



William L. Hartford

March 31, 1939 - September 26, 2020

William Lynn Hartford

Birthdate 3/31/1939 – DOD – 09/09/2020

Bill is celebrating his welcome by Jesus into his heavenly home. He was born in Kansas City, MO but called Hamilton, Ohio his home. He was a banker for 35 years, all with one bank, starting as Second National Bank and through various names until becoming US Bank. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, supporter and contributor to the city of Hamilton, Ohio, the community he loved. He lived his life as an example to his sons and others in giving back to those in need, to make our community and the people in it better. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Marguerite Hartford and his in-laws, Don and Jeanne Meeks. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Linda Meeks Hartford, his sons Christopher (Lindsey) Hartford, Peter (Christy) Hartford, and Scott (Jill) Hartford, his identical twin brother Lynn (Shirley) Hartford, 11 grandchildren; Dylan and Brooke Hartford, Connor, Jake and Naomi Hartford, Coree Brandenburg, Caitlyn, Carleigh, and Casidee Rogers, Zane Briggs, and Aiden Branson, and nine great-grandchildren, nephew Steve (Julia) Hartford, niece Chrystal (Jeff) Farrow. Bill was a 1957 graduate of Hamilton High School, a 1961 graduate from Westminster College where he majored in business and finance and was a member of the Army ROTC. He was a member and treasurer of Beta Theta Pi fraternity. He earned a MBA at Xavier University. He served two years in the Army rising to the rank of Captain, and two years in the Army Reserves. A

two-term city council member of Hamilton, Ohio, he served as Chair of the Hamilton Community Foundation, Chair of Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce, Chair of United Way, President of Rotary, Chair of Rotary Exchange Students, board member of Westover Retirement Community, board member of City of Sculpture, teacher at Miami University Hamilton; Elder of The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton, Stephen Minister, volunteer in Chaplains office of Ft. Hamilton Hospital and was named a top 10 individual in the state of Ohio under the age of 30.

An avid photographer, he had a love for nature, mountains, and national parks. He enjoyed backpacking with his family. He loved spending his summers at New London Hills Swim and Tennis Club and in their Vermont cottage. In the spring he enjoyed spending time in Florida. He loved being “Dad” to all of his exchange students, who continue to be part of our family! He enjoyed being with his ADC friends at McDonald’s. One of his greatest joys was watching his sons and grandchildren playing in sporting events. Everyone in the stands was aware of his passion for the events he was watching...yelling, including the officials. The family will have a private burial at the Greenwood Cemetery. There will be a Celebration of Life Service on Saturday, October 3rd, 2020 at 11 A.M. at the Presbyterian Church of Hamilton with Dr. John H. Lewis officiating. The service is private to family but can be viewed live by connecting online to:

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Contributions can be made in his honor to the William L. Hartford and Linda M. Hartford Scholarship Fund, through the Hamilton Community Foundation – 319 N. Third Street, Hamilton, Ohio 45011. 513-863-1717. The family is very grateful for the loving thoughts and prayers by so many. We look forward to seeing Bill, Dad, Poppy one day in Heaven!

online condolences are available at www.weigelfuneralhome.com

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

OCT 3. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (ET)

The Presbyterian Church
23 S. Front Street
Hamilton, OH 45013

Tribute Wall

RK

“ Sending love, prayer & hugs to the Hartford family.

Robyn Riddell Knight - October 04, 2020 at 12:29 PM

EV

“ Linda, Chris, Pete and Scott and family, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. Those of us fortunate enough to have known Bill understand what you are going through. He is at peace and with God and that may well be the only comfort you have right now but his legacy lives on through you all. What a terrific human being he was. The on-line service was a gift to us all to share. May God continue to bless you all.

Eileen Vogel - October 03, 2020 at 12:11 PM

GS

“ Scott, Pete and Chris, so sorry for your loss, your Dad was a great man. Loved exchanging banter with your Dad at McDonald's, I affectionately called him Mr. Sunshine, he was a great friend and a great Hamiltonian, he will be missed by countless people. One of many people who I admired and enjoyed his company, so many great memories.

George Schmidt

George Schmidt - October 02, 2020 at 10:08 PM

DA

“ What an amazing man Dad Hartford was. With such a great point of reference and head of the home.... No wonder the Hartfords are auch an awesome family. My sincere condolences to everyone.
Dxxxx

Doreen Aucamp - September 28, 2020 at 03:23 PM

JR

“ Bill gave me support and encouragement when I was growing up. He gave me my first loan, and I always felt that he was cheering me on. He had a positive attitude and was a very gracious man. My heart-felt condolences to Linda and their family. - Jennifer Reid

Jennifer Ellen Reid - September 28, 2020 at 11:24 AM

LK

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill was an awesome guy. He will be missed by many. Bill and Linda were a part of our SP family. We have many beautiful memories of our times together. We will keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Sending hugs and love, Linda & Pete.

linda kirkman. - September 27, 2020 at 04:22 PM

AN

“ My thoughts and prayers are with your family. -Anita Jung

Anita - September 27, 2020 at 02:41 PM

RB

“ So sorry for the loss of Bill. Our prayers will be with you and your family. God bless! Neil and Rosie Burtis

Rosemary Burtis - September 27, 2020 at 01:45 PM



“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William L. Hartford.



September 27, 2020 at 01:26 PM



“ *Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William L. Hartford.*



September 27, 2020 at 12:42 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William L. Hartford.*



September 27, 2020 at 12:03 PM