



William Samuel Marquis

October 14, 1946 - April 22, 2018

William Samuel (“Bill”) Marquis, born October 14, 1946, in Buffalo, NY, went to be with the Lord on April 22, 2018.

Bill was the son of the late Rev. Dr. William H. and Gwendolyn Bevis Marquis. He grew up in Hazelwood, NC, where he was a Boy Scout and member of Hazelwood Presbyterian Church. In his teens, the family moved to Jacksonville, FL, where he graduated from Andrew Jackson High School and Florida Junior College at Jacksonville. In Jacksonville, he married his wife, Margaret Stradley, on July 25, 1969.

Bill and Margaret moved to Montreat, NC, and later to Black Mountain, NC, where he was active in church work and with the Boy Scouts. He worked for several companies in the area and then earned a BS in business administration from the University of North Carolina at Asheville. He served as a District Executive for Boy Scouts of America. He was active in the Black Mountain-Swannanoa Kiwanis Club and in church activities.

Bill was always interested in outdoor activities (hiking and camping) and during the Bicentennial of the American Revolution, he became a living history reenactor, joining the North Carolina Highland Regiment. Over a period of more than 30 years, he demonstrated military skills and period woodworking and taught in classes from the elementary through college levels. He worked as a movie extra, armorer, and/or props specialist on sixteen films, including

Last of the Mohicans.

In 2008, he and Margaret moved to Ocoee, FL. He served as secretary and then president of the West Orange Kiwanis Club. He was an active elder at Ocoee Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

He is survived by his wife of almost 49 years, Rev. Margaret Stradley Marquis. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law, Donald Stradley (Lynne) and David Stradley (Sharon), nephews and nieces, many cousins, and a host of friends.

Memorial gifts may be made to Ocoee Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) [PO Box 128, Ocoee, FL 34761] and Christmount Conference Center (22 Fern Way, Black Mountain, NC 28711).

A service of witness to the Resurrection and in remembrance of Bill will be held at Ocoee Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) on May 5 at 3 p.m. [15 S. Bluford Ave., Ocoee, FL 34761]

Previous Events

Service

MAY 5. 3:00 PM (ET)

Ocoee Christian Church
15 S. Bluford Avenue
Ocoee, FL 34761

Tribute Wall

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“ *Rebecca Chrisawn sent a virtual gift in memory of William Samuel Marquis*



Rebecca Chrisawn - April 29, 2018 at 01:57 PM

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Keeping you and your loved ones in thoughts and prayers.

Rebecca Chrisawn - April 29, 2018 at 02:00 PM

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*Hi Margaret,
I remember one Pentecost Sunday, in the old church on Oak Street, people were told to wear red that Sunday. Bill came in his revolutionary war attire. I thought that was unique. Another memory of Bill is when I started my job as golf shop housekeeper at Grove Park Inn, Bill was doing a "show and tell" about the old colonial days. it was nice seeing him where i worked. I also thought the old artifacts were interesting! I also remember Bill telling me about him having to work at PDQ. It was not what he wanted to do. I also remember him eating Friday night seafood at Shoney's restaurant on Tunnel Road. He was eating by himself, and we had invited him to sit at our table with us. Sending love, Marci McGowan*

Marci McGowan - May 02, 2018 at 12:23 AM

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“ *What I remember most about Bill was his quiet demeanor but then. . . His eyes would sparkle and that dry wit would slip out in joke or comment. . . Then a slight smile and the calm and quiet would return. He loved his Lord, his Margaret and Life!!!!*

Sandy Lundblad - April 28, 2018 at 07:44 PM

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“ *On behalf of the staff at DeGusipe Funeral Home, please accept our condolences. It is an honor to serve your family.* ”



Luke Spalding - April 24, 2018 at 03:34 PM