



William "Bill" Davitt

June 4, 1929 - October 14, 2017

LCDR WILLIAM (BILL) HENRY DAVITT, US NAVY RETIRED

Bill was born in Scranton, PA the son of the late William F. and Mary "Mae" (Loyeski) Davitt. He attended Dickson City High School, went on to graduate from Pennsylvania State University. He became a member of the staff as an Instructor of Engineering. He then attended Officer Candidate School in Newport, RI receiving the rank of Ensign.

He married Gloria L. D'Amico in 1957 and was assigned to the Washington, DC area serving as the Naval Weapons Officer with the Naval Gun Factory They were blessed with four children

Christine married to Edwin Hostetter of Baltimore, MD, William Louis, married to Jackie

Horton of Annapolis, MD, Lynne, married to Robert Chiswell of Gaithersburg, MD

and Stephen of Bowie, MD. The next delight in his life were granddaughters Jenifer Chiswell McGlone (Ryan) and Holly Chiswell of Gaithersburg, MD. In his last years Bill thoroughly enjoyed moments with his great grandson Ryan McGlone, Jr.

He was preceded in death by his brother Gerard Davitt of Connecticut, and sister Joan Davitt Bowe of Pennsylvania, brothers-in-law Alphonsus L. Bowe, Bobby Thomas, James Davis and sister-in-law D. Diane (D'Amico) Faatz.

A sister, Cecilia Davitt Thomas resides in Virginia Beach, VA; sisters-in-law Barbara Hart Davitt in Prospect, CT, and Mary (D'Amico) Davis in Scranton, PA and many nieces and nephews.

After active duty, Bill served in the Navy Reserves until retiring as Lieutenant Commander, and was a Mining Engineer with the Internal Revenue Service, Washington, DC. He was Group Chief of the Valuation Branch. This required travel to various states and attendance at court trials for expert testimony in this field. Bill was also certified as a Law For Tax Specialist by La Salle University. He received the Albert Gallatin Award in recognition of his noteworthy performance in exceeding his Group's objectives by the Internal Revenue Service.

While living in Bowie, MD, Bill was an active member of St. Pius X Catholic Church and its Knights of Columbus Chapter. He was also a member of the K of C Golf team. He was President of the Somerset Elementary School PTA, a baseball coach, and soccer coach for the Bowie Boys and Girls Club, receiving a Soccer Coach of the Year award. Bill was also President of the Board of Directors at the Colonial One Condominium in Ocean City, Maryland and Fairfield Harbor, Windjammer I Village Condominium, at New Berne, North Carolina.

On moving to The Tradition at Pawleys Island in 1997 he became a member of Tradition Club at Willbrook Plantation. Playing golf with the men's 18Hole League and the Gold Tee

League held many treasured moments. He was also a member of the Litchfield Country Club for many years. Bill was a member of Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church, serving as an usher. He received the Third Degree of the Knights of Columbus and was honored with a Life Membership after 52 years of loyal and faithful service.

Bill was always ready with a pun and always found the humor in each day. He enjoyed travel by cruise ship to many places in the world, a cross country road trip to see the wonders of each state and the travel to visit family and friends. He was always there to help anyone needing an extra hand. He showed all of us how to love God, family, and to reach out to make a difference.

A mass of Christian burial will be held at 10:00 AM Friday, October 20, 2017 at Precious Blood of Christ Catholic Church. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Thursday, October 19, 2017 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Litchfield/Pawleys Island Chapel.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The American Autoimmune Related Disease Association, Inc. 22100 Gratiot Ave. Eastpointe, MI 48021.

Sign an online guestbook at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel is in charge of the arrangements.

“Death leaves a heartache
No one can heal;
Love leaves a memory
No one can steal.”

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **19**. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Litchfield-Pawleys Chapel
202 Hinnant Lane
Pawley's Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-1336
info@goldfinchfuneralhome.com
<https://www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com>

Memorial Service

OCT **20**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood of Christ Roman Catholic Church
1633 Waverly Rd
Pawleys Island, SC 29585
(843) 237-3428

Tribute Wall

GL

“ Gloria, Chris, Bill, Lynne, and Steve, I was sorry to see Bill's obituary in this week's Bowie Blade. My mom and dad always considered themselves lucky to have you and your family as back-fence neighbors, and as close friends.
Ah, the parties!
Alan, Craig, and I send our condolences to all of you.
from Gaye.

GLW - November 02, 2017 at 03:42 PM

LY

“ Bill, Jackie, and Family,

I am very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Lynn King Miller

lynn - October 27, 2017 at 12:10 PM

JD

“ Chris - Our sincere condolences to you, your Mother, and family. We have fond memories of your Father. We enjoyed talking with him at your annual Epiphany party before your parents moved to South Carolina. May he rest in peace. Jim & Barb DeBoy

Jim & Barb DeBoy - October 19, 2017 at 10:39 PM

DC

“ We never knew Bill, but only a wonderful man could have raised a person as wonderful as his daughter Christine. Thank you for your service. Our thoughts and prayers are with your family.
Danny, Susan, and Chuck (Ellicott City, MD).
(A donation to The American Autoimmune Related Disease Association has been made in your honor.)

Danny, Susan, and Chuck - October 19, 2017 at 06:55 PM

EG

“ 20+ years of fun at the BOWIE golf club==I'LL never forget our times together...EGMihok

EGMihok - October 19, 2017 at 04:44 PM

EG

“ Great golf buddy & family friend=====EGMihok

EGMihok - October 19, 2017 at 04:13 PM

YG

“ Your Friends at the Purple Line, Take care - GMD purchased the With Distinction for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.



Your Friends at the Purple Line, Take care - GMD - October 19, 2017 at 03:25 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



October 19, 2017 at 12:38 PM



“ *Walter and Renata O'Reilly purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



Walter and Renata O'Reilly - October 19, 2017 at 10:29 AM



“ *Thanks for your service Sailor !!
Wayne Williams
United States Marine Corps*



Wayne Williams - USMC - October 19, 2017 at 09:24 AM



“ *Joanna M. purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



Joanna M. - October 18, 2017 at 03:26 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



October 18, 2017 at 03:23 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



October 18, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Grief never ends.... but it changes. It's a passage not a place to stay. Grief is not a sign of weakness, nor a lack of faith... Its the price of love.*
When I lived in "Tradition" I played golf many time's with Bill. I now live in Delaware and just about a week ago I was talking to a friend and GOLF came up. I can remember playing with Bill and I tried to convince him that one of the Black and white squirrels was a skunk not to go over to his ball. We laughed so hard we had tears .I enjoyed my brief time with Bill and I am a better person because of him. I know he will be missed.
My Condolences, Kathy and Harry Hunt.

Harry Hunt - October 18, 2017 at 09:51 AM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



October 18, 2017 at 08:54 AM



“ *Regina Wichrowski lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Davitt*



Regina Wichrowski - October 18, 2017 at 03:12 AM



“ *Bill was a great man and a wonderful person. My sympathies to you, Gloria, and your family. The neighborhood will not be the same.. God bless you. Regina Wichrowski*

Regina Wichrowski - October 18, 2017 at 03:08 AM



“ *With love, the Thomas, Giandonato & Felix families purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



With love, the Thomas, Giandonato & Felix families - October 17, 2017 at 08:28 PM



“ *Truly Beloved Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



October 17, 2017 at 04:33 PM



“ *Best Father In Law anyone could have. I will miss my golfing compadre.*

Robert

Robert Chiswell - October 17, 2017 at 03:37 PM



“ *Finola And Tom Jacobucci lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Davitt*



Finola and Tom Jacobucci - October 17, 2017 at 03:36 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Davitt.*



October 17, 2017 at 03:29 PM