



William Jennings Griggs Jr.

July 8, 1936 - May 7, 2024

William Jennings Griggs Junior, 87, passed away on May 7, 2024. William was born July 8, 1936, in Houston, Texas to William and Jamie Griggs. He is preceded in death by his parents, sisters Mary Jane and Jamie, and his wife Margaret (Peggy). He is survived by his children Miles Griggs and Tracy McClure, his six grandchildren Mallory, Timothy and wife Deborah, Kathryn, Ian, Andrew, and Eren, his great-grandson Timothy, and his sister Patricia.

William graduated from St. Thomas High School in 1953 and the University of St. Thomas in 1957. He earned an MS in Management from the US Naval Postgraduate School in 1969 during his active duty in the United States Marine Corps. For his contributions in Vietnam, he received a Navy Commendation Medal. He retired as a Major after 22 years of service. He was a devoted Catholic who frequently attended mass and community events at his church where he also served as a Eucharistic Minister for a time. He and his wife Peggy were married for 52 years and, together, they created a beautiful family.

William, known as Bill by his friends, enjoyed crossword puzzles, sudoku, gardening, and Astros baseball. Affectionately called Poppi by his grandchildren, he was quick with a rhyme, rarely forgot a birthday, and enjoyed sending letters to his loved ones. He was a naturally charismatic man with a booming, radio-quality voice and a mischievous twinkle in his eyes.

Throughout his life, he maintained a youthful spirit.

A Funeral Mass will be held in his honor on June 12th, 2024, at 10:30 AM, at St. John Vianney Catholic Church 625 Nottingham Oaks Trail Houston, TX 77079. A reception will follow in St. Jude Hall after which Bill, along with his wife Peggy, will be laid to rest at VA National Cemetery. Guests are invited to join the family at the cemetery after the service. In lieu of flowers or gifts please consider a charitable donation to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or SmileTrain.

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

JUN 12. 10:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney Catholic Church
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079
(281) 497-1500

Reception to Follow Service

JUN 12. 11:30 AM (CT)

St. John Vianney, St. Jude Hall
625 Nottingham Oaks Trail
Houston, TX 77079

Graveside Service Following Reception

JUN 12. 1:30 PM (CT)

VA Houston National Cemetery
10410 Veterans Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77038-1502
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/houston.asp>

Tribute Wall

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“ Bill was a caring brother. I can't but smile remembering the lessons he was so patient in teaching me like: precision grass cutting 🧑‍🌾, precision and accuracy when helping with car parts 🤖. I'm smiling but those lessons have followed through my long life ✅. He was a good brother and devoted son to our mom. Although we lived far apart (Alaska/Texas) I am very glad I had a visit with him knowing it was a final goodbye. He lived a good life ❤️

Pat Pfister - May 13, 2024 at 03:13 PM

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“ I was so lucky to have you as a grandfather. I'll miss your off-color jokes, limericks, and random letters full of articles and notes you wanted to share. Rest in peace, Poppi.

Kathryn - May 13, 2024 at 03:06 PM

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“ Kathryn lit a candle in memory of William Jennings Griggs Jr.



Kathryn - May 13, 2024 at 03:04 PM