



## William Oscar Needham, Jr.

September 9, 1937 - March 13, 2022

William O. Needham, Jr. died at home in La Plata, MD on March 13, 2022. He was born in Coco Solo, Panama Canal Zone, on September 9, 1937, to William Oscar Needham and Theresa Bernesky Needham.

Bill served for several years in the U.S. Navy and the Naval Reserves. He was a sailor on the USS Lake Champlain on May 5, 1961, when they picked up Alan Shepherd, the First American in space. After the Navy, Bill worked for Xerox as a tech rep and then sold printing supplies and equipment for several companies.

Bill was an avid reader and enjoyed playing chess, pinochle, and war games. He also enjoyed sailing his catamaran, and building and flying remote control airplanes. Bill went on two life-changing trips to Medjugorje, a Catholic pilgrimage site in Bosnia and Hergozevina.

Bill is survived by his wife Susan, his son Chris and daughter-in-law Linsey, his three grandchildren Tess, Luke, and Cole, and his sisters, Linda Brubaker and Kathy Foltyn.

The Funeral Mass will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pomfret, MD on Monday, April 4, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. The burial will be private, at a later date, at Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery.

The family requests that memorial donations, and donations in lieu of flowers, be made to Hospice of Charles County, 2505 Davis Road, Waldorf, MD 20603 (please note the name of loved one in the memo line) or online at [www.hospiceofcharlescounty.org/giving/donate-now/](http://www.hospiceofcharlescounty.org/giving/donate-now/) .

# Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathy,*

Eric Dunton - April 05, 2022 at 09:36 AM

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“ *William Oscar Needham, Jr.*

Pauline Frazier - March 28, 2022 at 10:48 AM

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“ *So sorry to hear about Bill's passing. May he rest in peace with our Lord. Prayers go out to you Susan and your family, Lindi and Kathy. May God bless you all.*

Patricia Edwards - March 23, 2022 at 07:53 PM

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“ *We are deeply sorry for your loss ~ Simplicity Cremation & Funeral Services*

A Memorial Tree was planted for William Oscar Needham, Jr. - March 22, 2022 at 11:13 AM