



William Basil Purner

November 1, 1933 - January 5, 2018

Purner William Basil, age 84, of Birmingham, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, January 5, 2018. He was born on November 1, 1933 to Walter B. and Genevieve (Hart) Purner, the 6th of 11 children. The immediate family will be gathering for a private Celebration of Life in the home of his son, Jeff Purner, on the weekend of January 12, 2018.

Bill was a graduate of Glens Falls High School and then he proudly served his country in the United States Navy and Army. He was honorably discharged in December of 1959. The following year, he married the love of his life, Jean Esther Farr on August 21, 1960. They shared 57 wonderful years together. Over the past few years, the love and dedication he showed towards his wife, who is ill, was such an inspiration. His life selflessly revolved around her each day.

In his youth, Bill was an accomplished and talented swimmer, winning many races and awards in Glens Falls, NY. He was also a lifeguard at Haviland's Cove and the East Pool during his teen years.

Along with his parents, Mr. Purner was preceded in death by 3 brothers: Thomas, Walter, and Richard Purner. Bill is survived by his wife: Jean Purner; 3 children: Jeff (Julie), James (Sharon), and Matt (Steven); 5 grandchildren: Tyler Purner, Emily Purner, Logan Purner, Lauren Purner, and Alex Purner; 3

sisters: Elizabeth Pagano, Mary Kexel (Ronald), and Patricia Purner (Janice Niemer); 4 brothers: Robert, Paul (Diane), Raymond (Priscilla), and Francis Purner (Anne Marie), along with many in-laws, nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to the Alzheimer's Association in honor of Jean Purner.

Please sign online condolences at www.boltonfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *To the Purner Family*
We are very sorry to learn of your loss. Having lost contact with Bill and Jean over the years, we did not realize Jeff was living in our area. We have many wonderful memories of the Purner Family during our years living on Sherwood Drive...the neighborhood gatherings, the picnics at Gurney Lane, etc.
Please convey our condolences to the Family. Jack and Carolyn Lord

Jack and Carolyn Lord - February 05, 2018 at 11:09 AM

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“ *Dear Mrs Purner, Jeff, Jamie, and Matt,*

I am sorry to hear about the loss of your dad. When I read about it in the paper, my first thoughts were of his great smile and comforting voice. I always remember him listening with interest to what I had to say, even though I was only a little kid, and for that I always respected him and thought he was a great person. I am sorry for your loss and send my condolences to all the Purner family.

Tom Devlin

Tom Devlin - January 12, 2018 at 08:49 PM