



William W. "Bill" Jeannette

July 2, 1948 - September 20, 2022

William W. "Bill" Jeannette, known as "Dirt Doc," 74, of Mount Joy, PA, formerly of Tullytown, PA, passed away on Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at his residence. Born in Cambridge, MA, he was loved by two fathers, the late Manfred A. Biondi and the late Theodore L. Jeannette, and his mother, the late Natalie (Wilder) Jeannette. Bill was the husband of Sharon (Secoolish) Jeannette with whom he celebrated 36 years of marriage this past September 6th.

Bill was a graduate of Seneca Valley High School (class of 1966). He graduated first in his class from the University of Pittsburgh with a B.S. in Civil Engineering. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1972. Bill retired from AECOM as a senior civil engineer. In addition to his kindness, love of animals, and strong intellect, Bill was most known for his love of spending time outdoors working in his gardens. He could often be found in his yard tending to his lawn and his vast collection of plants. Working in and with soil was his lifelong passion - both in his career and his free time.

Bill is survived by his wife, Sharon; daughter, Maria O'Neill, wife of Michael of Manheim; and granddaughter, Felicity Grace O'Neill of Manheim. He will be missed dearly by his trusted companion, Freckles, a 14 year-old English Cocker Spaniel. Bill had three brothers: Edward Jeannette (predeceased in death by his wife, Margaret); David Biondi, husband of Holly; and George Biondi, husband of Deb; and also six sisters: Nancy Lee Friedlander (predeceased in

death by partner, Steven); Kristin Fernandez, wife of Luis; Rebecca Jeannette, partner of Deb Hess; Jennifer Jeannette, wife of Joyce Krech; Maria Jeannette, partner of Kurt Massarelli; and Amy Stiles, wife of Kevin.

A service will be held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, 60 Indiantown Gap Rd, Annville, PA 17003, on Friday, October 7, 2022 at 11:30 AM. A formal procession will leave from Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc., 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy, PA 17552 on Friday before the service at 10:30 AM sharp. In lieu of flowers, please honor Bill's love of dirt/gardening by planting a tree or flowers in his memory.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 7. 11:30 AM (ET)

Indiantown Gap National Cemetery
60 Indiantown Gap Road
Annville, PA 17003

Tribute Wall

JK

“ Sharon

Thanks for your call today --so very sorry for the loss of such a great man. I remember from the first time I met him -- he was always so gracious ---made an instant friend --and he remained that way always. I fondly recall coming to your Tullytown home and was always greeted warmly by Bill yourself & Frecles. I am sure he is in a better place now and will continue to watch over you as he always did. Will keep you in my prayers.

Jim King - October 05, 2022 at 03:24 PM

MT

“ Dear Sharon

I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a such huge part of my working life here in US. We met at work in January of 1991 and we worked together for about 23 years until his retirement. He was a mentor for all engineers and technicians working on our construction sites. He was indeed the “DIRT DOC” for all our projects. When “dirt” was not acceptable to the job, you could see Bill jumping in his vehicle and with his magic touch the dirt was transforming into “perfect dirt” for that job. He taught me to differentiate between all “dirt.”

Even I do not have any picture from work (I can believe I left them all when I retired) he will always be in my heart wearing his blue hat and red or green jacket. For years, before the cell phones ‘era, when using two-way radios, he was “Mobil 11” and I was “RUST1”. I am sure he would smile reading this line.

I will forever be grateful for his friendship and I will miss him dearly.

Maria Tanase

Maria Tanase - October 04, 2022 at 10:06 PM

EL

“ Sharon and maria and family we are very sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man and we know the love your family shared with him. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Esther and Ronnie sottung

esther lelinski - October 02, 2022 at 07:20 PM

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“ Hi Sharon I'm so sorry to hear about Bill. Prayers are with you and Marie and Freckles. All our Love Diane, Marge and Terry.

Diane Hailstone (Tomlinson) - October 02, 2022 at 06:17 PM

JW

“ I spent many an hour working with Bill constructing landfills at the Tullytown and GROWS sites. He was a great mentor and an awesome person! I still think fondly of those years. My thoughts and prayers go out to Sharon and his family.

Joseph Wright - September 30, 2022 at 07:42 AM

NL

“ I am very saddened to learn of Bill's passing. I have fond memories of spending time with him in Tullytown him sharing his extensive knowledge and teaching me how the GROWS landfill worked while it was being built and him always testing me on the what the acronym meant (I still remember!). He was one of the nicest people I ever met and I have thought of him often over the years-especially when I saw a GROWS truck go by. My condolences to Sharon and his family.

Nancy Lawlor - September 29, 2022 at 01:08 PM

RN

“ Sorry for your loss, I know how it feels when I lost my Dad. I also know that he was an integral part of your life. Remember he is still very much a part of you and will be with you forever.

Ray Napoli - September 28, 2022 at 09:28 PM

MG

“ Sympathy and prayers from Seneca Valley High School class of 1966



maryann muto guthrie - September 28, 2022 at 06:49 PM

KE

“ 1 file added to the album Family



Kevin - September 27, 2022 at 06:42 PM