



Mr. William A. "Bill" Phillips

April 8, 1930 - November 14, 2018

William A. "Bill" Phillips (Pelepchuk), 88, of Chicago passed away on November 14, 2018. Bill was an internationally known interior decorator, antique dealer, World War II Veteran, graduate of the Art Institute of Chicago, long time member of ASID, and owner of William A. Phillips, Ltd., until his retirement. Mr. Phillips is survived by his loving sister Marion P. Church, and dear friend Nadine Sweeney. He was preceded in death by his parents, Julius M and Josephine Pelepchuk, brothers Julius Jr., Pelepchuk and Mark P. Phillips We would like to thank his caregiver Olga who helped make Bill's last two years ones that gave him joy through his ups and downs, as well as Jonathan and the staff of The Clare. Funeral Service Saturday, 11:00 a.m. at Muzyka & Son Funeral Home, 5776 W. Lawrence Ave., Chicago. Visitation at the funeral home from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Entombment Elmwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations to Salvation Army, 5040 N. Pulaski Rd., Chicago, IL 60630. For more information, please call (773) 545-3800.

Cemetery

Elmwood Cemetery
2905 North Thatcher Road
River Grove, IL, 60171

Events

NOV 17 Visitation 10:00AM - 11:00AM

Muzyka & Son Funeral Home
5776 West Lawrence Avenue, Chicago, IL, US, 60630

NOV 17 Service 11:00AM

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Comments



“ Our Deepest Condolences to Marion and to Bill’s Best Friends Lauren and John Rentas.

Bill will leave behind many cherished memories to those who knew him best. Bill’s interest were many and his talents tremendous. His tastes were exquisite to the likings of a King and, as simple as his favorite Hot Dog with “real” relish and a root beer. He was a wealth of historical knowledge. He loved sharing stories about Czars, Kings and Queens. He literally brought history to life. Architecture another passion. There wasn’t a street we would drive down or talk about that he would not have a story to tell of the architects who built the buildings and when. He beamed with pride when he told us how he worked with the Kroc Family in the designing of McDonalds in their beginning. He loved his clients. He always knew what they needed whether they knew it or not!!

The world of antiques

Was another area shared like an open book. He knew the auction houses of Leslie Hindman’s and Susanna’s better than the owners themselves!

Everything he saw had meaning that reverted to the interests in his life. There was a time when we were visiting with him in the evening and he looked at the traffic and said “Look at the lights, “rubies and diamonds”..

Let us not forget Politics. He loved comparing early politics to current day. Bill was a one of a kind guy. At times his bark was worse than his bite, though many had to figure that out!

But if you wanted to see a sparkle in his eyes all you had to do was mention his best friends Lauren and John Rentas. He was always incredibly thankful for not only their friendship of numerous years, but also everything they did for him through the years. Bill will be missed by many. But the legacy of his stories will live on forever.

Rest In Peace Bill. Until we all meet again.

Charlie G and Shirley

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