



## William A. Scherr

February 24, 1941 - December 5, 2019

God called his dedicated servant, Colonel (Ret) William "Bill" Scherr III home on Thursday, December 5, 2019. Bill was born on February 24, 1941 to Alice and William Scherr Jr. of Jamaica, NY and grew up in Valley Stream, NY. He leaves behind his loving wife of 55 years, Jean.

Bill also leaves behind his son William Scherr IV his wife Debra, their son Jeff, his wife Wendy, their daughter Kristy Rooney, husband Jim, great grandchildren Laurel, Logan, Seanna, Kaiden, Ava, and Bryce; son Jim Scherr his wife Katy, grandchildren Alexis and Tyler; and daughter Betsy Charlesworth, her husband Rob, and grandchildren Myles, Morgan and Marty. Bill also leaves behind his sister Teresa O'Grady and husband Kevin. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Alice and William Scherr Jr., and his sister Barbara Scherr.

Bill graduated from Chaminade High School in Mineola, NY in 1958 and received an appointment to the United States Military Academy at West Point. He graduated from West Point with a Bachelor of Science Degree in 1962 and received a commission in the U.S. Army. He went on to serve a distinguished 30-year career in the United States Army that included multiple overseas tours in Korea, Vietnam, and Germany. He received many awards for his military service to include the Bronze Star with Valor Device. Bill also went on to earn a Master of Science Degree in Information Management from the University of

Southern California in 1981.

Bill and Jean settled in Jericho, Vermont in 1987. Bill retired from the Army and began a second career in financial management working as a comptroller for the Vermont Department of Education. They retired in 2002 and relocated to The Villages in Central Florida. Bill remained active with the West Point Alumni Association his entire life and traveled frequently with them. Bill also loved golfing and competed with the Bandit's Golf Team. He was active at Saint Mark's Church in Summerfield, FL as a Eucharistic Minister. He was a member of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, The Knights of Columbus, and was an Oblate of Saint Leo's Abbey in St. Leo, FL.

Last respects can be offered at Beyers Funeral Home in Lady Lake, FL, on Tuesday, December 10, from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. A Requiem Mass will be celebrated at Saint Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in Summerfield, FL, on Wednesday, December 11, at 10:00 AM, followed by a repast in the Church Hall. Bill will be interred at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL with full military honors on Wednesday, December 11 at 1:30 PM.

Donations may be made in lieu of flowers to Saint Leo's Abbey at: The Order of Saint Benedict of Florida, 33601 State Road 52, P.O. Box 2350, St. Leo, FL 33574.

Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

# Tribute Wall

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“ COL Scherr was LTC when he was SGS at CENTAG, Hammonds Barracks, 1977. I babysat his children one weekend; his wife, Jean, made delicious apple pie at dinner before they left. She gave me the recipe; it's the only one I've used all these years. COL Scherr was such a good person, very responsible, and fun. I can still hear him talking with CPT Frye and MAJ Salchow in his office. Hilarious conversations. God bless his family.

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**Marie George** - March 20, 2020 at 12:04 PM

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“ One of the finer men I have had the honor of crossing paths with in life. May you rest in peace and have many birdies in heaven

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**Mike and Petra Hobson** - December 10, 2019 at 07:30 AM