



William Roy Butts

December 2, 1939 - December 21, 2023

William Roy Butts, 84, of Alexandria, Virginia passed peacefully on December 21, 2023. He was the husband of recently deceased and cherished Maxine Clark Butts. He was preceded in death by his much-loved son Woody Betts (Tammie). He is survived by his daughter Crissy O'Donnell (Kevin) and proud grandfather of Aaron, Jack, Bethany and Ryan. Bill is also survived by his loved sisters-in-law Mary Reedy (Frank) and Sharon Blankenship (Dennis) and brother-in-law Arnold Clark (Pam).

Bill was born in New York City to the late Elizabeth Butts and Harwood Butts. He was raised in Mohawk, NY as an only child and enjoyed holidays and summers with his many cousins (aunts and uncles) vacationing by the Finger Lakes in Upstate New York.

Following graduation from Mohawk High School he attended Syracuse University where he studied Horticulture. After a few years Bill joined the Army where he served for 3 years in various roles including his favorite role as a member of the Fife and Drum Corp.

Bill and Maxine were united in marriage in 1964 in Arlington, VA. Within a few years they moved to Franconia where they started their family with the birth of their son Woody and soon after Crissy came along. As a family, they enjoyed many years of beach trips, camping, childhood sports and adopting many

animals including cats, dogs, birds, hamsters, fish, and horses. Bill and Maxine had a heart for animals and enjoyed showing off their sweet little dogs Angel and Abbie. Bill enjoyed building and caring for his backyard garden railroad and was proud to share his passion with many neighbors, friends and especially his grandchildren.

In his later years, Bill was an active member of both the Mount Calvary Community Church and Calvary Road Baptist Church where he sang with the Gospel Group and in the Choir. Bill was most happy when he was singing and visiting with the many friends he and Maxine made while living in the Franconia community for 60 years. The Sunday Lunch Bunch was the highlight of their week and brought both Maxine and Bill much joy.

The family would like to express their gratitude to friends, neighbors and family for their care and friendship with Bill and Maxine over the last year. Also, we are thankful for Bill's exceptional caregiving team of his Home CNA, Inova Nurses, Techs and Doctors, and the Fairfax County EMS team.

A Musical Celebration of Bill's life's will be held on Saturday, January 6, 2024, at Noon:

Mt. Calvary Community Church
6731 Beulah Street
Alexandria, VA 22310

A Graveside service will follow (next door) at 1pm:

Schurtz Cemetery
6731 Beulah St
Franconia , VA 22310

In lieu of flowers please consider donating in honor of Bill's son (Woody Betts) to Debbie's Dream Foundation Curing Stomach Cancer (<https://debbiesdrea>

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Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 6. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Calvary Community Church
6731 Beulah Street
Alexandria, VA 22310

Graveside Service

JAN 6. 1:00 PM (ET)

Schurtz Cemetery
6731 Beulah St
Franconia , VA 22310

Tribute Wall

JJ

“ Shortly after I retired from General Motors Corp after a 34 year tenure in 2002, I met my good friend Bill Butts. Bill had organized a group of retired gentleman who had a passion for driving automobiles for various new car dealerships and had called that group of men, DX Driver’s Network. Bill, as the group’s coordinator, would assign various trips to his team of approximately 7 individuals and did an excellent job of who went where and how often assignments were given. One variation of the job would consist of taking a new vehicle from one dealership in exchange for another vehicle and bringing that one back to be sold to an individual. Lots of responsibility handling a vehicle someone is about ready to purchase. I’ll never forget the day I met Bill, as he insisted on interviewing me before assigning me my first job. He said we could meet at “his office” which was in a booth at the Roy Rogers restaurant on Franconia Road. Bill was truly one of a kind and I thoroughly enjoyed being around this fine man and attending the beautiful Christmas shows that were professionally done at his church. You will be missed by my Marianne and I, Bill, and my sincere condolences to his family.

John C Eiden Jr

John C Eiden Jr - March 05, 2025 at 05:27 PM

KH

“ Ed and I will miss seeing Bill walking around the neighborhood and we’re glad to hear about his time in the Army. He loved telling the one about how he came to be a bugle player! We look forward to that Glorious Day when we will meet up with him and Dearest Maxine and their Woody! Praying, always



Kathryn Herty - January 03, 2024 at 10:46 PM

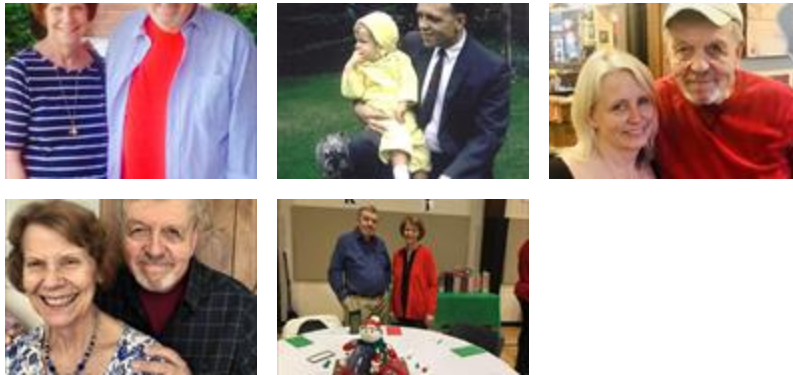
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We were so glad to have known Bill and Maxine. They were always so friendly. We remember the many lunches together with the Sunday Lunch Bunch group. We will miss them but know we will see them again in heaven.

Sam and Maribeth Gourley - January 06, 2024 at 01:21 PM

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“ 15 files added to the album *Bill's Family Photos*



Crissy ODonnell - December 31, 2023 at 10:52 AM



Hello Crissy, I am so so sorry for your loss! I really enjoyed hanging around Uncle Bill during family events in Fort Plain. He and and your Mom were always so warm and welcoming. I would love to connect with you. I hope and trust you and your family are doing well. Keeping you in our prayers. - R. Scot Semple

R Scot Semple - February 17, 2024 at 09:00 AM