



William (Bill) G. Rokos

February 12, 1921 - April 10, 2025

William ("Bill") G. Rokos passed away peacefully on April 10, 2025 at the age of 95. Originally from Queens, New York, he is predeceased by his wife of more than 70 years, Jean Rokos. Bill and Jean met in 1948 when Bill was 19 and Jean was still in high school. When Bill was drafted into the army for service during the Korean War, they quickly decided to marry so that she could live on base with him while he was stationed in Mineral Wells, TX. The old folks said these kids would never last. Bill was also a shortstop in the Brooklyn Dodgers organization and a skilled commercial draftsman. During the war, Bill was trained as an operating engineer and learned valuable skills as a grader operator. After the war, Jean and Bill moved to Bay Shore on Long Island where Jean found work as a skilled secretary and Bill was an operating engineer with Local 10. He was an avid yachtsman in the 1960s and '70s and a self-taught, scratch golfer. They also wintered for many years at their villa on St. Croix. Jean and Bill retired and moved to Florida in 1990. They first lived in Stuart, then in Palm Beach, and then headed to northern Florida to a house in Howey-in-the-Hills before their final move into Lakeport Square Village in Leesburg. At the time of Bill's passing, he left 3 nephews, Bob, Greg and Ted, and numerous great nieces and a nephew.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home, Leesburg, FL

Tribute Wall

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“ I just saw this obituary, while I was addressing Bills Christmas card,,My Dad and my mom were in the service with Jean and Bill in mineral Wells, Texas ,,Carl and Nancy Hoover,and they stayed close from all the years after they came back, to their home states ,,my dad actually broke Bill's leg in a wrestling accident in mineral Wells so they couldn't send Bill to Korea. My dad always said Bill owed him. Bill laughed every time he heard the story.They were wonderful people,, for a young hillbilly kid from the Shenandoah Valley visiting Long Island in New York going out on the cabin cruiser,, fishing, the 2 Airedale's ,,,Bless them for being so kind!!
Craig Hoover.

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“ Uncle Bill and Aunt Jean adored their 3 nephews. Visiting them next door in Bay Shore or later in Howie in the Hills when we visited with myself, Greg, Liam and Ainsley. They were so happy to share their home with us. Every holiday we got the most beautiful handwritten cards from them. The cards continued after Jeans passing and we looked forward to speaking with Uncle Bill every holiday. He always has a place in our hearts
Love,
Marilyn, Liam and Ainsley

Marilyn Coe-Davis - April 22, 2025 at 07:45 PM