



William A. Palya

October 22, 1949 - May 3, 2011

On Tuesday, May 3, 2011 of Lorton, VA. Brother of John (Dottie) Palya; Lawrence Palya; Dolores McPherson; Joseph Palya; Daniel (Theresa) Palya; Richard (Margretta) Palya; David Palya and James (Sarah) Palya. Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr. Alexandria, VA Tuesday, 2-4 & 7-9pm. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11am Wednesday at Good Shepherd Catholic Church, 8710 Mt. Vernon Highway Alexandria, VA 22309. Interment Quantico National Cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *William A. Palya*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *About one week before Bill's untimely passing, he went out of his way (which is what we will always remember about him) to stop by my office in response to my call for help about the slow performance of my PC. Not only was it "standard practice" for Bill to make a personal visit, but it was always a pleasant surprise knowing how really busy he was in this agency. Well, Bill asked questions about my problem and began to test some systems for possible solutions. However, the highlight of the visit which turned out to be about 1 1/2 hours was that he talked lovingly about his family, its large size consisting of brothers, sisters, nieces and nephews. He also talked about the people he had met over the years who kindly shared their knowledge with him about various things which he used to help his family in small ways. His comments about his family, how much they meant to him and how much he really enjoyed doing as much as he could for any of them was what really caused him to "beam" during our time together. How saddened I was to learn later in the week that he had not only been sick, hospitalized, but that he passed still leaves me so sad. I have had an opportunity to receive Bill's wonderful, customer focused guidance before. Somehow, this last time with him was so much more meaningful because he talked about how much he cared for his family in a way that was and to this day, so touching and warm. God rest his soul and may this small message bring some source of comfort to you, his family. I miss him.*

June 01, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My condolences and best regards to family. Bob Frankosky*

May 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. May the peace which comes from the memories of love shared, comfort you now and in the days ahead. Rest in Peace Bill--you'll be missed.*

May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Sorry to hear about Bill, He was a good friend, I will miss his phone calls and visits. May he rest in peace. Allen and Jean*

May 10, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest sympathy goes to Bill's family. I can still remember Bill chasing the pet goose that your Dad had and the goose chasing him.*

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *My deepest and sincere condolences to Bill's family all.*

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy goes to Bill's family members. He will always live in your hearts. Cousin Berniece and Family*

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, You are my friend and I will truly miss you! I enjoyed our Army relationships and your stories of your great service in Vietnam. With sadness, Jerry

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all on this sudden and terrible loss. Bill was a very kind and amiable man, and I will certainly miss chatting with him about Pennsylvania, his cars and life in Alexandria. Bill, I hope you are resting peacefully. You will absolutely be missed.

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with Bill and his loving family. I am deeply sorry for your loss. "Unable are the loved to die. For love is immortality" -Emily Dickinson

May 09, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Go placidly amid the noise and haste, and remember what peace there may be in silence. As far as possible without surrender be on good terms with all persons. Speak your truth quietly and clearly: and listen to others, even the dull and the ignorant:they too have their story. Therefore be at peace with God, whatever you conceive Him to be, and whatever your labors and aspirations in the noisy confusion of life keep peace with you soul. With all it's sham and drudgery, and broken dreams, it is still a beautiful world. Be cheerful. Strive to be happy. We will miss you!

May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*For all sad words of tongue and pen, The saddest are these, 'It might have been ' ."* John Greenleaf Whittier I was sorry to hear of Bill's death. My deepest sympathy to his family, friends, and acquaintances.

May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*My heart, thoughts, and prayers go out to Bill's family. I've known Bill for a number of years working with him at the SEC. Bill loved to share his knowledge for technology, but also loved to talk about fishing in WV and his family in PA. Bill was very proud and serious about his work and also enjoyed speaking on his past with the military. Rest in peace, Bill. And thank you for sharing your stories and laughs.*

May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*My deepest condolences to the family. Bill will be profoundly missed. Carl Jenkins*

May 08, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“*To Bill's family and friends, I am so sorry for your sudden loss. Bill and I got off to a rocky start, but quickly figured out how we could work well together. He will definately be missed at the SEC where he clearly wanted to help others and do the right thing. To Bill, I am so sorry you did not get to carry out all your retirement plans and hope that you are at peace.*

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Bill. He was always very helpful. He helped on a special project where he secured the necessary fonts for a series of publications to help educate thousands of investors across the US. Stephanie

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I am very sorry for your loss. Bill was a pleasure to work with and we will miss him.

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“ My condolences to Bill's family. Bill was such a nice person, always helpful always willing to lend a hand. I am going to miss him so very much. He always talked about his neice and Janey, and how proud he was of his neice , all of the plans that he and Janey had after retirement. Rest in peace. Cynthia Richard

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill was so enthusiastic about technology and loved to share his discoveries and the results of his skills with others. He also cared deeply about his friends: many times over the years, he would consult me about what was appropriate to bring along to social events with Jewish friends, so that he would not cause difficulties for his hosts. He spoke often of his upcoming retirement, and I am so sad that he did not have a chance to enjoy it. Rest in peace, Bill - you will not be forgotten.

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“ *My prayers go out to Bill and his loved ones - that they know how thankful we are to have known such a man. Rest in peace. Laura Bennett*

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“ *Bill: I will miss our many interesting conversations. I know that your many friends here at the SEC will miss you as well. My condolences to the members of your family. Keith A. Gregory*

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a friend and a nice man, and he will be missed.*

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's passing, my prayers are with you. I just spoke to Bill on the phone the other day. He was so friendly and helpful. My grandfather Bill is also burried at Quantico so I will have to vistit them both the next time I'm there.*

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“ Bill, you will be truly missed! I enjoyed listening to your stories about your military service in Vietnam. You served your country with honor and dignity through the military and your civilian life here at the SEC. I particularly loved the story about how you caught "the big one" (we like to talk about fishing) while you and your wife were in Hawaii and then you were invited to Conrad Hilton's party. Again Bill, you will be missed very much here at the SEC.

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“ Bill will be missed dearly. He was a wonderful man who always was willing to help his colleagues. He took time out of his busy day to show me how he created a PDF document and let me know the history of the issue. He wanted to be on the cutting edge of technology and provide this service to the SEC. His tenacity and proactive customer service will be missed by everyone. Though we only had a few short meetings, I will miss him and his quick wit. The one thing I remember in our last meeting was that he said he was looking forward to retiring and having some fun with his three different lady friends. May God bless him and his family and my thoughts and prayers go out to a courageous US Veteran.

May 06, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ I send my deepest condolences to Bill's family. I do want you to know that it was a pleasure to talk to Bill and I'll miss having those conversations with him. I'm sorry for your loss.

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“ Only a few weeks ago I had the good fortune to have an endearing conversation with Bill as he shared stories of his days in the Air Force, his devotion to his work at SEC, his love for his family and his thoughts on retirement. Bill's generosity of spirit to a newcomer at SEC and willingness to share time in his day to be both friend and colleague made him remarkable. Bill's last words to me were "you're a great lady"... I return those words to Bill and his family in heartfelt sympathy... Bill, you are a great man and your presence will be missed. God Bless. Marie W.

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“ I was shocked and felt a real sense of loss when I heard the news. Bill regularly kept me up-to-date on a lot of neat tech stuff. He was always happy and enthusiastic. I will miss him a great deal. My thoughts are with his family and friends.

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“ Bill, you will be missed greatly but never forgotten. Thanks for all the advice, knowledge and laughter you shared as I got to know you over the last year. RIP my friend.

May 05, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Bill, We will miss you.

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“ I've only known Bill for a short time. He was a very nice person to be around. He was very friendly to me and if I needed any help with something his door was always open. I thought we would have more time to get to know each other, but the short time I spent with him was good. He will be missed and my prayers go out to his family.

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“ My sincerest condolences! Bill will be missed.

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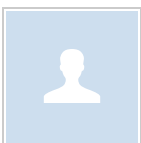
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“ A great friend and coworker. You will be missed in my heart. I miss our talks about the latest gadgets, your family and military. I really miss you Bill.

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“ I will miss Bill. He was a good friend and co-worker. He spoke of his family often always with love and affection.

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“ *He was a very nice and good man*

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“ *Bill is a loyal friend and coworker who will be dearly missed. Know that I'll pray for the repose of Bills soul and for his family. My regrets, Al Basile*

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