



## William Hamilton Flannagan Jr.

September 12, 2019

William Hamilton Flannagan Jr., of Woodbridge, VA, passed away at his home surrounded by family on Thursday, September 12, 2019. Mr. Flannagan was the retired President and CEO of Potomac Hospital, later to become Sentara Northern Virginia Medical Center in Woodbridge.

Born July 23, 1946, to parents William Hamilton Flannagan, Sr. and Kathryn Middleton Flannagan, "Bill", as he was known to friends and family, served in the US Army in Vietnam, and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College (BA) and the Medical College of Virginia (MHA). He began his hospital career in Petersburg, VA, in 1973, and then became a Vice President at Baptist Hospital in Nashville, TN in 1976. In 1980, he joined Potomac Hospital's administration as its COO and later its CEO before retiring in 2010.

In 1977, Mr. Flannagan became a proud Jack Daniels Tennessee Squire. He loved the Outer Banks where he was an avid surf fisherman. As a lifelong Yankees fan, Bill made many pilgrimages to Yankee Stadium, both old and new. He loved cooking with his family, especially concocting chili recipes and baking pies!

Mr Flannagan was preceded in death by his parents, William H Flannagan, Sr. and Kathryn Middleton Flannagan.

He is survived by his wife, Meribeth, of Woodbridge, VA.; his daughter, Sarah Flannagan Lewis and husband, Matthew, of Olney, MD., and his son William Hamilton Flannagan III and wife, Aniysha, of Woodbridge, VA.; his brother John Michael Flannagan and wife Deborah of Roanoke, VA., and his sister Patricia Flannagan Sarver and husband Nelson of Roanoke, VA.; two grandsons; as well as his aunt Bitsy Middleton of Dunedin, FL.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd., Woodbridge, VA 22192, on Sunday, September 22nd, beginning with a gathering at 12 PM and followed by a memorial service at 1:00 PM. A reception will follow at The Harbour Grille, 13188 Marina Way, Woodbridge, VA.

In lieu of flowers, a donation to your charity of choice is encouraged.

# Previous Events

## Memorial Gathering

SEP 22. 12:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.  
3200 Golansky Blvd.  
Woodbridge, VA 22192  
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

## Memorial Service

SEP 22. 1:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ 184 files added to the album Life Tributes



Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. - September 21, 2019 at 08:04 AM

WD

“ Beth, Sarah, Will, Mike, Missy and Bitsy. I am writhing this note on behalf of my dad (William), myself(Doris), Beverly and Missy. We were so saddened at the news of Bill's passing. There were so many fond memories that come flooding back of him from his childhood to his adulthood (spending time at the beach almost every summer, the Va. Tech football games and tailgating events, hockey games and dating-- finding his soulmate in you Beth and sharing in his life, the birth of you Sarah and Will and Christmas family gatherings at the Flannagan household). All these memories and so many more are so precious. He has joined his dad and mom, Martha and uncle Henry. I regret I'm not able to come to the memorial but do know you all are in our in my thoughts and prayers, Love you all.  
Wiliam

William and Doris - September 17, 2019 at 05:19 PM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Hamilton Flannagan Jr..



September 17, 2019 at 09:18 AM

LG

“ Love, The Sequeiras, Covingtons, Monaghans & Garcias purchased the Love Everlasting Bouquet for the family of William Hamilton Flannagan Jr..



Love, The Sequeiras, Covingtons, Monaghans & Garcias - September 16, 2019 at 08:04 PM

NM

“ We lost a dear friend on Thursday much too soon. Bill Flannagan was a kind, generous, hilariously funny man who cherished his family and knew how to enjoy life. We shared professions in health care, and John and I and Bill and his wife, Beth, enjoyed each other's company and friendship over 40 years, starting with a "mid-life crisis" party when John and Bill turned 35 years old 2 days apart (Beth and I followed a few months later). He loved good food and good wines, particularly Pinot Noirs. He adored his Beth, whom he referred to as an Angel, and his children and grandchildren. He was a good man. And he is very sadly missed. Rest in Peace dear Bill.

Nancy S McConnell - September 16, 2019 at 06:54 PM

NM

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



Nancy S McConnell - September 16, 2019 at 06:51 PM

JF

“ A group of us were working on the “We are Potomac” initiative and my Mom ( who we were caring for in our home) passed away. Mr. Flanagan was so very kind to me, I'll never forget it. He and Mr. Miss really made working at Potomac such a good experience. Those were the days!

Jan Ford - September 16, 2019 at 04:57 PM

JF

Mr. Miss I meant!

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JF

Moss

Jan Ford - September 16, 2019 at 04:58 PM

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**Nancy S McConnell** - September 16, 2019 at 06:54 PM

JP

*Dear Mr. Flannagan,*

*I will be forever grateful for your leadership and your example. Among the countless lessons you provided for me, you taught me that two good things could actually come from the New York Yankees... Mariano Rivera and the 14 YEARS of endless banter with YOU! I will always be reminded of you with a smile on my face when I hear the two best words ever spoken... "PLAY BALL!"*

**Jennifer M Pettorini** - September 17, 2019 at 11:15 AM

MC

*Mr. Bill Flannagan was a kind and gentle man whom I had the pleasure to get to know. It was always my pleasure to see him, we had many laughs, fish stories, what series to watch on TV. He had me place a bet on a horse for him when I went home to Saratoga , WILL's WAY came in first place. Bill had 20 bucks on that horse. We shared stories about family. Over the years he became my friend. He helped my family when we needed my stepdad transferred to Potomac hospital hospice care. I will never forget the kindness and compassion he had. May he Rest In Peace . Mary Clark*

**mary clark** - September 17, 2019 at 03:18 PM

MD

*Mr. Flannagan was a bigger than life sort of man. When I first came to Potomac Hospital in 1987, I was terrified of him. From there I went on to revere this guy who was so dedicated to keeping our community hospital afloat. Later, as I was fortunate to get to know the beautiful soul behind the sometimes gruff exterior, I simply loved him. He supported me in every role I took on at the hospital, especially in my role of Director of Community Education ,a position in which I reported directly to him. I couldn't ask for a better boss. He knew I liked to write, and once gifted me with a book on writing. That's who he was....just quietly making a mark on his world and on people's hearts, without fanfare of any kind.*

*He also had a wicked sense of humor. After he announced his retirement, my colleague Kela Casey and I were chatting with WHF in his office. He told us an elaborate tale of how he owned a bait shop in North Carolina and often slept on a cot in the back of the store. I offered to come work for him, as did Kela. After spinning this yarn for several minutes he burst out laughing and said "oh boy you two are so gullible!" Needless to say, a precious memory!*

*You remain in many hearts, Mr.F; we are all a little richer for having known you!*

*Maureen Deutermann*

**Maureen Deutermann** - September 17, 2019 at 03:44 PM

JT

*Lynn and I have been blessed to have known Bill, Beth, Sarah and Will for many years. Bill was great friend, colleague and mentor for over 35 years. Bill hired me for my first job at Potomac Hospital and provided me many opportunities to grow, both personally and professionally. Bill and Beth made us feel very welcome when we moved to Woodbridge and we quickly became good friends. Our life's journey provided many opportunities and experiences that we will never forget. From the Friday Happy Hours at Charlie Brown's to the Pig Pickins at the Eskew's house (with Lone Star Beer). Halloween parties were also great fun and always included a number of unique costumes. We also ventured to the Outer Banks for a couple of fishing trips. One year the big catch was a high-top tennis shoe (glad there were grocery stores in the area or we would of gone hungry). Potomac Hospital was a special place for us, working with many great people and having our first son. We value our memories and friendships.*

*Bill provided me the opportunities to build the foundation for my professional career. I will always be grateful for his kindness, mentorship and overall friendship. We will miss you.*

*Lynn and John Tolmie*

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**John Tolmie** - September 18, 2019 at 09:04 AM