



## Pefferman, William

October 17, 2012

William C. Pefferman, 85, went home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Wednesday, October 17, 2012.

Bill was born in Pittsburgh, PA, the loving and devoted son of Philip and Percella Pefferman, loyal brother of Delta and Philip Pefferman, and brother-in-law to Mary Lou Hobbs, all deceased.

Despite enduring hardships shared by so many during the days of the Great Depression, Bill cherished his years growing up on the North Side of Pittsburgh. He was a good student and athlete and was elected senior class president at Allegheny High School. Bill served his country in the Army Air Force, returning home at the end of WWII to enroll at the University of Pittsburgh, under the GI Bill, to study chemical engineering. He played baseball in the summers for the Ottie Cochran All-Stars team, coached by Hall of Famer, Pie Traynor.

After graduation, Bill moved to New Martinsville upon his employment at Columbia-Southern Chemical Co. (now PPG). At that time he lived in an apartment on lower Main Street, had no car, and walked to the highway to catch a ride to work. He enjoyed walking the streets of New Martinsville and humorously said that on some evenings the only thing moving on Main Street was the cat in the old Witschey's store window.

He then married the love of his life, Barbara Richey, also from Pittsburgh, and they started a family and a new life together. They loved New Martinsville and her people and considered it an ideal place to live and rear a family.

The support of friends and the community during and after Barbara's courageous but ultimately unsuccessful battle with cancer in 1964 was tremendous and will never be forgotten. Bill started anew in 1972 when he moved to Marietta, Ohio, to work at the Fenton Art Glass Co. in Williamstown, WV. Once again he embraced his new life, made many friends, and thoroughly enjoyed his time in Marietta. One day, soon after he retired from Fenton, Bill noticed a gentleman about his own age working on a neighbor's landscaping. He went outside and asked this man if he would like something cold to drink. This man was Dave Nowery, a retired central Ohio school teacher and coach originally from Follansbee, WV, and living in Reno, OH, at the time. Soon they would become best friends. They shared much in common and loved going to the Senior Center for lunch or to the mall in Vienna. They would go on long drives on a whim just to enjoy the scenery, visit some place of interest, or to eat at some out-of-the-way diner.

After Bill was diagnosed with non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma, Dave would faithfully drive Bill to his chemo treatments in Wheeling, always stopping on the way home to visit with Bill's family. Bill was fortunate, by God's grace, to overcome non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Thank you Dr. Sushil Mehrotra for your excellent care and compassion.

As the effects of Parkinson's disease progressed, Bill moved back to New Martinsville to get the assistance of family members. He felt like he was coming home and he loved his time spent back in New Martinsville. Later, with the need for more help, Bill went to live at The Heritage at St. Marys, an assisted living facility. Dave Nowery would come to see Bill there until his own passing in 2011. Our heartfelt thanks and appreciation go to Jay and Jim Powell, owners and operators of The Heritage, for providing a beautiful, loving, and supportive environment for their residents. The care and kindness Bill received from the dedicated staff was exceptional and very much appreciated. Bill enjoyed the company of his fellow residents and felt blessed to be there with them.

And now Bill has made his final move. After a life lived with dedication to his

family, his country, and his Savior, he goes to his reward to be united with Jesus and the saints of God. "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."

2 Timothy 4:7-9

Bill is survived by sons Bill (Carol) Pefferman, Jim (Margaret) Pefferman, daughters Diane (Lou) Chaldares and Suzy (Jeff) Highland, grandchildren Charity (Jason) Karpac, Richey (Kristen) Pefferman, Brian and Leah Chaldares, Matthew Pefferman, Patrick (Abby) Highland, Barbara Highland, and great-grandchildren Will and Victoria Pefferman, nieces Delta (Randy) Koontz, Debbie (Bruce) LaButis, and Alison (Peter) Chambers.

Memorial services will be private and arrangements handled by Grisell Funeral Home & Crematory, New Martinsville.

Bill will be interred beside his wife, Barbara, in Allegheny County Memorial Park, Pittsburgh, PA.

# Tribute Wall

SH

“ Thanks Alice for your kind words. Sincerely, Suzan Pefferman Highland

Suzan Highland - November 02, 2012 at 02:49 PM

DN

“ Bill and Diane, I was saddened to learn of the passing of your Father. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families during this time. Doug

Doug Newman - October 28, 2012 at 07:14 PM

AB

“ To Bill's loving family: Your Dad was working at Fenton when I worked in the office there from 72-83...several of those years there was a coffee pot in the office where Willa Norman and I worked. Most mornings he would come in have his coffee and talk. He was always such a happy Gentle Man. I lost keeping up with him after leaving Fenton. I know he loved his family more than anything in life. You must be very proud to have such a loving father. I will never forget his smile. Prayers are with you and your family. Alice Burge

Alice Burge - October 25, 2012 at 10:01 AM

JB

“ Bill and Jim: So sorry to hear about your father. He had a wonderful family. John Big Al Batton

John Batton - October 22, 2012 at 04:21 PM

RF

“ Jim, Margaret & family So to hear of your fathers passing. Our thoughts and prayers are there for you

Robert Fraser - October 21, 2012 at 03:33 PM

RD

“ Bill, Carol, Charity, Richey, Jim, Margaret, and Matthew. So sorry to hear of your dad and grandfather's passing. I'm not at home now, since breaking my hip in March after surgery I have been with the girls. Elaine is in Fairmont and that's where I am now.. You are all in my thoughts and prayers. my love to you all .Ruth Dunn

Ruth C Dunn - October 21, 2012 at 03:30 PM

DJ

“ Bill, Jim and family, Our belated condolences. I just came across this online and what a great tribute you've written. I am sure your dad is just as proud of his wonderful family as you are of him. Keeping you in our thoughts and prayers.

Dave and Edie Jack - October 21, 2012 at 02:49 PM

RP

“ Thank you, Steve. We truly appreciate your note. One of Grandpa's favorite things was watching us play ball over the years. I hope you are doing well. Richey

Richey Pefferman - October 21, 2012 at 08:05 AM

NM

“ Bill & Pefferman Family, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your Father. You have my Deepest Sympathy. Nancy (Johnson) Moore. (Class of '71)

Nancy Johnson Moore - October 20, 2012 at 03:34 PM

RD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill's family and friends during this time of remembrance. God bless you all, Russell and Raechel

Russell and Raechel Daniels - October 20, 2012 at 02:58 PM

LH

“ What a lovely tribute - I enjoyed reading it - my dad was a WWII vet, passed away at 91 - Our condolences to you and yours.

Lynn Highland - October 19, 2012 at 05:49 PM

JP

“ We had the privilege of knowing Mr. Pefferman the last several years. Despite being handed many medical difficulties he remained a great inspiration to us all through his love for life. Although great sadness is with us with his loss of life we grieve not as those who have no hope but rather as the scriptures remind us, the Believer/Christian will receive great eternal rewards. Mr. Pefferman is with Jesus in heaven but his legacy and God given attributes are passed on to his children and grand children for many generations to come. May God continue to bless the Bill Pefferman lineage!! The Heritage

Jay Powell - October 19, 2012 at 05:45 PM

JF

“ What a beautiful tribute to the life of your father, Jim. It makes us wish we had had the opportunity to know him better. We send our condolences to you, Margaret and Matthew and to the rest of your family. Uncle Jack and Aunt Mary Sue

Jack and Mary Sue Fraser - October 19, 2012 at 02:56 PM

JS

“ Please accept my deepest sympathy and most sincere condolences. I regret that we are unable to join you in the celebration of William's life, we will with you in spirit and prayer. The life lived by William is a model for the rest of us to follow.

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**John H. Schaal** - October 19, 2012 at 02:28 PM

SI

“ Richey and family;I was deeply saddened to hear of your loss. My thoughts are with you and your family. Steve

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**Steve Iams** - October 19, 2012 at 02:08 PM

DK

“ Thoughts and prayers are with you at this time.

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**Debra King** - October 19, 2012 at 01:44 PM

NC

“ What a touching tribute to your father. I remember his visiting our home when Margaret and Jim were newlyweds. He always seemed so robust, charismatic, and smart. I loved his entertaining stories and his bright smile. I know you will miss him.

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**Nancy Van Camp** - October 19, 2012 at 01:38 PM

AH

“ It was such an honor to work with Bill. His humor and his contagious smile will always be remembered. He was blessed to have such a loving family. My thoughts are with you in this time of sadness..Annie

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**Annie Hurst Housecalls Hospice** - October 19, 2012 at 01:14 PM

SH

“ Thanks so much Paul. If Dad can read this, I know that he is smiling, he thought highly of you. Sincerely, Suzan

Suzan Highland - October 19, 2012 at 11:27 AM

SH

“ Thank you so much Lynn, our condolences to you also.

Suzan Highland - October 19, 2012 at 11:17 AM

PS

“ to: Bill, Jim, Diane, Suzy Words cannot express the sadness I felt when hearing of your fathers passing. Bill was literally the first person to give me a job at Fentonsin 1973, and was more than a boss to me. he was a mentor and a role model. Bill and I both shared a love for sports and we spent countless hours talking all levels of athletics. When Bill retired from the plant we lost touch, but i often thought of Bill and would have enjoyed rehashing old times with him. I offer my deepest condolences and just want to say Bill was areat and will be missed... God bless you all Sincerely, Paul Sparks

Paul Sparks - October 19, 2012 at 12:55 AM

WW

“ Such a great tribute, I felt I knew him through these words. My sympathies and prayers go out to his family.

Wilma Westfall - October 18, 2012 at 11:13 PM

KL

“ Such a touching obituary. Even though I didn't know him, he sounds like such a special man. Our sympathies to the family, especially to Jim, Margaret, and Matthew Pefferman. They are very special to us.

Karen Lancaster - October 18, 2012 at 06:37 PM

LM

“ *Jim and Margaret: I am so sorry to read of the death of Jim's dad. I hope that the love and support of family and friends who care, as well as good memories of your dad, bring you peace and comfort during this difficult time.* Eric and Lisa (Sole) Myers

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**Lisa Myers** - October 18, 2012 at 05:00 PM

VS

“ *Jim, Bill , and families, So sorry for your loss, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your families.*

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**Valerie Smith** - October 18, 2012 at 04:58 PM

BW

“ *Beautiful tribute to a man I never knew, but he has some wonderful children and grandchildren. Prayers and thoughts are with the family at this time.*

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**Betsy Westfall** - October 18, 2012 at 04:39 PM

SH

“ *Thank you Angela, what a lovely sentiment. Love, Suzan*

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**Suzan Highland** - October 18, 2012 at 03:57 PM

AB

“ Dear Suzy, Diane, and all the family ...Although I know this is a tremendous loss for you, It's nice to know he is at peace now and not in any discomfort. Life is what it is, and we celebrate his life. We know that now he is in another place, another time.Like the ship that sails from our shore as we say goodbye to him, there are other voices and souls waiting for him across the sea of existence, glad voices, and arms eager to reach out and welcome him. Hugs to all.Love, Angela

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**Angela Burton** - October 18, 2012 at 03:48 PM

SH

“ Thank you my dear friend for your kind words.Love,Suzy

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**Suzan Highland** - October 18, 2012 at 03:48 PM

DL

“ Dear Jim and family,We are very sorry to hear about your dad passing on to heaven. I always remember your dad fondly the few times that we talked. Reading about your father was very touching. You all are in our thoughts and prayers.Love,Rusty & Donna Loy

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**Donna Loy** - October 18, 2012 at 03:42 PM

SH

“ Thanks, Rena. Dad really liked you.Love,Suzan

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**Suzan Highland** - October 18, 2012 at 03:16 PM

RT

“ Dear Suzy and family,I'm so very sorry for your loss; Bill was a wonderful, gentle spirit and he left an indelible mark on the many lives he touched. May you find peace and comfort in your memories of his adventurous life.Love, Rena

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**Rena Thorne** - October 18, 2012 at 02:33 PM

JB

“ Dear Suzy, Jimmy, Billy, Diane and families—I loved your father very much. He was such a big part of my life growing up in Northgate. He had a huge heart. Don't ever forget how much he was loved and that he is in Heaven now. Mom, Cynthia and I send our deepest condolences. Love, Jennifer

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**Jennifer Blair** - October 18, 2012 at 09:21 AM

PR

“ Please accept my condolences on the loss of your loved one. You are in my thoughts and prayers during this time.

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**Patti Roberts** - October 18, 2012 at 08:53 AM

GC

“ Bill, Jim, and families, It is with great sorry that I have learned that your father has passed away. You will feel better knowing that he is in heaven now with God. The entire family will be in my thoughts and prayers in this time of need.

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**Gary Church** - October 17, 2012 at 05:12 PM

CB

“ Jim:Or thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.God Bless

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**Charles Blue** - October 17, 2012 at 01:52 PM