



William Henry Sythes Sr.

November 10, 1936 - July 20, 2024

William Henry Sythes went home to our Lord on July 20, 2024, as he finally lost his battle with congestive heart failure. Born on November 10, 1936, to John and Mary Sythes, Bill was a life-long New Yorker until he and his wife, Lorrie, retired to the Villages, Florida, in 1999.

Bill served in the U.S. Army and was a graduate of the Army Language School. He worked for the American Broadcasting Company (ABC). The last ten years of his working life he spent with the Village of Rockville Centre.

Bill met Lorrie, a Chicago girl, on a cruise they both happened to take in September 1968. They married in 1970 and subsequently had three children, building a life in Freeport, NY, on Long Island, where they lived for over 25 years.

Retirement in the Villages allowed Bill the time to enjoy many different hobbies and interests. He and Lorrie loved to travel. They took cruises in Europe and the Caribbean, day trips around Florida, and traveled to different places in the U.S. to visit friends and family. For years, Bill played tennis 5-6 days a week. He was a talented craftsman when it came to needlework, crocheting many doilies, a bedspread, and his granddaughter's baptismal gown. Upon retirement, Bill became even more devoted to his Catholic faith, attending daily mass and acting as a Eucharistic minister for those who could not come

to mass themselves.

Friends of Bill will remember his gregarious nature and booming laugh. They will also remember piercing blue eyes and a head of hair that remained thick and beautiful his entire life, though it did transition from black to white. His family remembers his financial wizardry, his love of reading and chess, his high standards, and his devotion.

Bill was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Mary. He is survived by his beloved wife of almost 54 years, Lorrie, his children Bill, Jennifer, and Laura (Alfred), his grandchildren Dylan and Amelia, as well as nieces and nephews.

Per the family's request, there will be no wake or calling hours. Bill's Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. Timothy's Catholic Church in the Villages on Thursday, August 29, 2024, at 10am.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory can be made to the American Heart Association ([www.https://www.heart.org](https://www.heart.org)) and the Society of St. Vincent de Paul (www.ssvpusa.org).

Previous Events

Church Service

AUG **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

St. Timothy Catholic Church
1351 Paige Pl
Lady Lake, FL 32159

Inurnment

AUG **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Florida National Cemetery
6502 SW 102nd Avenue
Bushnell, FL 33513

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr Sythes was a regular patient of ours and at each appointment all of our staff made it a point to say hello or good morning. He knew each of us by name. He never had a down day, choosing to bless us with his sense of humor and good natured disposition. We're not supposed to have favorite patients, but Bill definitely was one of ours. What a wonderful man. We will surely miss his smile and laugh.*

*Deb Burton RN
Interventional Radiology
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“ *Lorrie , I always looked forward to seeing you and Bill on your visits to see Laura, Alfred and Amelia . I knew that it would be filled with fun and laughter. Bill always made sure everyone was enjoying themselves. My thoughts and prayers are with you and family . Love , Jackie*

Jacqueline Garcia - July 23, 2024 at 02:21 PM