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Woodbridge, Virginia – William Kenneth Bayert, 73, of Woodbridge, Virginia, and formerly of Bonners Ferry, Idaho, and Ironton, Ohio, passed away peacefully on August 6, 2025, with his wife, Nicole, and daughter, Anna, by his side, following a brave and dignified struggle with pancreatic cancer.

Bill was the beloved husband of Nicole Doucette Bayert, whom he married on October 25, 1997, in Alexandria, Virginia. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter, Anna Fink (and her mother), son-in-law Erec Fink, and grandsons Max and Sam Fink. Bill also leaves behind his loving siblings: sister Bethany (Glenn) Mara and their children Nathan (Tara), Andrew (Chloe), and Kathryn (Adam); brother Robert (Lynne) Bayert and their daughter Kimberly (José) Rosas and granddaughter Isabella; as well as his sister-in-law Allene Doucette, brother-in-law William Casler, and nephew Alastair Casler.

Bill was born in Ironton, Ohio, on August 17, 1951, to William Bayert and Mary Margaret Barron Bayert, both of whom preceded him in death. He graduated from Ironton High School in 1969, where he was an athlete, lettering in both baseball and basketball. Bill earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Marshall University in 1973 and went on to receive his Juris Doctor degree from Capital

University School of Law in 1977. He was a member of both the Idaho and Ohio Bar Associations.

His distinguished legal career spanned 35 years. Bill began as a private attorney and county prosecutor in Bonners Ferry, Idaho, before spending over 26 years with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He worked in the Real Estate Directorate and Office of the Chief Counsel in both the Huntington District in West Virginia and at Corps Headquarters in Washington, D.C. It was during a meeting of the Corps of Engineers' Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors in 1992 that Bill first met Nicole, and their partnership was built on a shared love for both work and life.

Bill was passionate about the outdoors and dedicated much of his time after retirement to environmental causes. He completed a course of study with the Virginia Cooperative Extension to become a certified Master Gardener, focusing on incorporating native plants into his landscape to create habitats for wildlife. His home was proudly recognized as an Audubon at Home Wildlife Sanctuary, where he nurtured at least 10 species of sanctuary birds and animals.

An avid fly fisherman, Bill found joy not only in the serenity of the sport — the rhythmic whisper of the line unfurling, the quiet communion with flowing water — but also in its exhilaration. His heart would leap at the sudden, electric tug on the line, the wild dash of a fish testing his skill, the dance of give-and-take played out in the current. For Bill, each cast was both meditation and adventure, a blend of stillness and thrill that mirrored his love for life itself. Through his travels, he forged lasting friendships with fellow anglers from around the world, bound together by shared waters and shared stories.

Bill's intelligence was quiet but keen, reflected in the thoughtful questions he asked and the careful attention he gave to every conversation. Humble in his

achievements and kind in spirit, he made people feel seen, heard, and valued. His warm, engaging manner drew people in, and his genuine curiosity about others created bonds that endured. Whether talking with a lifelong friend or a stranger he had just met, Bill had a gift for making connections that left people feeling richer for having known him.

Above all, Bill treasured time spent with his family, often combining his love of nature and fishing with his cherished loved ones. His legacy of kindness, humor, humility, and unwavering love for his family, friends, and the environment will be deeply missed.

A memorial service will be held at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA 22192, on September 6, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.; visiting hours start at 1:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Bill's memory to one of his favorite causes: Trout Unlimited, Save Bristol Bay, World Central Kitchen, or Friends of the Rappahannock.

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 6. 1:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Miller Funeral Home & Crematory, Inc.
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Woodbridge, VA 22192
703-878-CARE (2273)
<https://millerfuneralhome.net/>

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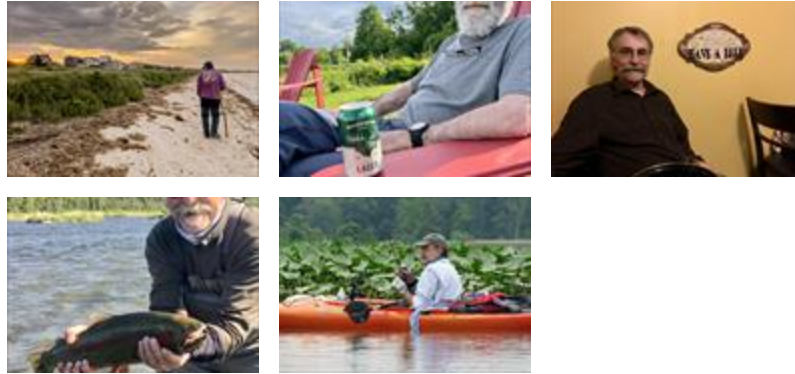
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“ Cristy H. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Kenneth Bayert.

Cristy H. - September 04, 2025 at 02:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Kenneth Bayert.



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“ As his cousin, I looked up at him and his sister Beth; they were a bit older than me and it felt good to have them as childhood leaders. All my other cousins and siblings are younger than me so Bill and Beth showed me parts of childhood that fascinated me. Bill played Little League (or whatever it was called then) and I thought of him as a hero on the team. I watched from the sidelines as he was triumphant on the field (in my mind). Bill also had a pet flying squirrel which was kept in the basement of their house. That was just a real attraction to someone who had only a prosaic Guinea pig at the time. As he grew older, I realized what an intelligent and kind person he was. He. Lived at our house in Houston for one summer while he worked for my Dad's company. He often spent time on the couch in the kitchen area still grimy from work and chatted with my parents while Mom cooked dinner. He will be sorely missed.

Kathy Meador - August 16, 2025 at 10:05 AM



“ It is with a saddened heart that I ponder the passing of my friend Bill. Bill and I became friends in home room in the 7th grade. We were in similar class schedules throughout Jr. High and High School. We were on same athletic teams and were class officers together. He was a leader and a scholar. On behalf of IHS Class of 69, condolences to Bill's family. May God welcome you home my friend. from John (Speedy) Boggess.

John Boggess - August 12, 2025 at 03:32 PM