



## William Kelly Fahey

November 12, 1928 - June 10, 2018

Bill Fahey, age 89, of Longwood passed away peacefully June 10, 2018, surrounded by his family. Born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 12, 1928 to Charles and Elizabeth Fahey, he was the fourth of ten children.

He is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Pearl.

Preceded in death by brothers Charles O'Fahey and Richard Fahey and son Jeffrey Fahey; survived by sisters and brother Sister Miriam Daniel (Jeanne) Fahey, Kathleen Horton (Phillip), Barbara Chase (Vern), Patricia Fahey (Tom), Daniel Fahey (Mary), Anne Sheaff (Joe), and Virginia (Jinna) Fahey; children William Fahey Jr.(Val), James Fahey (Brenda), Elizabeth Renninger, Marguerite Fahey, Jennifer Peterson (Mark), and Maureen Bloomingdale (Jack); and 27 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren, and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

Bill and Pearl moved to Sweetwater Oaks in 1974 when he began working at Tupperware International. He retired in 1993 as V.P. of New Products. Affectionately known as the "Mayor" of Sweetwater Oaks, he served for many years on the community board. Bill was a life-long Rotarian and Paul Harris Fellow. He was a founding member of Annunciation Catholic Church, where he ran the Fall Festival Auction for many years. He most recently founded the "lovable legends of Longwood Starbucks."

A leader in our community who was a friend to many, he will be sorely missed by all.

Arrangements will be handled by DeGusipe Funeral Home, Maitland.

A funeral mass will be held at Annunciation Catholic Church on June 18, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be sent to:

Sisters of the Holy Names, P.O. Box 907, Los Gatos, CA 95031  
or Rotary International: <https://my.rotary.org/en/donate>

William Kelly

# Events

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**JUN 17 Visitation 05:00PM - 07:00PM**  
DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel  
9001 N. Orlando Avenue, Maitland, FL, US, 32751

**JUN 17 Prayer Service 06:00PM**  
DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - Maitland Chapel  
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**JUN 18 Funeral Mass 10:00AM**  
Annunciation Catholic Church  
1020 Montgomery Rd., Altamonte Springs, FL, US, 32714

# Comments

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“ Thank you to all who attended my Dad's funeral earlier this week! If you were not able to be there, I hope you will enjoy his eulogy:

A Eulogy for William Kelly Fahey, Sr.

God has called my Dad home. If she has a sense of humor, that call sounded like Ella Fitzgerald singing: “Won’t you come home, Bill Fahey, ... won’t you come home?” Wonderful music to my Dad’s ears. Another song and dance.

Dad was a lover. He wedded Pearl Hofer 67 years ago. Their marriage was the typical union of a Leprechaun and a beautiful Teutonic battle maiden: Magic, fireworks, and drama: Blessed by 7 children; 27 grandchildren; and 9 (soon to be 10) great-grandchildren.

Dad was Irish. He rode the Irish diaspora, relocating far from his birthplace and close relatives. Growing up in Cleveland and Oakland, California, and wedding Pearl in 1951. Then, for two decades, Dad serially relocated our growing family through Northern and Southern California, Hawaii and Wisconsin, finally settling in Longwood, Florida in 1974.

Dad was a family man. His descendants live in several states and 2 foreign countries. He was happiest when he could be with family, and grieved that he could not live close to all his family. But he was blessed to have more than 20 close family members living just a few miles away, and many at his bedside when he departed this Earth.

Dad was an extrovert. He drew energy from simple everyday interactions. His restaurant server, nurse or barber could tell he cared. He knew everyone’s name. If you were fortunate enough to be sitting near him in a public place, you became his friend—you had no choice!

Dad was strong. A genuine United States Marine. A titan of industry, with opinions that mattered to the brass at Tupperware International. A trusted advisor, on whom you could always depend. He was a patriarch with a kind and steady hand.

Dad was an amazing storyteller. I will forever treasure the year I lived with my Dad’s mother, Grandma Lib, who would often embellish a wonderful telling of a story with, “and to make a long story longer.” I know she inspired him to be the compelling storyteller he was, a true magician and raconteur.

Dad was a generous provider. Looking back, although we were far from rich, I never lacked any material needs. In the early 1960s, my Dad framed a magazine ad on his garage workbench that read: “Dad, can I have \$10,000 for college?” Sounds crazy today, when that won’t even buy a semester, but I always knew my Dad would help me reach for the stars, if I was willing.

Dad was wise. As a college undergraduate, I couldn't decide what I wanted to be when I grew up. I drifted from one major to another, with good grades in mostly everything but no passion. When I told Dad I wanted to be a lawyer, he said there were already TOO MANY lawyers. But when I told him there were not enough GOOD lawyers, he smiled.

Dad was a leader. He was a founding member of this beautiful church, and worked tirelessly over the years to raise money to help it thrive. He led his neighborhood as the honorary mayor of Sweetwater Oaks, making sure that the grounds looked their best. He was a major force in his Rotary Club, throwing his whole self into all their activities and good works. Everything he touched, he made better.

Dad was a true friend. From his family, to his co-workers, to the "lovable legends of Longwood Starbucks," to the guy sitting next to him on the plane. He always reached out to others and met them more than half-way. I'm not surprised that his friendship touched the lives of every person in this huge church. That's the kind of guy he was. His heart was big enough for all of us.

I know that, like me, you will all miss my Dad. But he had a great run. He lived a full life. And he left a lasting legacy in all of us. As we say goodbye, I know that God is singing: "Bill Fahey, won't you please come home!"

William Fahey - June 22, 2018 at 07:09 PM

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“ This morning while attending mass I unexpectedly heard Bill's name mentioned as being recently deceased. As such I wanted to take a moment to share a few fond memories of Bill.

I met Bill after being appointed to the Code Enforcement Board and I sat next to Bill for several years while he was the Vice Chair. I remember first meeting him while attending my very first meeting and him shaking my hand and handing me a business card identifying himself as 'The 'Mayor' of Sweetwater Oaks in Seminole County. I looked at him puzzled and said, "I didn't know Sweetwater had a Mayor..??" He smiled and said, "Yep, that's me. I'm the FIRST one they've ever had and the ONLY one they will ever have" with a grin. Later did I learn he was an early pioneer of the Sweetwater community and highly respected by the community, thus the adorned title. A title he obviously earned.

I soon became very acquainted with him over the next several years and got to know him to be a true gentleman who always had a smile on his face. And for all those Respondents that came in front of him for various code violations... he was a very gracious and forgiving person who would almost always vote to reduce or remove any fines as long as he thought you were truly trying your best to fix whatever the problem was.

As he mentored me on the Board during those formative years he would tell me to always remember one thing... "This position isn't about 'fining' or 'not fining' people,

it's simply about gaining compliance". And to this date I try to share that same thought and philosophy as I try to emulate his humble standard.

He will be truly missed. May he rest in peace.

Dennis Warren, Chairman, Seminole Co. Code Enforcement Board

dennis warren - June 17, 2018 at 12:58 PM

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“ 7 files added to the tribute wall



James & Libby Osborne - June 16, 2018 at 03:16 PM

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“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of William Kelly Fahey.



June 15, 2018 at 06:14 PM

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“ 81 files added to the album LifeTributes



DeGusipe Funeral Home & Crematory - June 15, 2018 at 11:23 AM

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“ Rod Stevens, Chris Brownlee, John Engelke purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Kelly Fahey.



Rod Stevens, Chris Brownlee, John Engelke - June 14, 2018 at 03:22 PM

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“ Jeff & Glenda Wahl purchased the Full Of Love Bouquet for the family of William Kelly Fahey.



Jeff & Glenda Wahl - June 14, 2018 at 02:33 PM

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“ I remember Bill always passing out business cards. He ha a card for every deed you could think of. I'm sure he's using the one stating " keeper of the pearly gates" now. We'll all see him again one day. It was an honor to know him.

Bruce Peterson - June 14, 2018 at 10:29 AM

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“ Bill Fahey was a great story teller in true Irish sense. He was part of the story . . First : I visited the Tupperware Headquarters in Great Orlando, Florida before his retirement. I arrived at main reception desk asked for William Fahey . The young woman say " I never see him around " then down the long hallway come Mr. Fahey . She was shocked that he actual around. Second story was his fundraiser for his Church as a auctioneer and seem be excellent one. He at one those Fall Auction he wanted to raise more \$\$\$ for his parish. He donation a outdoor patio table , four chairs plus (I sure Umbrella top) . He say need a little help from his daughters who was in back large Hall in different locations . As auction bidders raise more \$\$\$ only end up buying his own table set back. He say that was highlight for particular year . RIP Cousin Bill. Tim & Janet Kelley.

Tim Kelley - June 13, 2018 at 11:47 PM

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“ Loving Grace was purchased for the family of William Kelly Fahey.



June 13, 2018 at 12:03 PM

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“ 5 files added to the tribute wall



**Chuck Horton** - June 12, 2018 at 08:23 PM

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“ 5 files added to the album Uncle Bill



**Chuck Horton** - June 12, 2018 at 07:21 PM

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“ Al And Niki Maioriello lit a candle in memory of William Kelly Fahey



**Al and Niki Maioriello** - June 12, 2018 at 07:44 AM