



Mr. William John Dempsey

June 6, 1931 - November 26, 2021

William (Bill) John Dempsey went Home to the Lord on November 26, 2021. Bill was born June 6, 1931 to William and Louise Dempsey. Bill grew up in Rochester, New York, an only child, but surrounded by cousins, aunts, and uncles. He attended Aquinas High School and graduated from the University of Notre Dame in 1953 with a B.A in Economics.

Upon graduation, Bill served in the Navy before returning to Rochester, New York. Soon after, Bill met the love of his life and future bride, Mary Ann McGrath Dempsey. They married in 1959 and had five children.

Bill spent most of his career with Eastman Kodak. He loved to golf and will always be known for his great love of all things Notre Dame.

Bill was a true man of God. He led retreats, served as a Eucharistic minister, and attended daily mass for as long as he could. It was no surprise to Bill's family that he returned to the Lord Thanksgiving weekend, as he was a man of immense gratitude.

Bill was predeceased by his parents William and Louise Dempsey and his wife Mary Ann. He is survived by his Children: William Dempsey Jr., Michael Dempsey (Beth), Kathleen Vesling (Rod), Karen MacDavid (Jake), Colleen Ristau (Chuck), Grandchildren: Tim, Peter (Evan), Lindsay (Paul), Stephanie (Luke), Alex, Tom, Jake, Mary Dee, Rachel, Evelyn, Ellie, Andrew D, Samantha, Andrew M, Lauren, Matthew, Cate and Great Grandson Carson.

A memorial mass will be held on Monday, December 6 at 10:30 AM at St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church in Roswell, Georgia.

“I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day – and not only to me, but also all who have longed for His appearing.” 2 Timothy 4:7-8

Cemetery Details

Georgia National Cemetery

1080 Scott Hudgens Dr
Canton, GA 30114
(770) 479-9300

Previous Events

Funeral Service

DEC 6. 10:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church
11330 Woodstock Road
Roswell, GA

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William John Dempsey*

October 08, 2022 at 11:37 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Karl Pieleck - December 06, 2021 at 08:17 PM



All of us at Lunch at Sub tap.

Karl Pieleck - December 06, 2021 at 08:19 PM



“ *I was sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have only known Bill for the last 5 years and really enjoyed the lunches we had with Bill. He shared a lot of great stories with us from Notre Dame to Viet Nam to Kodak and Faith and Family.*

I have included a picture of us at lunch taken on June 6, 2019. From L to R Mike Northway, Ralph Ferguson, me, and of course Bill.

God bless you Bill and I will miss you.

Karl Pieleck

Karl Pieleck - December 06, 2021 at 08:15 PM

KV

My dad loved his lunches with you all, thank you for being such a good friend to him

Kathy Vesling - December 19, 2021 at 04:39 PM

KC

“ *Bill was my father's (Gary Smith) best friend growing up in Rochester New York. He was the best man at my parent's wedding and my godfather. When he moved back to Rochester in the early 80"s they both retired and played golf regularly at Centre Point...although my father's game was not quite as good as Bill's. They went to at least one Notre Dame football game together against Boston College and I believe possibly UConn as well. Pop kept up with Bill by phone over the last year or so and will miss him terribly. Please know, even though he is now looking down on us, the he is in both my and my father's prayers.*

Karen Smith Callanan

Karen Smith Callanan - December 06, 2021 at 10:01 AM

KV

He sure loved your dad, what a special friendship!

Kathy Vesling - December 19, 2021 at 04:38 PM

CB

“ *All the best to the Dempsey family. Mr. Dempsey was great to us in the old neighborhood in Des Peres, MO. I will always remember walking in and seeing the whole family huddled around the radio for a Notre Dame game not on TV! So sorry for your loss and we will keep William Sr in our prayers.*

Craig Behrndt and family, Coppell, TX

craig behrndt - December 06, 2021 at 01:36 AM

KV

So many great memories Craig!

Kathy Vesling - December 19, 2021 at 04:40 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



December 04, 2021 at 11:51 AM

LH

“ *Love Andy, Sarah, Adeline & Elise Horner purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



Love Andy, Sarah, Adeline & Elise Horner - December 04, 2021 at 11:19 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



December 04, 2021 at 08:58 AM



“ *Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



December 02, 2021 at 01:54 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



November 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM



“ *Love, The Murphy Family 30A purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



Love, The Murphy Family 30A - November 30, 2021 at 06:45 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William John Dempsey.*



November 30, 2021 at 06:24 PM