



William Daisey

October 20, 1931 - November 25, 2021

William "Bill" Harrison Daisey, Sr., age 90, of Dover, DE, passed away on Thursday, November 25, 2021. Bill was best known as a three-term Dover city council member, vice-principal at W.T. Chipman Middle School (Harrington, DE) and as the former chief of the Nanticoke Indian Tribe.

Born on October 20, 1931, in Lewes, DE, during the Great Depression, he grew up in the Lewes/Millsboro areas near Indian Mission Church. Bill was the son of the late Pearl "Florine" (Daisey), who married Elmer R. Street, formerly of Harbeson, DE, on July 18, 1939.

On July 26, 2014, Bill was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Shirley Corinne (Street), daughter of the late Clarence Albert Street and the late Martha Ann Street, formerly of Millsboro, DE. Bill and Shirley were married on March 25, 1951.

Bill began his formal education at Lewes Elementary School, the Hollyville School (Millsboro), and the Richard Allen School (Georgetown), but due to segregation laws, he could only obtain his high school degree by moving 90 miles away (staying with his grandmother) and attending Howard High School (Wilmington, DE) to complete his senior year. Appreciating the value of education and a trade, he would become a qualified journeyman in over eight different trades and would later earn, while working full-time, his bachelor's

degree in mathematics from Delaware State College, and his master's degree in administration from Glassboro State College (now Rowan University) in New Jersey.

He held several jobs as he worked to obtain his degrees, including auto engine mechanic, auto body/fender repairman, body shop foreman, aircraft painter, industrial painter, aircraft jet engine mechanic, and engineering technician. His career in education began in adult education/training in New Jersey. In 1978 he accepted the position of vice-principal at W.T. Chipman Middle School, later becoming transportation supervisor for the Lake Forest school district. Bill would also serve 5 years as deputy Recorder of Deeds for Kent County, Delaware.

With a passion for public service, Bill volunteered to serve on various boards, commissions and organizations including chairperson of the Paulsboro (NJ) Recreation Committee, Gloucester County (NJ) Welfare Board member, president of the Dover Lions Club, president of the Lower Delaware Principals Association, Democratic Committee Person, and vice-chair of the Kent County Democrats.

Bill was elected to the Dover City Council in 1987, making him the first Native American and second person of color elected to the post. He would serve his district tirelessly for three 2-year terms, including sponsoring and fighting against special interest to enact a city-wide smoking ban in restaurants in 1991 to help reduce city cancer rates, ten years before the state would do the same. He also strived hard to create fair employment opportunities for all Dover residents, including minorities.

His involvement with the Nanticoke Indian Tribe grew when he was first elected to their Tribal Council in 2004, and then selected assistant chief in 2008. Bill ascended to chief of the tribe in June 2013. Chief William "Thunder

Eagle" Daisey would serve the tribe in "the biggest honor of my life" until stepping down in January 2016, due to medical reasons.

Bill received numerous awards and recognitions due to his civic activities. Included among them were the NAACP Public Education and Humanitarian Award, Native American Indian Heritage Award, Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Citizen of the Year Award, Servant of the City of Dover Award, Dover Lions Club President's Award, and Lions Club International Humanitarian Award.

Bill fondly remembered attending the 1963 March on Washington, where he sat 25 feet from Dr. King; attending the 2008 inauguration of Barack Obama; and the opening ceremonies of the National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, DC. He especially enjoyed family gatherings, and the annual Nanticoke Indian Pow Wows.

He often noted his pride for his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren for not only their accomplishments, but for the types of people they had become. Shirley and Bill worked hard to create a strong family, and to give each child an opportunity to thrive. They considered this legacy their biggest accomplishment. Their love for each other, and devotion to family and friends will continue to inspire for years to come.

Bill is survived by eight children, William H. Daisey Jr. and his wife Linda M. (Washington) of Swedesboro, NJ, Sarah L. Minor and her husband Frank W. Minor III of Logan Township, NJ, Deborah D. Street and her husband Gordon W. Street of Dover, DE, Darnell K. Daisey and his wife Lisa W. (Franklin) of Ashton, MD, Darryl B. Daisey and his wife Sari A. (Rosemond) of Garnet Valley, PA, Aida "Mam" Binatteeq and her husband Saleh Binatteeq of Jedda, Saudi Arabia, Junina N. Sullivan and her husband Tyrone T. Sullivan of Dover, DE, and Dionne L. Williford and her husband Evan O. Williford of Hockessin,

DE; eighteen grandchildren, Derek W. Daisey and his wife, Rosalyn D. (Dow), Damar A. Daisey and his wife Narjis (Urey), Brooke C. (Minor) Ferguson and her husband Edwin M. Ferguson Jr., Dwayne W. Street and his wife Jessica (Jurado), William "Shannon" Street, Tyan M. Collins, Lateefah Binateeq, Belinda M. Daisey, Jordan W. Minor, Briyana J. (Chandler) Brisbane and her husband Rashad Brisbane of Cypress, TX, Salma Binateeq, Ibrahim Binateeq, Cameron D. Daisey, Elise R. Williford, Benjamin J. Daisey, Bryce H. Daisey, Sophie E. "Tamia" Williford, and Warren T. Daisey; twenty-one great grandchildren, Naomi Urey, Madison Y. Street, Nohealani Collins, Jovan T. Daisey, Jayden Collins, Dakota Collins, Kemani Collins, Kellan Brisbane, Madison R. Brisbane, Drew H. Daisey, Luke W. Street, Micah C. Ferguson, Karson Collins, Avonna Collins, Lamiere Collins, Tyonne Collins, Landon W. Brisbane, Jude W. Street, Rayven Dow, Jace A. Collins, and Ayla Coverdale; a god daughter, Tami Lee; a number of loving cousins, in-laws, nephews, nieces, and friends. Bill, along with Shirley, also helped to raise three nieces, Shirley Harris of Wilmington, DE, Kathryn Clark of Bridgeton, NJ, and the late Patricia Feeney formerly of Philadelphia PA; and one nephew, Herbert "Buzzy" Carney of Indian Head, MD.

Bill is also survived by three sisters, Margaret "Tillie" (Daisey) Harris of Wilmington, DE, Merle (Street) Iannuzzi of Ellendale, DE, and Ruth A. Street of Houston, TX; and nine brothers, Charles E. (Meriedith) Street of Lewes, DE, Roy C. (Shirley) Street of Milton, DE, Newlin (Cozy) Street of Smyrna, DE, Nolan B. Street of Ellendale, DE, Nathan "Johnny" Street of San Diego, CA, Garceil "Jim" Street of Ellendale, DE, Victor V. (Annette) Street of Millsboro, DE, Ronald B. Street of Ellendale, DE, and Carl H. (Janice) Street of Bridgeville, DE.

Bill was preceded in death by five sisters, Felicia V. (Street) Sammons, Lottie M. Street, Edith (Street) Harmon, Pearl B. (Street) Burks, and Marian M. Street; and twelve brothers, Carlos Street, Benjamin A. Street, Vernon A.

Daisey, Escuss E. Street, Harold C. Street, Lawrence E. Street, Curtis E. Street, Robert C. "Fella" Street, Wildon A. Street, Elmer "Everett" Street, Paul E. Street, and Richard C. Street; and his lifelong friend/brother, David Robinson of Wilmington, DE.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 3. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church (Dover)
101 N. Queen Street
Dover, DE

Visitation

DEC 4. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John 2nd Baptist Church Cemetery
26602 Mt. Joy Road
Millsboro, DE 19966

Funeral Service

DEC 4. 12:00 PM (ET)

St. John 2nd Baptist Church (Millsboro)
26602 Mount Joy Rd
Millsboro, DE 19966

Interment

DEC 4 (ET)

Harmony Cemetery
Millsboro, DE 19966

Tribute Wall



“ *View and Download the Funeral Program*

Bennie Smith Funeral Home - December 03, 2021 at 10:43 AM



“ *Greetings to the Daisy family. God Bless your father may he rest in Peace. I remember him as a kind and gentle man with plenty of ambition. My sincere condolences to the your family and God Bless you.*

Volante Gaston - December 08, 2021 at 10:15 AM



“ *Condolences to the Daisey and Street family for the loss of an amazing human being and family patriarch. What a blessing to have had someone like him in our midst. May the Lord grant peace and comfort to the whole family. Marie, Abdy, Abdiel and Esteban Sellas.*

Marie Sellas - December 04, 2021 at 09:46 PM



“ *Our deepest shared condolences to the Daisey and Street Families for the loss of this servant lover warrior, family man and man of God, William Daisey. The book of Daniel says “Those who are wise will shine like the splendor of the firmament; and those who teach justice to the multitude, like the stars in perpetual eternity.” Daniel 12:3. And the Book of Revelation 14:13 mentions a voice from heaven that said: “Blessed from now on those who die in the Lord. Yeah, the Spirit says, they will rest of their works, for their works continue with them.” Shine Mr. William, let your star shine in heaven forever and ever and may your works stay with us.” Miriam and Bera Jurado.*

Berardo Jurado - December 04, 2021 at 12:38 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Daisey.*



December 04, 2021 at 03:37 AM



“ *Marjorie and Mark Davis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of William Daisey.*



Marjorie and Mark Davis - December 02, 2021 at 04:13 PM



“ *We are thinking of you, praying for you, and interceding on your behalf; that the Creator bring you strength, peace, and comfort at heart, through this difficult time.*

Though he is no longer with us, there is nothing that can take him from our memory and the things shared with him.

We are praying for healing through the Creator's infinite love.

*The Algonquian Indians of NC, Inc
Roanoke- Hatteras Tribe*

Marilyn Morrison - December 01, 2021 at 04:50 PM

BN

“ *Bishop NelsonLewis lit a candle in memory of William Daisey*



Bishop NelsonLewis - November 30, 2021 at 10:23 PM

ET

“ *Daisey family,
Our thoughts, prayers and sympathy and condolences goes out to you*

Elizabeth Thornton - November 30, 2021 at 03:13 PM

CV

“ *My family and I want to express our deepest condolences to the Daisey family.
Prayers, sympathy and thoughts to the Daisey family.*

Cathy Viviano - November 30, 2021 at 03:12 PM

ET

“ *Elizabeth Thornton sent a virtual gift in memory of William Daisey*



Elizabeth Thornton - November 30, 2021 at 03:12 PM

CV

“ *Cathy Viviano lit a candle in memory of William Daisey*



Cathy Viviano - November 30, 2021 at 03:11 PM

JU

“ *Mr and Mrs Daisey were kind neighbors when I was a young child. Being just a kid, I never knew Bill's life story, but learning of it as an adult makes me feel honored to have shared some fond memories in the home of this remarkable man and his wonderful family. My deepest condolences to all of you.*

Julie - November 30, 2021 at 01:04 PM

RM

“ *To the family of Bill Daisey please know you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Juanita Mosley
Dennis family
Hitchens family
McCray family*



Reta McCray - November 30, 2021 at 08:32 AM

CB

“ *Sending love and prayers of comfort to the family. I will always remember Mr. Daisy as the friendliest person with an awesome smile and laugh. God Bless.*

Christy Bock - November 29, 2021 at 08:09 PM

KS

“ *Our sympathy and prayers to the family. Much love to all of you.
Kevin and Gwen Street Sr.*

Kevin O Street Sr. - November 29, 2021 at 07:26 PM

DL

“ *May the peace of God comfort the family. Well
done my good and faithful servant. My
deepest condolences and prayers to the
family.*



Diane Little - November 29, 2021 at 01:29 PM

DL

“ *Diane Little lit a candle in memory of William
Daisey*



Diane Little - November 29, 2021 at 01:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
William Daisey.*



November 28, 2021 at 10:43 PM

DM

“ *Uncle Bill was my father’s best friend until the day he died, and he was incredibly supportive after the loss of both my mother & brother last year. I know Aunt Shirley was waiting. My deepest condolences to all the family!*
With love Danni Morinich!

Denise-Nanette Robinson Morinich - November 28, 2021 at 07:46 PM

DD

“ *6 files added to the album Memories Album*



Darryl Daisey - November 28, 2021 at 04:50 PM

JP

“ *Bill Daisey was such a kind man and neighbor for the many years we lived in Dover. Our deepest condolences to all his loving family.*
John and Sandy Phillips

John Philliis - November 28, 2021 at 02:58 PM