



## William Frederick Pekrul

November 16, 1943 - January 29, 2021

William (Bill) Frederick Pekrul, 77, of Eatonton, Georgia, passed away at his home on January 29, 2021. He was 77 years old. Bill was born on November 16, 1943 in Bridgeport, Connecticut to the late William and Ruth (Schwartz) Pekrul. He later married longtime family friend and love of his life, Nancy Louise Rogers. In 1957, Bill became a charter member of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Trumbull, Connecticut, where he enjoyed volunteering as an usher, as well as an LYF leader with Nancy. He proudly served in the Army National Guard from 1964 to 1970. During this same time, he began a career with IBM, serving as a Customer Service Engineer for over 30 years until his retirement. Bill's love of water inspired him to relocate his family from Connecticut to Cape Coral, Florida in the 1990's. It was here that Bill became active in boating, fishing and spending his spare time on the water. Bill and Nancy later relocated to the Atlanta, Georgia area and eventually settled in Greensboro, Georgia, where they fulfilled a lifelong dream of living on a lake. In the early 2000's, Nancy began to show signs of dementia and was later diagnosed with Alzheimer's. As Nancy's care needs increased, Bill retired and devoted the remainder of his life to providing care for her as her full time caregiver. While caring for Nancy, Bill was active in local Dementia and Alzheimer's support groups, and served as an advocate for Alzheimer's education and support. Bill is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Nancy, daughter Lynne (Robert) Berg of Erie, Colorado, son David (Ed Truty) of Atlanta, Georgia, two grandchildren, Kate and Matthew Berg, and his sister

Cheryl (John) Connic and nieces, Jennifer and Jessica. Memorial services will be held at a later date in both Georgia and Connecticut. In honor of Bill's life, the family asks that in lieu of flowers, charitable donations be made to either of the following organizations that were close to his heart: the Alzheimer's Association, and Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Trumbull, CT. A special thank you to the staff and friends at The Glen at Lake Oconee Village who continue to provide loving care for Nancy, and to the Lake Oconee Dementia Caregivers Support Group.

# Tribute Wall

KG

“ Mr. P.,  
"What it is!" That phrase will forever be in my head always followed up by the biggest and longest bear hug anyone can give someone. My second parents (Mr. & Mrs. P) have such a special place in mine and my families lives I don't even know how I could ever pick just one special memory. I have known Mr. P for my entire life and have so many wonderful memories from cooking out and swimming in their "skunk" pool to taking Disney vacations and being left on the monorail platform with my sister, Lynne and David to watch our parents pass us by. Uno nights were the best nights of the week. The stories and laughter that came out of the kitchens is irreplaceable, even though i would often disappear to fall asleep and no one knew where I went! The one memory of Mr. P that I will never ever forget is when my oldest daughter Kasey sat next to him at my parents dinner table when she was a toddler and rubbed his arms and called his hair fur. My children loved spending time with Mr. & Mrs. P. We would always spend an evening with them when they visited my parents having dinner and sharing memories we had growing up with my children. He always said call us Bill and Nancy but to this day I could never do it. He was such a special man that can never be replaced and certainly never forgotten. My parents were so lucky to have best friends like Mr. & Mrs. P. I cannot remember a time when my Dad and Mr. P. weren't working on a project together. I can never sit on my parents deck, pool deck or go into their shed without thinking of Mr. P when he was helping my dad build them. He was always our go to guy, even this past summer when we had him on facetime so he could give us advice on our deck renovation. People like Mr. P come along once in a lifetime and I'm just so happy that I was part of his life for 46 years. I am truly heartbroken from this loss and I'm still trying to come to grips with it. He was truly one in a million. Thanks for the memories.  
Love you Mr. P  
Love,  
Kara, Scott, Kasey, Marina & Finley

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Kara Gronbach - February 14, 2021 at 07:18 PM

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“ How do I begin to talk about someone who has been in my life my entire life. When my family was told Mr. P died we were ALL in complete SHOCK. I'm still struggling to understand why he was taken way too soon. Mr. and Mrs. P have been in my life and my families for over 48 years. I always felt Mr. and Mrs. P were my second parents. Our families shared countless hours, weekends and vacations together. I even spent my spring break flying alone for the first time in high school and anyone who knows me knows how much I HATE TO FLY and I had the best week in Florida with my second family. I honestly cannot remember anything except happy memories with Mr. and Mrs. P and Lynne and David. We grew up together and still to this day my parents remained best friends the truest friends you could ever ask for or hope to meet. Mr. P gave the biggest bear hugs and boy could we all use one right now. My heart breaks knowing I can never see him again. I cannot imagine what the family is going through right now and pray they can find some peace. Mr. P you are forever in my heart and will always be my second dad. I can never put into words what you have meant to our family and how many wonderful happy memories we will cherish forever. There are so many memories there is no way to even begin to write them all down. Just know that we will never forget you and hope you are in Heaven waiting to someday be re-uinted with the love of your life. We love you always Mr. P

*Love Kimmy, Jordyn and Mackenzie*

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**Kimberly Lynn Knapp** - February 14, 2021 at 12:39 PM

BH

“ Carol and I have know Bill and Nancy almost 50 years and during this time our friendship never faded. Our families shared so much together.

Bill was never afraid to work, he could do almost anything, plumbing, carpentry, landscaping, you name it.

Most of all, Bill was an honest, true friend. The good times, and many laughs we had together will never be forgotten.

The morning of Bill's passing, Carol, myself and Bill spent over an hour talking on the speaker phone. We talked about so many things. We laughed about some things also.

To find out that Bill was gone in such a short time after we hung up was shocking.

We will miss Bill but he will not be forgotten. He was and still is a true best friend

Bob & Carol Horvath

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Bob & Carol Horvath - February 14, 2021 at 11:15 AM

TM

“ I am including a few pictures showcasing Bill's devotion to his beloved Nancy ♡ Bill and I became friends after getting Nancy settled at The Glen where we would discuss our electronics and of course Nancy's beauty and their life together. Bill was always a great example of dedication and made our hearts want to measure up. You are missed Bill...I wonder if you ever got your new iPhone case we joked about before Christmas?



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Trudi Moore - February 11, 2021 at 06:05 PM

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*I have no words to describe how sad I am about Mr. P's passing. I have know Mr. and Mrs. P my entire life. They both were like my second parents. We spent endless time and vacations with them and Lynne and David. We grew up together and they have always been and will always be my second family. I cannot imagine never speaking to Mr. P again or getting one of his bear hugs. How to you put into words a lifetime of all happy memories you just can't. He will be missed more than anything. I've been avoiding writing something as it's just so hard. But we will always be family and thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Love you guys so much. Love Kimmy, Jordyn and Macky ❤️❤️*



**Kim Knapp** - February 14, 2021 at 10:54 AM

FM

*“ I had the pleasure of working with Bill and getting to know Nancy. I was always such a pleasure to spend time with them. I am honored to have known Bill.*

**Freddy Morgan** - February 11, 2021 at 01:18 PM

JR

*“ Bill and Nancy were lifelong friends of ours in Connecticut. Our children and theirs were childhood friends, and for the better part of 20 years, transitioned from toddlers to teens. Their home and ours were both a haven for playdates as young kids to a place to hang out during jilted love interests and parental disagreements.*

*There was nothing lazy about Bill Pekrul. Aside from his daytime job, he loved working in his yard. At one time, he had dreamed about living in Florida and starting his own lawn care business.*

*It is with deep sorrow that this dedicated man is gone too soon.  
God speed, Bill.*

*Judy and Wayne Richards*

**Judy Richards** - February 11, 2021 at 11:01 AM