



## William C. Morey

December 12, 1922 - December 9, 2015

### Obituary of William Morey, Jr.

William C. Morey, Jr. (Commander Bill), of Leesburg, Florida passed away on Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015 just a few days shy of his 93rd Birthday.

Bill was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on December 12th, 1922 and graduated from Harding High School where he played trumpet in the marching band. Bill's musical endeavors also included playing trumpet in a very popular Dance Band that performed at various venues around Connecticut including Pleasure Beach.

Following High School, Bill entered the Navy ROTC program at the Virginia Polytechnic Institute (VPI) and entered the Naval Cadet Aviation Training Program as an Ensign.

After earning his Navy Wings, Bill achieved the rank of Lieutenant JG and served as a pilot during WWII, the Korean War era and beyond flying a broad range of aircraft including: early bi-plane trainers, various fixed-wing / multi-engine aircraft, the Navy's PBX (flying boats) and ultimately land and aircraft carrier based helicopter operations.

Upon achieving the rank of Naval Commander, Bill was assigned to JACE (Joint Alternate Command Element) under the Joint Chiefs of Staff at the Pentagon in Washington, DC. A notable event during this period was his participation in support of President John F. Kennedy's successful de-escalation of the Cuban Missile Crises.

During the Navy years, the family joked about: not having lived in one place for more than three years and having crossed the Mississippi River multiple times (East to West, West to East ...etc.). A few of the locations where Bill was stationed included: Whidbey Island, WA - San Diego and Monterey, CA - St. John's, Newfoundland - Olatha, KS - Pensacola and Cocoa Beach, FL - Virginia Beach and Fairfax, VA - East Greenwich, RI.

Following his retirement from the Navy in 1961, Bill accepted a management position with Eastern Airlines and relocated the family first to New Jersey and then to Miami, Florida. The Morey family moved to the new community of Miami Lakes and were very active at Our Lady of the Lakes, Catholic Church. After 15 years with Eastern Airlines, Bill decided it was time to retire.

In 1993 Bill and Elise Morey chose to relocate from Miami Lakes to the Plantation Residential Community in Leesburg, Florida. They were very active in their new community and worshiped at Saint Paul's Catholic Church.

Bill and Elsie were happily married for 60 years and following Elsie's passing in 2007, Bill has survived Elsie by eight years.

Bill and Elsie Morey are survived by their three sons: William Chase Morey III (Bill) , James Garrison Morey (Garry), Kenneth Kevin Morey (Ken) and two grandchildren: Benjamin and Megan.

A memorial service for Commander Morey will be scheduled at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Leesburg, Florida on January 11, 2016 and will be followed by his internment at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

The family requests that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to Cornerstone Hospice Organization - 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778 (Phone: 352-343-1341)

# Tribute Wall

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**Beverly and Ronald Parsons** - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Beverly and Ronald Parsons** - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We will miss our Riverwalk neighbor. We played cards with Bill & Elsie years ago when we first moved into the Plantation. He was so dedicated to caring for Elsie. Linda & John Shemenski

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**Linda & John Shemenski** - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Mr. Morey was an amazing man. He was a kind and sensitive, but a stern man. His sense of humor was one that will make me smile forever. His love for his family was one that I have never seen in any other person in this world. He was very proud of his sons and deeply cherished them, as his sons cherished him. The love he had for Elsie was beyond words...their marriage was one that was made in heaven. Mr. Morey was my father-in-law for a short period of time, but the love that he shared with me and my son was one that neither one of us will ever forget. My heart goes out to Bill, Kenny and Garry, and their families, for their loss. My deepest sympathy and condolences go out to all who are mourning his loss. I was honored to be a part of the Morey family and there will always be a place in my heart for them. God Bless Mr. Morey, Anita Lang*

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**Anita Pomposelli Lang** - January 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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**Anita Pomposelli Lang** - January 05, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ We have lost a Patriot and Friend I literally ran out of the front door at Bill and Elsie's home in Miami lakes in 1962. I was installing their telephone service. I heard an airplane come over their house, jumped up and headed out the front door. Opalocka airport was just east of their house. Bill asked me if I liked airplanes. His family & I became friends over the next 56 years. Bill coached me many times when I was getting my commercial, twin-engine, instrument and sea plane ratings. He once interviewed me for a position at Eastern Air Lines. He suggested I apply for the position of arbitrator. (are you kidding me?)He gave me a test, explain how to draw a square box... Afterward he suggested I stay with the telephone company. I retired 29 years later. Bill was intelligent and witty and was a master at the organ. We exchanged many e-mails over the years and sent me some of the greatest military photos, especially NAVY. I was unable to see Bill this last year , however Gary kept me updated. I am sad to say I never saw Bill again. We have lost an exceptional, patriotic man, I will miss Bill's thoughts about where our great country is headed. Have a great journey friend, I will always treasure our friendship. Ron McCullough Vero Beach

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**Ron McCullough** - December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ *William C. Morey*

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December 23, 2015 at 12:00 AM