



William Henry (Bill) Heap

April 27, 1936 - January 25, 2023

William Henry (Bill) Heap, 86, was called to Heaven on Jan 25, 2023. He was born in Boston Ma April 27, 1936, to William and Margaret Heap. He was the eldest of 8 children and grew up in Boston. He served in the National Guard for four years. In 1955, he married Elizabeth (Bette) Kirk, and they raised 5 children. He was preceded in death by Bette in 1996 and relocated to Atlanta, Ga.

Bill moved back to Florida and married Diane in 1999 where they settled in Apopka. Bill is survived by his wife Diane, children Cheryl-Ann Bork, (Dale), Lisa Laur, Lynn Brownsword, Lee-Ann Bryant, (Tim), William Heap Jr, and stepson, Sterling Baker, (Liz), sister Margie O'Keefe and brother Robert Heap., as well as 16 grandchildren and 21 great-grandchildren.

Bill spent most of his career with Nestle Foods, after relocating to Florida in 1966 as distributor specialist for the state of Florida. He served on the Board of Directors for Florida Tobacco and Candy Association and the Longwood Rotary Club. Prior to moving to Florida, Bill was sales manager for Family Publications, a division of Life Magazine.

He was a member of St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church where he served for many years in the Bereavement Ministry. His compassion and gentle manner provided comfort and guidance to those who sought his help in coping with the loss of a loved one.

Bill placed great value on family and always had a kind word and a smile for everyone, especially children. He worked tirelessly for his own children and

helped to care for numerous foster babies over a period of years.

In speaking of Bill, people always remark that he was a true gentleman, as well as a dynamic and fun-loving man who could always make someone laugh. He had a great lust for life. He loved dancing, traveling the world on cruises, reading, going to the movies, and just talking to people. Bill was truly a man who “never met a stranger.” He will be greatly missed but his memory will live on forever in our hearts.

A funeral service will be held on Thursday Feb. 9, 2023, at 1:00 pm at St. Mary Magdalen Catholic Church, 861 Maitland Ave, Altamonte Springs, Fl. A reception will follow the service at Venue on Lake Lilly (Maitland Civic Center), 641 Maitland Ave S., Maitland, FL.

Bill’s family asks that all who knew Bill come together to cherish his life and share loving memories of this remarkable man.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Alzheimer’s Association in memory of William Heap.

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

FEB 9. 1:00 PM (ET)

St Mary Magdalen Catholic Church
861 Maitland Avenue
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701
(407) 831-1212
<http://www.stmarymagdalen.org>

Reception

FEB 9. 2:30 PM (ET)

Maitland Civic Center
641 South Maitland Avenue
Maitland, FL 32751

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Lee-ann Bryant lit a candle in memory of William Henry (Bill) Heap*



Lee-ann Bryant - April 27, 2023 at 09:22 AM

DI

“ *My dearest Bill,
I haven't been able to write anything until now, and even now it is difficult. It's been a bit more than two weeks now that you have been gone, yet I still keep expecting to hear your voice or see you as I walk into a room. I keep asking myself how it is possible I won't dance with my wonderful husband again, or hear you sing to me. But I will always hear your voice in my heart and dance with you in my dreams.*

Yesterday was your funeral, and we tried to give you the service you would like. We chose your favorite hymns and your grandsons Ruel Kevin and Blake did the readings, and Michael led the prayers. Dale gave you a wonderful eulogy and spoke about you with sincere respect and some humor. He even called you Dudley. Billy wore his kilts and offered a heartfelt and beautiful tribute to you.

You were the guest of honor at the reception. We tried to make it a celebration of you, complete with the white linen tablecloths you always liked. You always told me that anything you do, do it with class. Everyone shared their favorite stories about you. I got to meet and hold your 21st great- grandchild Henry and I gave him a big kiss from his Pop-Pop.

I'm counting on you to give me the strength I will need to go on. You always told me that even after you were gone you would always watch over me. But we never imagined that time would come so soon. So keep watching over me darling, and know that I am always your loving wife.

*I love you,
Diane*

Diane - February 10, 2023 at 03:57 PM

DI

“ *Diane lit a candle in memory of William Heap*



Diane - February 10, 2023 at 03:24 PM

LB

“ *Lisa Brosnan lit a candle in memory of William Heap*



Lisa Brosnan - February 10, 2023 at 01:12 PM

CB

“ *Cheryl-Ann Bork lit a candle in memory of William Henry (Bill) Heap*



Cheryl-Ann Bork - February 10, 2023 at 12:39 AM

CB

“Dad. Today was a new memory, not one most people would cherish but I will. Today was your Funeral Service, the closing of another chapter of your beautiful life. So many people came. You are so loved and respected by so many. I listened to stories, prayers and your favorite hymns. I started to fall apart during your most favorite hymn, “He Lives”, but I have to be strong. The Sun shown through the church windows and I felt the warmth like a hug. I was ok again. I know you are ok, better than ok. You are in heaven where there is no suffering and pain, only love and joy. Therefore, I’m ok. As we scrolled through over 2000 pictures of your life, you were always smiling. That’s how I will always remember you. My most favorite memory, dancing on your toes as a little girl as you sang a song with your beautiful voice. You worked hard, loved harder and gave to so many. So now, Dad, rest in peace knowing you are so loved and will live forever in our hearts. I won’t say Good-bye. This has gone on long enough. In fact, it’s after midnight now. The next day. I can hear you say, Cheryl-Ann, it’s time to come in now. You are past your curfew. So I will say Good night and I love you.

Cheryl-Ann Bork - February 10, 2023 at 12:29 AM



“Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Henry (Bill) Heap.



February 08, 2023 at 08:49 AM

BW

“ Brian, Kermyonne, and Daisy Wood. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Henry (Bill) Heap.



Brian, Kermyonne, and Daisy Wood. - February 06, 2023 at 08:53 PM



“ Maria Bryant lit a candle in memory of William Henry (Bill) Heap



Maria Bryant - February 04, 2023 at 04:45 PM



“ Pop Pop what an amazing man you were! The stories I tell about you intrigue everyone. I miss you so much already, but I know you're up there watching over me. I feel you with me and it makes me smile, I have my memories that also make me smile. I'll be seeing you again Pop Pop and I hope to hear, " Here comes trouble.”

Maria Bryant - February 04, 2023 at 04:44 PM

RE

“ Pop pops grandchildren: have all worn a laffy taffy shirt... lol.



Rene - February 03, 2023 at 03:49 PM

RE

“ Rene lit a candle in memory of William Heap



Rene - February 03, 2023 at 03:14 PM

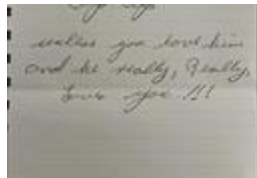
RE

“ Pop pop, I will always and forever be apart of the clean plate club...
love you

Rene - February 03, 2023 at 03:13 PM

AB

“ Pop-pop's advice lives forever on my fridge. Love you Pop-pop see
you soon ❤️



Andrea Bryant - February 03, 2023 at 08:43 AM

LB

“ Dad showed his love with song and dance. Dance with all your love
ones dad!

Lee-ann Bryant - February 02, 2023 at 04:26 PM

LB

“ *Lee-ann Bryant Aka Bup lit a candle in memory of William Henry (Bill) Heap*



Lee-ann Bryant aka Bup - January 31, 2023 at 12:41 PM

PH

“ *Sending my deepest sympathy and love to Lee-Ann and your entire family. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Love, Peggy Hadermann

Peggy Hadermann - January 31, 2023 at 11:27 AM

RL

*Diane and Family, so very sorry for your loss.
Rita Layson*

Rita Layson - February 02, 2023 at 07:41 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Henry (Bill) Heap.*



January 30, 2023 at 08:13 PM