

WILLIAM F. "BILL" KIRCHNER

1941-2024



Bill died peacefully at UPMC Presbyterian in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on Saturday, November 30, 2024, at the age of 83.

He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, on February 21, 1941, the third son of George and Angela (Deimling) Kirchner. Bill graduated from Baldwin High School where he played in the marching band. He first attended the University of Notre Dame to pursue an engineering degree, then transferred to the University of Pittsburgh where he graduated with a Bachelor's degree, taking some of the earliest computer science courses offered at Pitt and finding his niche as a programmer and data analyst. He met and married his wife, Cheryl, in 1969. He moved to Youngstown, Ohio with his young family working for Youngstown Sheet & Tube (later J&L Steel). Bill later moved back to Pittsburgh to work for Thrift Drug and Consolidated Natural Gas, which was acquired by Dominion Energy. Dominion moved Bill to Richmond, Virginia for the last decade of his career. After retiring from Dominion, Bill and Cheryl moved back to Pittsburgh to be closer to family.

Bill was an incredibly generous and kind man whose sense of humor and hugs were appreciated by so many. He was also a skilled DIYer, always working on projects around the house, planting trees and tending his garden. Bill loved to play golf and read. He often coached his children's sports teams and was incredibly supportive of both his children and grandchildren's activities and interests.

He is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Cheryl (Williams) Kirchner; and their three children: William F. Kirchner, Jr. (Joanna), Gretchen Faughnan (Mike), Megan Witherell (Rob); his beloved grandchildren, Sarah Witherell, Ava Faughnan, Will Faughnan, Jane Witherell, and Sean Faughnan. He was predeceased by his parents; his older brothers, George and Jack Kirchner; and survived by his beloved sister, Mary Anne Yusko (Jim) of Pittsburgh.

A Memorial Service is planned for 2025.

Memorial donations may be made in Bill's name to the Parkinson Foundation (www.parkinson.org).

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