

# BILL STEPHENSON

December 29, 1942 - November 2, 2021

*William "Bill" Lee Stephenson, Jr, of Santa Rosa Beach, Florida was born December 29, 1942 in Birmingham, Alabama, to William L. and Katherine (Mason) Stephenson. He passed away of heart failure on November 2, 2021 at Sacred Heart Hospital at the age of 78.*

*As a youth, he became an Eagle Scout and competed on the varsity wrestling team before his family moved to St. Louis his senior year of High School in 1960. He married his high school sweetheart, Lynne Love on June 10, 1965 in St. Louis. He attended the University of Missouri where he earned an undergrad in Forestry. After a short stint in the US Army stationed at Fort Knox, he returned to the University of Missouri where he earned his masters in Forestry Economics.*

*He distinguished himself with Buckeye Cellulose in Perry, Florida where he was the first to calculate forestry yields via computer, transitioning the five month process into two weeks. The firm was then purchased by Procter and Gamble, transferring him to Cincinnati, where he spent 21 years working with mainframe computer systems before retiring in 2001. One of his proud accomplishments was an algorithm that prevented the same P&G commercial from airing twice in a row (if only he could have removed them both!). Bill was able to see the world in his role, traveling often to various countries in southeast Asia.*

*One of Bill's chief hobbies was woodturning. He loved to "make wood chips" in his garage while he lived in Cincinnati, before building his dream studio in Santa Rosa Beach, Florida, where he lived the rest of his life, over twenty years, creating many beautiful works of art. He was very proud of becoming the Walton County Artist of the Year for his original woodturning piece "Sun, Sky, and Surf" in 2007. He also served on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Woodturners, helped start the local chapter of the woodturning club in Walton County, served as a Boy Scout leader, and in various church leadership roles. He was a member of Community Church of Santa Rosa Beach.*

*Bill is survived by his loving wife, Lynne (Love) Stephenson of fifty-six years, and his three children, Laura Stephenson, Paul (Tracey) Stephenson, and Stephen (Evonne) Stephenson. He has six grandchildren, Will, Emily, David, Luke, Gemma, and Noël. He is also survived by his sisters Judy (Paul) Schulte and Katheryn Newcomb as well as five nephews, Ken, Dan, Barry, Drew, and Adam.*

## Memorial Service

for

## BILL STEPHENSON

November 6, 2021 | 2pm

Welcome & Prayer

Rev. Dr. H. L. Ward, Jr.

Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"

Reflection on Bill's Life

Rev. Dr. H. L. Ward, Jr.

Hymn

"Just a Closer Walk with Thee"

Eulogy

CH (2LT) Steve Stephenson, USA

Hymn

"In the Garden"

Gospel Proclamation

Rev. Dr. H. L. Ward, Jr.

Closing Remarks & Prayer

Rev. Dr. H. L. Ward, Jr.

Hymn

"When the Saints Go Marchin' In"\*

\*Three stanzas will be sung together and resolve with a celebratory send-off with instruments, while the pall bearers escort casket and family out of the church to conclude the memorial service. The family will proceed to the graveside for a brief, private burial with funeral honors.

*Thanks for your presence and support for today's memorial service. The family has suggested that, in lieu of flowers, a donation be made to your favorite charity in honor of Bill Stephenson.*

*Acknowledgement may be sent to:*

Steve Stephenson  
6370 Ironwood Drive  
Loveland, Oh 45140



For God so loved the world,  
that he gave his only begotten Son,



that whosoever believeth in him  
should not perish,  
but have everlasting life.  
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