

# WILLIAM "BILL" PAYSON PEARRE



William Payson Pearre, of Zelienople, PA, formerly of Keene, NH and Lansdale, PA, beloved husband of Jane E. Pearre for 43 years, passed away peacefully on August 3, 2024, following a brief battle with cancer. He is also survived by his daughter Melissa (Marshall) Helsel of Mustang, OK; sons, James W. Pearre of East Greenville, PA, and Daniel (Michel Vogl) Pearre of King of Prussia, PA; and their mother Theresa

Pearre of Dublin, PA. He is survived also by his grandchildren, Aaron, Olivia, and Ethan; cousins, Victoria Glennon and James A. Pearre; a niece, and several nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, William P. Pearre Sr. and Allene Lyle Pearre; and half-sisters, Marilyn Manda and Jacqueline McLaughlin.

Bill was born in Evanston, IL in 1934, spent part of his childhood in Los Angeles, CA, and in Winnetka and Chicago, IL. He attended the Todd School in Woodstock, IL and graduated from the University of Illinois at Champaign Urbana with a degree in Journalism. Following his tour of duty in the U.S. Army stationed in Nuremberg, Germany, he served with the Peace Corps in the Philippines. A long-time employee of Merck, Inc., Bill was Managing Editor in the Public Relations Department in West Point, PA.

A knowledgeable enthusiast of books and libraries, movies, trivia, sports, word puzzles, card and board games—especially bridge and cribbage, he particularly enjoyed performing with many community theatre groups in scores of plays over his entire adult life. Bill also enjoyed bicycling, playing tennis, racquetball, basketball, and the guitar, and also travelling. After their retirement, he and his wife Jane spent many winters in various mid-Atlantic and southern states.

A memorial service will be held at the convenience of the family, who wish to express their heartfelt appreciation to the staff of UPMC Passavant Medical ICU, Lutheran Senior Life VNA Hospice of Western PA, and the staff of Lutheran Senior Life Passavant Community, especially Laura Roy and Debbie McMurdy.

Please consider a donation to Children International or the Lutheran Senior Life Foundation.

Arrangements by **BOYLAN FUNERAL HOMES, INC.**, 324 E. Grandview Ave., Zelienople, Pa, 16063.

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