



## Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.)

January 26, 1961 - March 18, 2023

Captain William "Bill" Boyd Wyeth passed Saturday, March 18 at his home in Conway, South Carolina. Born January 26, 1961, in Smithfield, North Carolina, he was the son of the late Frank L. and Joann B. Wyeth. Captain Wyeth retired from the United States Department of Health and Human Services (U.S. Navy) following a distinguished 30 year career. Having completed OSC training in Fort Benning, Georgia in 1986, he served in the U.S. Army as combat casualty care officer for ten years before transferring to the U.S. Navy and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Wyeth served another 20 years as a public health service officer, with notable deployments to the World Trade Center aftermath and Louisiana to assist both emergency personnel and victims after Hurricane Katrina. He finished his service career stationed on Saipan in the Mariana Islands.

Bill graduated from Socastee High School in 1979 before attending Clemson University to obtain a degree in microbiology. He continued to obtain a graduate degree in public health services while in service. A firm believer in continuing education, Bill was continuously enrolled in different courses covering a wide variety of subjects throughout his life and career, with some of the last being Stormwater Pond Management at Clemson and Sustainability at Coastal Carolina.

Those who knew Bill most likely shared an adventure or two with him. Always

active, he lived life to the fullest. From hiking Mount Rainier to belly dancing in Istanbul, there was never a dull moment when accompanying Bill...if you could keep up.

Volunteering and giving back were important to Bill throughout his career and continued into retirement. Since his return to Horry County, he drove veterans weekly to the VA hospital in Charleston for appointments, provided end of life companionship through Hospice, and volunteered for whatever role was needed at Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church.

Survivors include his close and dear friend, Jo Herbal-Wyeth; sister Sandy Wood and husband Dan, brother Rob Wyeth and wife Stacy; and sister Laura Johnston. His niece and nephews include Bobby Wood; Mikey and Wriley Johnston; and Andrew and Tyler Wyeth, who were like sons to him; great niece and nephews Raegan, Easton, and William Wyeth (Bill's partner in crime).

Captain Wyeth is predeceased by his parents Frank and Joann Wyeth.

A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, March 30 at Goldfinch Funeral Home in Conway. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m., Friday, March 31 at Shepard by The Sea Lutheran Church in Murrells Inlet, officiated by Rev. Brad Bellah. Family will privately gather at Hillcrest Cemetery after service, where Bill will be laid to rest with military honors.

In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church in Bill's name.

# Cemetery Details

## Hillcrest Cemetery

1000 Hwy 544  
Conway, SC 29526  
(843) 347-4909  
<https://www.hillcrestcemetery.com/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAR 30.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Goldfinch Funeral Home, Conway Chapel  
606-610 Beaty Street  
Conway, SC 29526

## Funeral Service

**MAR 31.** 2:00 PM (ET)

Shepherd of the Sea Lutheran Church  
P. O. Box 1750  
Murrells Inlet, SC 29576

# Tribute Wall

JH

“ Bill was such an amazing man, his zest for life, love and people will be remembered always. Sending love and prayers to his family and all the knew and loved him. Rest in Love Bill Jennifer J. Hayes

Jennifer Jean Hayes - April 06, 2023 at 09:30 AM

ME

“ Uncle Bill (Uncle Paul...you will always be to me☐) It has been way too long since I have seen you but I loved you very much and you will be missed. My heart aches for your family.....love always Michelle 💔

Michelle Lea Edmonds - March 30, 2023 at 07:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).



March 30, 2023 at 11:13 AM

KE

“ Bill was a wonderful host on our visits to DC. I remember hiking the Billy Goat trail as a family. He loved to take us off the route to explore the area. Our sympathies to your family. We will miss him...

Keri Erickson - March 30, 2023 at 10:18 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).*



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March 28, 2023 at 11:51 AM



“ *Annie purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).*



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**Annie** - March 28, 2023 at 09:34 AM



“ *CHC lab and hospital in Saipan purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).*



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**CHC lab and hospital in Saipan** - March 27, 2023 at 07:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).*



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March 27, 2023 at 12:54 PM



“ *Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).*



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March 27, 2023 at 12:49 PM



“ *We are so sorry for the loss of Bill. When in Washington we stayed with Bill and Jo so we could visit and still get into the City. Conversation at the table was quite spirited and the gift Bill gave us the last day we were there was greatly appreciated. He gave us a stained glass shamrock which has been in our window for all these years. May you receive consolation and peace knowing that there are people who are thinking of you and Bill at this time.*

*Brendan, Virginia and family*

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**Virginia Brazil** - March 26, 2023 at 10:51 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. May 'the God of all comfort' be with your family at this time. Isaiah 41:10*

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**Kathryn** - March 26, 2023 at 03:10 PM

RH

“ Bill was the best of colleagues over the years - we both joined the PHS after a couple of tours in the military, and as a fellow lab officer, I followed him literally into the position he had just vacated. I had followed him once before all of this, graduating from his same high school (Socastee). He shared guiding wisdom, for certain. Bill has been missed in retirement and our thoughts and prayers are with his loved ones.

Captain Richard Henry (Ret.) -

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richard henry - March 24, 2023 at 02:02 PM

CK

Whenever Bill was around, he lit up the room. He never had anything bad to say about anyone. The Public Health Service was a wonderful place to be especially with CAPT Wyeth around. We went on tours of duty and he made you feel so comfortable. New Orleans will always be engraved in my memory, skipping down the middle of the French Quarter. The Lord has gained a faithfull and true Leader. I have something to look forward to when I meet my maker. Rest in peace my dear friend, the world has lost a warrior, friend and confidant. Respectfully CAPT Mary Claire Karlson, Ret., USPHS

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CAPT M. Claire Karlson - March 27, 2023 at 12:01 AM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.).



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March 24, 2023 at 01:14 PM

DJ

“ *Dr. Michael Johnston sent a virtual gift in memory of Capt. William Boyd "Bill" Wyeth, US Navy (Ret.)*



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**Dr. Michael Johnston** - March 23, 2023 at 07:07 PM