



William James Millett

November 1, 1929 - January 30, 2025

William James Millett (Bill) (95) passed away peacefully on January 30, 2025, with his wife of 44 years by his side. Bill was born on November 1, 1929, in Keyport, New Jersey, the only son among four sisters of Mildred and William H. Millett. The family moved around a lot, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Maine and Virginia. His formative years were spent in Maine and Virginia. His sisters Avis Millett, Betty Williamson, June Gilmore and Mildred Whitt have all passed away.

Bill attended Shepherd College in West Virginia for two years and was drafted during the Korean war where he spent two years in Austria. When he was discharged from the service, he attended American University in Washington DC and graduated in June 1957.

After graduating from AU, Bill started in the banking business as a teller and when he retired after 35 years he had earned the title of Senior Vice President. After numerous mergers the name ended up being Truist.

On October 31, 1981, he married the love of his life Josephine Reynolds who survives. In 1985 Bill and Josephine purchased the property they have called home in the Shenandoah Valley, and then after both retired, they became full-time residences. It was during this time that the Millett's purchased the old Conicville Schoolhouse, had it completely rehabilitated and opened

Schoolhouse Crafts, a gift shop selling handmade items. Bill was a stain glass artist and worked with wood. They enjoyed being shopkeepers for over 10 years. Bill had said "when this turns into work, we're out of here". The business closed in 2000.

Bill and Josephine loved to travel and as his mother-in-law, Mrs. Reynolds was known to remark. "I don't know where you are going now as you have been all over the world" After returning from a trip in 2015 Bill said" I am never getting on another airplane". He is now on that final journey, and he did not have to get on an airplane.

At his request, there will be no funeral service at this time; however, in the spring we will have a "Celebration of his Life" and the scattering of his ashes on our hill. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Blue Ridge Hospice, 333 W. Cork Street, Winchester, Va. 22601 will be appreciated.

Tribute Wall

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“ Our deepest condolences to Josephine and family. Our Maine connection will forever bring us smiles! Rest in peace Bill, here in the Shenandoah Valley, a beautiful place to call home. God bless.

Cyndi & Peter Dalto - February 14, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ Josephine, I am so very heartbroken about Bill's passing. Please if I can do anything for you just ask. Love, hugs, and prayers. In DAR sisterhood, Joan



Joan Johnson - February 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so glad I got to know Bill. His love for Josephine, his lovely one, was such a beautiful thing to see. May God bless him on his final journey. Josephine, you were a true gift in his life, I am keeping you in my heart and prayers.

Diane Schwalbach - February 04, 2025 at 12:00 AM