



William T. Riskie

August 31, 1922 - June 24, 2013

He was born in Philadelphia, PA on August 31, 1922 to Harry and Elizabeth (Standen) Riskie. Bill grew up in Woodbury, NJ and graduated from Woodbury High School in 1938. Following high school he began his long career in banking at the Philadelphia National Bank where he began as an office boy. As a sports lover, Bill enjoyed playing basketball on the bank team for several years. He then joined the US army in 1942 and served in England and France for four years. In 1946 he was discharged having achieved the rank of sergeant. After the war, Bill resumed his career in banking at the Philadelphia National Bank. Also during this time, he attended the University of Pennsylvania receiving a professional certificate in Accounting and Finance. He also attended the American Bankers Association Graduate School at Rutgers University where he wrote a thesis on Equipment Leasing. Bill managed the Equipment Leasing Division of Philadelphia National Bank from 1962-1977 having attained the position of Senior Vice President. His professional memberships included the Robert Morris Associates (national organization of loan officers) and the American Association of Equipment Lessors (past Director) As a well-known advisor in the field of equipment finance, Bill's career continued with stints at the Bank of New Jersey (five years), Bankers Trust Company in New York City (four years), Fleet Credit Corporation of NY (three years). In semi-retirement, he served as a consultant to The Bank of Gloucester County, Woodbury, NJ for six years. In addition to his busy professional life, Bill found time to volunteer in many civic and charitable organizations. He served as a member of the Woodbury (NJ) City Council for six years, followed by four years as a member of the Woodbury (NJ) Board of Education. He was a devoted member of St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Woodbury, NJ) where he was a past President and long-time Secretary of the Council. He presided over the reorganization of the congregation during the merger of the two parishes which formed St. Stephen's. Bill spent several years as a Trustee and Treasurer of the Mental Health Association of Southwestern NJ. A devotee of big band era music, Bill organized band concerts during the 1980's and 90's as fundraisers for various organizations. Serving as Treasurer and Committee Member for the Woodbury World War II monument was an activity perhaps most near and dear to his heart. The monument was completed in 1996, and Bill could be counted on to be handing out flags each Memorial Day at its location. Bill had a special

gift for relating well and kindly to everyone he met. Bill was predeceased by his wife Lucia (Faust) Riskie, his parents, two brothers, Edward Riskie and Harry Riskie, and his long-time beloved companion, Mary (Osborne) Wynn. He is survived by his daughters, Karen (Riskie) Pawluk of West Newbury, VT; and Diane (Riskie) (Krasover) Speight of Barnsley, United Kingdom; three grandchildren, Justin Pawluk of Roswell, GA; Joanna Pawluk of Hartland, VT; and Jenna Krasover of Newport, NH; a great-grandson, Edward J. Pawluk; a sister, Elizabeth (Riskie) Jameson of Sewell, NJ; nine nieces and nephews including H. Ron Riskie, former mayor of Woodbury; and many great nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church, 230 N. Evergreen Ave., Woodbury, NJ on Saturday, June 29 at 12:00. There will be a calling hour from 11:00 to 12:00 prior to the service, and a luncheon will be held at the church immediately following the service. Memorial contributions may be made either to the Independence Fund (wheelchairs for disabled veterans...independencefund.org) or St. Stephen's Lutheran Church Memorial Fund. The Hale Funeral Home of Bradford, VT is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be left on the Hale Funeral Home website (halefuneralhomes.com)

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DG

“ Diane, so sorry for your loss! I never knew your father, however, I know the bond between a daughter and a father! He is home now! God rest his soul!

Deborah Green - January 24 at 02:57 PM

KP

“ Just wanted to share a story my dad told me not too long ago...when dad was a teenager, another young man (whose name I sadly don't remember) lived in the neighborhood and was nearly blind. Dad discovered that this boy loved the same jazzy big band music that he did during the depression in the mid-30's...the friend asked Dad to escort and guide him in Philly to hear the Jimmy Lunceford band since the friend could not see well and rarely left home...Dad agreed, and so the two teenagers went to the concert, and wound up being the only two white people enjoying the music of the Lunceford band...just so like dad to have been so caring and considerate even at such a young age...

Karen Pawluk - January 24 at 02:57 PM

KB

“ My dear Papa Bill! Always a steady, fatherly figure to so many, a mentor, fellow member of Trinity and St. Stephen's, good friend and good buddy. How many happy hours we spent discussing music, WW II, business ethics, faith, cats, and all manner of topics! When I saw him this past Thanksgiving, we talked about the merger of Trinity and St. John's in Woodbury. He and my father were young and idealistic and made grand plans for the church, which came to fruition. We had a grand time remembering old friends and old Woodbury. I will always miss Papa Bill, but all I have to do is to look at his daughters and grandchildren to see the Riskie cheeks, which are so pinchable. Godspeed and schlaft gut, Papa Bill!

Katherine Bruno - January 24 at 02:57 PM

MB

“ Karen, so sorry to hear of you Dad's passing. Prayers to you and your family. Maureen

Maureen Bryson Belum - January 24 at 02:57 PM