



William Herbert Higham Jr

February 11, 1941 - January 6, 2022

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February 11, 1941 – January 6, 2022 William “Bill” H. Higham, Jr. of Franconia, VA and Southern Shores, NC passed away on January 6, 2022 due to complications from Parkinson’s Disease. Beloved husband for 62 years of Nancy True Higham; loving father of Nancy Lee Higham, Debbi Gorham and her husband Rick, Kathie Higham and her husband Dave Smith, and D.A. Higham-Gardill and her husband Greg; grandfather of Ricky Gorham (Hollis), Emily Gorham, Billy Gorham (Samantha), Lindsey Lee Smith, Ellie, Nicholas, Carly, and Danny Gardill; great-grandfather of Sophie, Beau, Brett, Saylor, and Byer; best lifelong friend of Wayne (Nancy) Cannon. Predeceased by parents, William H. and Dorothy (Anderson) Higham, brother, Andy Higham, grandson Mark William Gardill, and great-granddaughter Pamela Gray Gorham. Bill was born, raised, and lived all of his life in Franconia, Virginia, where he was a self-employed contractor. He was an avid outdoorsman who never missed a hunting season on family land in Shenandoah County. Then, as a young man in the 1960s, he discovered the Outer Banks, thus starting a love affair with the beach not just for himself, but also for his wife and daughters, and then their spouses and children, and so on and so on. At one time the little oceanfront cottage he built for his family was the most northern beach house in Southern Shores, when the beach was wide, the fish were plentiful, and boy did it get dark at night! Although his dreams of retiring

permanently to the beach never happened, he spent as much time here as he possibly could, and even had a business here to assure he would have to come as often as possible. He opened Ocean Spas, one of the first hot tub sales and service stores on the beach, and also built, owned, and managed Ocean Commerce Park in Kill Devil Hills until his health took a turn for the worse. Business aside, family was always first. Always. There was never any sleeping in at his house—we had to get up early because there was so much to do! Fishing, boating, yard work, swimming, cleaning the fish, fixing the boat, crabbing, making repairs to the house, etc. Fun times from sunrise to sunset!! Thanks for everything dad/granddaddy, we hope we do you right and continue to all live the “Bill Higham way”! We love and miss you! And don’t you worry, we will take care of mom and Nancy Lee. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA on Monday, January 17, 2022 from 4-8 PM, where service will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 11:00 AM followed by interment Pohick Church Cemetery. The family requests those who wish to express sympathy to consider making a donation to their favorite charity in Bill’s name. Bill also wanted nothing more than to walk again, so take a few minutes and go outside and take a walk with a loved one, especially on the beach, in the woods, or to a sporting event.

Cemetery Details

Pohick Church Cemetery

9301 Richmond Hwy
orton, VA 22079

Previous Events

Viewing

JAN 17. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
(703) 971-7400
info@jeffersonfuneralchapel.com
<https://www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com>

Funeral Service

JAN 18. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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5755 Castlewellan Drive
Alexandria, VA 22315
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Graveside Service

JAN 18. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

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9301 Richmond Hwy
orton, VA 22079

Tribute Wall



“ Jefferson Funeral Chapel created a Webcast in memory of William Herbert Higham Jr



Jefferson Funeral Chapel - January 18, 2022 at 08:37 AM

TE

That was a lovely service with Bill's grandkids speaking. Thank you for sharing my Mom's song. I hope they are walking around Heaven together! ❤️

Teresa - January 18, 2022 at 09:03 PM



“ William Herbert Higham Jr

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ Jenna Lam lit a candle in memory of William Herbert Higham Jr



Jenna Lam - January 18, 2022 at 08:21 AM

JL

Bill you were a role model for sure. You were referred to as a family man and that could not have been any truer a statement. You and Andy kept that alive even in the work place. Your Nancy and the girls were your center. I was blessed to be a part of your extended family. I will always remember you with a smile and a warm heart full of love. Love Jenna

Jenna Lam - January 18, 2022 at 08:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.



January 16, 2022 at 10:42 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.



January 15, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ Distinguished Service Casket Spray was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.



January 15, 2022 at 11:56 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 15, 2022 at 10:12 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy to the family. I have childhood memories of Billy hunting with my father many years ago.*

Gail Clem - Aunt Gladys' granddaughter

gail clem - January 14, 2022 at 09:47 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 13, 2022 at 02:49 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 13, 2022 at 05:38 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 13, 2022 at 05:32 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 12, 2022 at 03:28 PM



“ *Mouthwatering Meat and Cheese Gift Tower was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 12, 2022 at 09:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 11, 2022 at 03:49 PM



“ *Rose Tribute was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 11, 2022 at 12:01 PM



“ *He was an awesome individual-loyal friend, a great provider for his family, a good sense of humor (loved to hear him laugh!), was somewhat of a Renaissance Man, loved his wife and family first and foremost, loved anything outdoors. My husband, Buzzy Ludlow and he were really great friends. Buzzy taught Billy to scuba dive in their backyard pool, then they dove on an old shipwreck off the Outer Banks. Buzzy took a hand full of coins with him and when Billy wasn't looking, threw them into the sandy bottom. Bill found some of them and thought they had struck it rich! 28 years ago, Billy was a pallbearer for Buzzy and now they are back together! God bless both of you. Nancy Ludlow*



Nancy Ludlow - January 11, 2022 at 10:36 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Herbert Higham Jr.*



January 10, 2022 at 05:42 PM

RA

“ 3 files added to the tribute wall



Ray Anderson - January 09, 2022 at 10:19 PM