



William "Bill" Raymond Crooks Jr.

April 8, 1948 - January 15, 2025

William Raymond Crooks "Bill" Jr.

Chestertown - William Raymond (Bill) Crooks, Jr. died unexpectedly on January 15, 2025 at his home in Chestertown, at the age of 76. He was born on April 8, 1948 in Bryn Mawr, PA, the youngest of five children, to the late Raymond and Margery (Masters) Crooks. Bill was predeceased by his parents and a sister, M. Louise (Andrew) Sokso. He is survived by sisters Joyce (John) Jackson of Delaware, OH, Barbara (William) Coffey, West Chester, PA and Elizabeth (David) Lewis, Morton, PA, fifteen nephews and nieces, the oldest of whom, Deborah and her husband, Raymond Forney, of Chestertown, provided Bill with care during the past few years. Bill came to Chestertown with his parents in 1964. After graduating from Chestertown High School, he spent four years in the U. S. Navy, a year of that time in Vietnam. Upon his discharge he briefly attended Washington College and Frostburg College. In his adult years, Bill enjoyed much of what living close to the Chesapeake Bay offers: playing lacrosse, crewing a long canoe, hunting and spending time with friends out on the water. Bill practiced the carpentry trade and many historic homes on the Eastern Shore exhibit his talents as a restorer. Services and interment private.

Tribute Wall



“ I thought Bill Crooks was one of the finest human beings I ever met in Chestertown. Knowing I was a Quaker (Bill lived in the old Quaker Meeting house and former segregation school); he told me - "I am a Buddhist, Quaker who was raised Catholic. If I wasn't catholic I'd be Quaker" We both knew he lived on lands that were connected to the Old Quaker Neck Religious Society of Friends Burial Grounds. I hope the stones that were piled up from the burial ground can get moved back - that was Bill's wish (and mine). Sorry to only find out recently. I pass by and check on the place even now, knowing you are not there in the flesh. Godsend is Godspeed

Nathan Shroyer - December 08, 2025 at 01:48 PM

SG

“ Sandy Green lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Raymond Crooks Jr.



Sandy Green - January 27, 2025 at 07:46 AM

PH

“ I wad so saddened to hear of Bill's passing. He was a good friend to my late husband and me. When Frank became ill and was unable to finish a building project on our property, Bill immediately showed up and completed the work for us. Definitely a unique individual, and one I'm glad to have called a friend. RIP Bill. Pam Halliwell

Pamela Halliwell - January 25, 2025 at 07:32 AM

MW

Bill ! What fun memories I have of Bill ! I met Bill through Ed "Frog" Falcey in the mid 90's . We had good times together ! A few festivals , Thanksgiving dinners at Frogs and a surprise visit to my barracks in San Antonio where I was in a lock down training . Bill found where I was and somehow singlehanded got through post security and found my drill sergeant. Drill said your " hippy dad has found you he is over there in the bushes !" My bio dad was no hippie so I was very confused! I walked to the bushes and up pops Bill Crooks ! Looking like the big teddy bear he was with his warm smile ! I was blown away to see someone from the eastern shore of md in the middle of our army training facility ! I will hold your free spirit in my heart ! Those Kent county boys sure are special ! May you be having a cosmic party in the clouds ! See you all soon

meredith "merv" weiler-skirka - January 25, 2025 at 09:01 AM



Thanks for sharing..has to smile!

Richard Morin - January 25, 2025 at 09:59 AM

JB

“ Jack Amd Anne Bigelow sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Raymond Crooks Jr.



Jack amd Anne Bigelow - January 25, 2025 at 07:07 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss



Thomas Widgeon - January 25, 2025 at 06:29 AM

MS

“ I had known Bill and his family a long time we went to the same church. My Prayers go out to all of his family.

Marie Spray - January 24, 2025 at 07:24 PM

CR

Bill was a very unique Man. Loved foosball , life, and a pretty women. I hadn't seen him in recent years, as I moved but in the 25 years of living in Chestertown, and knowing him, he was always happy, and ready to share a laugh, and always willing to help. Chestertown has lost a piece of its fabric.

Charles Reeser - January 24, 2025 at 10:06 PM

CB

Although I went to school with Bill, I didn't know him well. But, being in his company was comfortable and pleasant. We have lost a gentle giant. I'm sorry for your loss.

Candy (Brace) Busey - January 25, 2025 at 08:38 AM