



William "Bill" Wixon

December 22, 1930 - October 1, 2022

William "Bill" Nyles Wixon of Kensington, CT passed away at age 91 on October 1, 2022. A graduate of Farmington High School class of 1949, he served his country during the Korean War as a member of the Army Finance Corps. Bill graduated from Bentley College and Brown University furthering his banking career, which culminated in a bank officer position at Berlin Savings Bank (now Webster Bank) in Berlin, CT where he retired in 1990 after twenty two years of dedicated service.

Once retired from banking, Bill and his wife, Lorraine, became urban pioneers by starting an antique store at The Vega Hall building in New Britain, CT where they also lived. "The Vintage Shop" became a gathering place on Arch Street where they made new friends and helped many area families furnish and beautify their homes with antique furniture and fixtures.

Bill married the girl next door, Lorraine Edith Johnson, in 1954. The newlyweds forged their union by surviving the flood of 1955 where they lived near the Farmington River in Unionville. In 1969, they moved to Berlin, CT and over the years they restored and beautified a number of homes.

In addition to his loving wife, Lorraine, he leaves his son, Jeffrey David Wixon and three daughters, Sarah Ellen Prior and her husband, Lou; Melinda Elaine Slogesky and her husband, Anthony "Skip"; Laura Jean Frederick and her husband, Craig.

Bill and Lorraine's beloved grandchildren include Stacia Facchini, Laura Prior, Benjamin Slogesky, Amy Fraser, Aaron Wixon and Andre Wixon and their

great grandchildren are Ayla & Julia Facchini, Josephine & Eleanor Martin; James, Bryce & Colton Slogesky and Colin & Ryan Fraser. Predeceased by his brother, Paul Boegert, and sisters Betty Meyer and Ruth Tetreault, Bill also leaves a number of beloved nieces and nephews.

Bill leaves his Berlin Congregational Church family where he was a member for over 50 years. He served the church as Treasurer for many years and sang in the choir. He also served his community by lending his time, energy and expertise to a number of organizations, commissions and boards. He will be missed by all those whose lives he touched.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service will be held at Berlin Congregational Church, 878 Worthington Ridge, Berlin, CT on Saturday, October 8, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a reception. A private burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery in New Britain at a later date. The Carlson Funeral Home of New Britain is assisting with the arrangements. Please share a thought, prayer or memory with Bill's family at www.carlsonfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers a memorial donation can be made to the Berlin Congregational Church in Berlin, CT.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

120 Smalley Street
New Britain, CT 06051

Previous Events

Memorial Service

OCT 8. 11:00 AM (ET)

Berlin Congregational Church
878 Worthington Ridge
Berlin, CT 06037

Tribute Wall

BT

“ I'm so sad that I missed Aunt Lorriane messages and calls of you passing, I will always remember you as uncle BULL. One the biggest things I will always remember is when you lived in unionville and it was so hot you would use the garden hose to cool all of us of my cousins and me. Rest piece please and take care of grandma Cadoret and my mom. I know they need you! Love last forever!

brian tetreault - October 09, 2022 at 05:16 PM

LF

Thanks, Brian. Love to you and yours. Laura

Laura Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 08:03 AM

LF

“ 2 files added to the album Memories



Laura Frederick - October 09, 2022 at 02:03 PM

LF

“ Dad's service can be viewed on facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/FriendsOfBerlinCongregationalChurch/videos/1741440736242516>

Laura Frederick - October 09, 2022 at 01:29 PM

CP

“ Our dearest sympathies to your family. We grew up next door on Worthington Ridge and I remember how wonderful you were as neighbors and friends to my parents. Thinking of you Chris (Buckley) Pearlstein

Chris Buckley Pearlstein - October 07, 2022 at 11:07 AM

LF

Hi Chris, Thanks so much. We saw your mom and dad yesterday at the service. It was wonderful to see them and they let us know you, your sister and brother are doing well. We have so many fond memories of our families' shared past. It was a special time in our lives which we look back on with love.

Big Hugs,

Laura Wixon Frederick

Laura Frederick - October 09, 2022 at 02:01 PM

DS

“ When my father, Alfred Nocera, was in his last days on this earth, Bill and Lorraine were two of his kind and "familiar faces" at McDonald's in Kensington, that helped him get through some difficult days. Bill always came over and spoke directly with my Dad. Bill is very fondly remembered. God bless his family.

Diana Steinson - October 06, 2022 at 10:18 AM

LF

Diana, Thanks so much for coming to the service and for your kind words. I DO remember your dad. I had a number of talks with him at McD's about his five girls and he always spoke so fondly of you all and how fortunate he was to have such a wonderful family. I'm sure our dads are having coffee together in heaven. Love and hugs to you and your family. Laura

Laura Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 08:07 AM

AP

“ *Laura and Craig,
So sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. Please accept our
condolences.
Arlene and Dan Palmer
Canton, CT*

Arlene and Dan Palmer - October 05, 2022 at 09:44 PM

LF

*Thanks so much, Arlene and Dan. Craig and I appreciate your kind
words. Laura*

Laura Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 08:12 AM

CF

*Thank you for your condolences, Arlene and Dan. Your words felt like
one of your coffeeshop hugs and put a big and much needed smile on
my face. I miss you both, and hope your well. Craig*

Craig Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 09:08 AM

SK

“ *It has been a pleasure and a privilege to have been Bill's neighbor
for the last 16 years in Kensington. I will miss Bill, as he was a man
of character, compassion and commitment, not to forget the
courage he endured in his final months, I like to think Luna made
him laugh unexpectedly. May the Lord continue to bless his loving
wife Lorraine and their wonderful family!*

Susan Kieffer

Susan Kieffer - October 05, 2022 at 01:30 PM

LF

*Thank you so much, Susan. Knowing you were there to support Mom
and Dad has been such a blessing. Thanks for everything you do for
them both. Love and hugs, Laura*

Laura Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 08:10 AM

MW

“ Dear Lorraine and family,
How sorry we are to have heard of Bill's passing. It was truly an honor to have met him and gotten to know him over the years as I accompanied you both at BCC. He was a true gentleman and it was a pleasure to get to know you both. My prayers are for your comfort and peace as you reflect upon a beautiful life you made together.
Chris and Mary Lou Woods

Mary Lou Woods - October 04, 2022 at 06:48 PM

LF

Thank you, Mary Lou. I will make sure my mom gets your beautiful message. Laura

Laura Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 08:14 AM

FM

“ Frances A M. purchased a sympathy card for the family of William "Bill" Wixon.



Frances A M. - October 04, 2022 at 02:45 PM

MM

“ to the family of bill Wixon so very sorry for loss I will miss our talks on Sundays with bill about life love and giving back mr wixon changed my life forever god bless you bill



mark mcMahon - October 03, 2022 at 06:47 PM

MH

I remember Bill with Lorraine From the Vintage Shop many years ago. They were always so kind to my mom and to me. Always a smile, a laugh, and a story to tell. Bill had a gentle soul and did indeed touch our lives. God bless him and you, his family.

Margaret Heath-Ringrose - October 04, 2022 at 10:41 AM

JF

*Bill was a role model and a friend. Remembering back to the days at Berlin Congo when he was in choir or meetings, Bill was smart and always had a warm smile . He was great with my sons, and how he made us feel special. He was amazing with his willingness to take on new adventures, from the Ridge to New Britain. Our years working in the Vintage Shop, Bill ,continue to inspire me. Small things like how he dealt with people and customers, to big things like the love and respect he showed his wife and family. He was a force and a gentleman, he was a teacher and a constant life learner.. Bill was a one of a kind and he will be held in some many hearts. I warmly remember him playing his harmonic in church. Condolences to all his family and Loved ones..
John Frink*

John Frink - October 07, 2022 at 11:25 PM

LF

Thanks for your kind words, John. Good memories! Love to you and your family. Laura

Laura Frederick - October 10, 2022 at 08:09 AM