

# William (Bill) Marks

**May 3 1948 - Sep 26 2024**

On Thursday, September 26, 2024, at a Cleveland Clinic Hospital in Weston, Florida, our classmate, friend, and all-around good guy, Bill Marks, passed away of heart complications. A longtime resident of Weston, Bill was a member of St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in Plantation, Florida.

Bill is survived by one sister, Sally Marks Page. Condolences and memories of Bill can be shared with Sally via her residence: 4615 Heath Road, Nashville, TN 37221, or by email at [page.sally@gmail.com](mailto:page.sally@gmail.com). Bill's older brother Tom, JHS class of 1965, died in September of 2023; his father and mother, Pete and Louise Marks, passed away some years before.



Bill was born May 3rd, 1948, in Pottsville, PA. After eight years in Clamtown, PA and four in Wilmington, DE, Bill and his family family moved to Joplin.

Bill was an active participant and officer in several organizations at Joplin High and lettered three years on the track team. His junior year Bill won the district meet in the long jump.

After his 1966 JHS graduation, Bill attended Lehigh University, Bethlehem, PA. There he joined Delta Sigma Phi fraternity and served as as Rush Chairman, Secretary, and President. As at JHS, he was active: Secretary of the Arcadia Human Relations Committee, Member of Alpha Kappa Psi business fraternity and Omicron Delta Kappa leadership society. He was also a member of the freshman and varsity track teams. After graduation in 1970, Bill later served a term in the 1990's as President of the Lehigh Alumni Association.

Bill was drafted into the Army shortly after college graduation, did his basic training at Fort Campbell, KY, and was stationed at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He worked as an Administration Specialist in the Staff and Faculty Battalion and was honorably discharged in 1972 with the rank of Specialist Fifth Class.

That same year, 1972, Bill enrolled in the Law School and the Graduate Business School at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He earned his law degree in May of 1975 and an MBA in December that year.

Bill began a 38 year career in trust banking with a stint at First National Bank of Kansas City. He served in administrative and management positions at three different banks. On his 65th birthday, in Weston, he retired from Northern Trust Bank with the title of Senior Vice President.

During his Kansas City employment years Bill also taught trust banking and in 1978 met Jeanne Bombinski, a student in one of his classes. They were "immediately inseparable" and married in KC in 1980. In Bill's words, Jeanne was "my mentor, best friend, travel companion, and the love of my life." Jeanne passed away in 2014.

Bill's life of service was detailed in three long paragraphs and included: 1) regular and meaningful involvement with several children's welfare, education, and scholarship programs; 2) involvement and leadership roles in trust and banking associations; and 3) service to his parish at St. Benedict's Episcopal as a Sunday school teacher, confirmation class instructor, and several terms as treasurer.

Some years her passing, Bill resumed a vigorous life of travel that he and Jeanne had greatly enjoyed— with new friends, a group of Law School pals, his brother and sister, and a few old JHS friends. Thoroughbred horse races and travel in France were among his favorite activities.

A service of remembrance will be held at St. Benedict's Episcopal Church in Plantation, Florida, at 11:00 am, November 9th.