



## William Stephen Shea

March 13, 1934 - February 3, 2024

William Stephen Shea, formerly of Wyomissing, PA and Baltimore, MD, passed away in Alpharetta, GA on February 3rd, 2024. He was preceded by his wife of 59 years, Carol Elaine (Dease) Shea, who passed away in March 2020. William (Bill) was born to Captain John Stephen and Margaret Simmons Shea in Brooklyn, NY on March 13, 1934. After graduation from Xavier High School in 1951 and the Virginia Military Institute in 1955, he served for 20 years as an officer of Marines, to include combat service in the Vietnam Conflict. He retired from active military service as a Major in 1975.

Bill then served as a municipal manager for Cumru Township, PA, from 1975 - 2000. During this time, he served as a Scoutmaster for two separate Boy Scout troops (Troop 445, West Reading, PA, and Troop 346, Reading, PA), and coached the Sacred Heart parish CYO baseball team for a number of years.

Bill and Carol retired to Baltimore, MD in 2000, where they were active for many years in a wide range of volunteer activities, including the American Red Cross, the Marine Corps League, the Franciscan Center, and Our Daily Bread (a local soup kitchen). Bill and Carol moved to a retirement community in the Alpharetta area in 2019.

Bill is survived by his brother, John Shea and his wife Margaret of Yarmouthport, MA; he was preceded in death by his sister, Cynthia Mease. Bill and Carol are survived by six sons and daughters and their families: Stephen, his wife Molly, and their adult children Patrick, Eileen and William;

Joe, his wife Patty, and their adult children Allie, Ryan, his wife Fiona, and Aidan; Michael, his wife Julia and their sons Carlos and Matthew; Janet Shea, her partner Stacy Dorian and daughter Liza; Peter, with his wife Ellen and their children Annie and Mary; and Jennifer Shea, with her husband Nathan Phillips and their children Rosalind and Alexander.

A viewing will be held at Northside Chapel Funeral Home in Roswell, GA from 4 to 6 p.m. on 20 Feb 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Thomas Aquinas Parish in Alpharetta GA on at 10 a.m. 21 Feb, followed by interment at 1:00 p.m. at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton, GA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Marine Corps League, <https://www.mcleaguelibrary.org/>, or the American Red Cross, at <https://www.redcross.org/donate/donation.html/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Northside Chapel Funeral Directors & Crematory  
12050 Crabapple Road  
Roswell, GA

## Funeral Service

FEB **21**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
535 Rucker Road  
Alpharetta, GA

# Tribute Wall

SD

“ *May his memory be a blessing to your family.*

Stacy Dorian - February 17, 2024 at 08:23 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Stephen Shea.*



February 17, 2024 at 09:53 AM

WD

“ *Work Family of Steve Shea, WA D.C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Stephen Shea.*

Work Family of Steve Shea, WA D.C. - February 17, 2024 at 09:53 AM

MG

“ *In 1989 after I had graduated college, I asked Father Ott after mass about the Boy Scout troop at Sacred Heart. He grabbed my shoulders, spun me around, and said, "Talk to this guy". Thus started a 25 year relationship with Troop 445 and, more importantly, a valued friendship with Bill. Ironically, I was a new County Planning Commission employee so I also got to know Bill on a professional level through his Township Manager position. Bill was a mentor, friend, guide, and overall wonderful person. His quiet demeanor spoke volumes. I still think back on many of those camping trips, troop meetings, Easter Flower sales, and other activities with fondness. My thoughts are with the entire Shea Family.*

Mike Golembiewski - February 12, 2024 at 10:59 AM

MS

“ We are so very sorry to hear this. Bill was a wonderful role model for seeing young boys turn into wonderful men as a Scout Leader at Sacred Heart School. Our thoughts are with you. The Schreffler Family.

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**Marcia I Schreffler** - February 11, 2024 at 02:27 PM

GF

“ Gretchen Fries lit a candle in memory of William Stephen Shea



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**Gretchen Fries** - February 08, 2024 at 08:11 AM