youngest son, Andy. We lived across the street from them in the '70s. Our 3 boys really entertained them. Ann,Bill,Nadine &Paul were so patient with all of our rascals'. We have moved many times but if we were within visiting distance we always managed to get together. Even in NJ they would stop by on their way to visit Nadine in NYC and when we retired in New Bern they always stopped by on their way to Cherry Point and in turn we would visit them in Cary and them in Cambridge Village. We will really miss Bill but we will continue our visits with Ann and our gab-fest!!!



martha ann wright - November 07, 2021 at 11:05 AM

PB

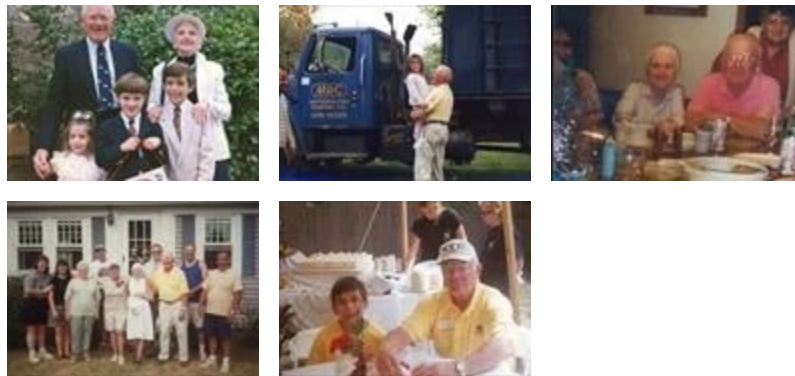
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Paul Bourgeois - November 06, 2021 at 11:44 AM

DW

“ We were so lucky to live near Uncle Bill and Aunt Ann for a couple of years while Steve was in graduate school at UNC. We moved down there with three young kids and it was so nice to know we had family close by. Uncle Bill would happily pick us up at the airport when we needed a ride and he and Aunt Ann were always ready to lend a hand. They really were surrogate grandparents for Dan, Jon and Adriana the two years we lived in North Carolina.



Donna Walsh - November 04, 2021 at 04:57 PM

SM

“ Dear Ann,

*I am so sorry to hear of the death of your beloved Bill. You two certainly lived out your vows to “love and honor” till death do you part. You were an example to many. I feel sure the St. Andrew’s parish to which you dedicated yourself for decades, will be a strong and loving support in this difficult time. God Bless You. Sandra.*



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**Sandra Malkovsky** - November 04, 2021 at 05:22 AM

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**N B** - November 03, 2021 at 07:38 AM

SL

“ Ann,  
As we attended St Andrews, I was very impressed with the feeling that you admired each other. Your admiration for each other was outstanding. William was always at your side and he admired you. My prediction is he is in heaven awaitng your arrival when the time comes. He will be there at the gates awaiting your arrival.  
He will be there waiting for you at the gates of heaven waiting for you join him in heaven waiting to continue your side by side admiration of each other.

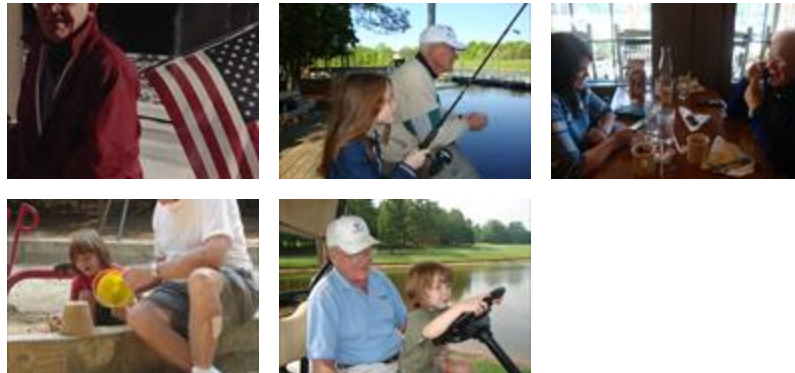


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**Stanley Lucas** - November 02, 2021 at 09:11 AM

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**N B** - November 02, 2021 at 08:29 AM

MH

“ *Mr. Bourgeois will be deeply missed in our community. His love for his family and his precious wife, Ann will always be remembered here at Cambridge. Sending love and prayers to all during this difficult time.*

*Sincerely, Melissa Hicks*

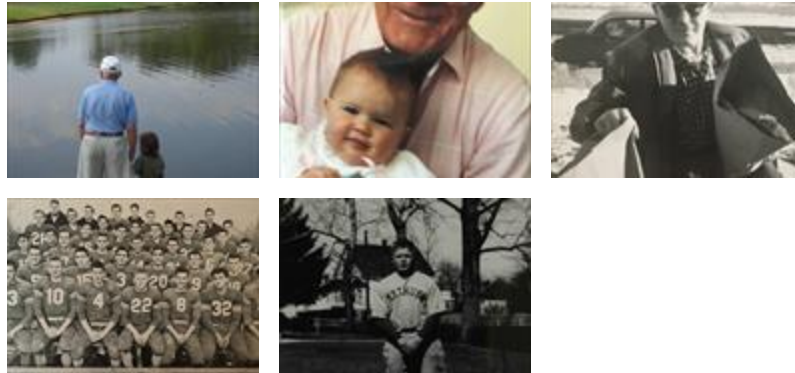


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**Melissa Hicks** - November 01, 2021 at 11:33 AM

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**N B** - November 01, 2021 at 06:19 AM

MB

“ 6 files added to the tribute wall



Meaghan Bourgeois - October 31, 2021 at 07:56 PM

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“ 3 files added to the album Memories Album



N B - October 31, 2021 at 11:13 AM



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Wake Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc. - October 31, 2021 at 10:49 AM