



William Mayer

November 29, 1945 - March 25, 2021

William Mayer

Age 75, of Glenshaw, PA. Passed away peacefully on Thursday, March 25, 2021. Beloved husband of Karen (Zoeller) Mayer. Father of William S. Mayer and Jodi (Mayer) Kaliniak (Rob). Brother of Gregory Mayer (Bonnie). William was preceded in death by his parents, William W. and Elizabeth (Dey) Mayer and brothers Jeffrey L. Mayer and Mark Mayer. William was a Vietnam War veteran. There will be no visitation. A memorial mass will be celebrated by Father Thomas Schaefer on Friday April 9th at 9 am St. John Chrysostom Church Pittsburgh, PA, followed by a private burial at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Professional Services trusted to D'ALESSANDRO FUNERAL HOME and CREMATORY, LTD., Lawrenceville. www.dalessandro ltd.com

Previous Events

Memorial Mass

APR 9. 9:00 AM (ET)

D'Alessandro Funeral Home and Crematory Ltd.
4522 Butler Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15201

Tribute Wall



“ *William Mayer*

January 13, 2023 at 04:43 PM



“ *I met Bill Mayer while working with Dotter Engineering in the mid '70's, and later hired him to work at Astorino as a key member of our design / build team. Bill was the paradigm of the quintessential "go to man" if there was ever a structural issue in need of resolution. The profession has truly lost a valuable player!*

I extend my deepest sympathy to Karen and the rest of the family.

Ron Dellaria

Ron Dellaria - April 09, 2021 at 04:03 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Mayer.*



April 08, 2021 at 06:28 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. i began working with Bill in the late 1990's at Wilhelm and Kruse and have been in coontact ever since, in fact i just spoke to him a few weeks ago concerning a project. he was a very helpful, smart person and i learnt alot from him. He will be greatly missed.*

Brett Treece - April 07, 2021 at 11:43 AM

MS

“ For anyone in this city who has spent some time in the architectural, structural engineering or construction industries, you would have likely at one point crossed paths with Bill Mayer. When it came to putting a set of drawings together, Bill had an unmeasurable amount of knowledge. Perhaps this came from his vast work experience and his hardnosed, steadfast and dedicated personality.

Through 50 years of service, Bill was never unemployed and made a life-time commitment at a respected list of employers. Most likely, Bill didn't know when he entered structural drafting school right out of high school the number of engineers he would challenge and influence over his lifetime. After graduation, he went to work for a well-known structural engineer in Pittsburgh named Lee Cook.

Shortly thereafter, he was drafted by the U.S. Army and served his country in Vietnam. He used his drafting and design talents in the 41st Engineering Company Port Construction branch of the Army.

After discharge, Bill returned to work for Lee Cook followed by Dotter Engineering, RM Gensert, Wilhelm and Kruse Fabricators, Astorino Architects and finally landing at The Kachele

Group/Keystone Structural Solutions. If you ask someone what an engineer is, most would probably tell you they are problem solvers. Or even in some cases, problem preventers. Maybe they would tell you an engineer is someone who is very analytical and detail oriented. This was certainly Bill's mindset. Although Bill wasn't an engineer he certainly could have been or in our eyes was one. Most projects began in our office by giving Bill a set of the architectural drawings and having a brief conversation with the engineer on the project. From there, Bill would do his "thing". Bill would study the drawings and compile a list of questions. Actually, the list of questions wasn't always necessarily a list of questions but

sometimes a list of things that weren't addressed or properly conveyed. When it came to preparing construction drawings, he absolutely had to make sure all dimensions added up, all edge of slabs were indicated and dimensioned, all details were drawn and basically no stone left unturned. Bill would then methodically layout and detail the building. Bill would relentlessly grill architects and engineers on their drawings to the point where often you were angry

with him. One client commented, "I didn't really work the project unless Bill and I were mad at each other at the end". Although this might have been true, most often the next line from someone was "I'm sure glad Bill pointed out this issue. He really saved me". Those who worked closely with him realized what a true value he was to a project. Bill was a problem preventer for sure. Bill was great at his job, but he was also a good coworker. Someone you could share a personal story with, someone who could offer advice, someone to confide in or someone that could make you laugh. Bill wore his heart on his sleeve. Bill's workday usually began at 6 am, or sometimes even earlier. What this meant to his coworkers was that he already have an hour or two head start on you to compile his list of items for you to deal with. He was a dedicated employee. He cared about what he was doing and certainly wanted to make sure our end product was safe and buildable. We all heard him often say "I couldn't sleep last night. I was thinking about this job all night. Did you do this or that" and he always ended his sentences with his trademark "You know what I mean". Another quality that's desirable in a coworker is to be able to learn from him or her to better yourself professional and personally. When you worked with Bill you also were educated by Bill. You learned something new, something clever, often a creative way for something to be constructed. Bill was the man behind the curtains. Most often the the architect or engineer gets the credit for their design but on projects that Bill had has hands in, he deserved he deserved the credit.

Mark J Sipos - April 05, 2021 at 10:30 AM

LS

“ TO karen and the rest of the Mayer Family,

Sue and I are deeply grieved by the death of Bill, a man that I have known for well over 60 years. We met during the 8th grade at Richland High School on Bakerstown, PA. We became best friends at Richland as we moved up in grades at the high school.

I will always remember the days we worked together during the summers at my dad's nursery as well as going out together on tree trimming, takedowns and plantings of trees together, Most of all I will always remember the times that we double-dated and rode around in his dad's Mercury convertible as well as my dad's Pontiac convertibles.

I , as many others do, honor Bill for his service in Vietnam to our country. Both he and I had the honor of being married to the same woman since 1968. Bill and Karen, as well as my wife and I have anniversaries only one month apart in 1968,

. I know that his wife Karen and his daughter Jodi and son Billy will truly miss him. Even though I moved to VA many years ago, my wife and I came to Pittsburgh nearly every summer and we almost always scheduled going to a Pirates game every summer with Bill and Karen and often Billy as well.(regardless of their win-loss record). These are just a few of the special things that I remember about Bill, along with his special sense of humor and his up-beat outlook on life.

Larry Soergel-Manassas, VA

LARRY SOERGEL - April 03, 2021 at 06:23 PM

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“ I knew Bill Mayer from him being my brother Jim Bajus' longtime friend. I remember Bill from when I was a teen ager more than 50 years ago. He was always fun to be around and for him and my brother to remain friends for all these years is amazing. I know my brother Jimmy will miss him. My prayers go out to his wife Karen and his children. He was a good guy and he will never be forgotten. While we are mourning the loss of Bill, here on earth, others who have gone before us, are rejoicing to see him. R.I.P Bill
Kathleen Forsythe

Kathleen Forsythe - March 30, 2021 at 07:23 PM