

William D. Holden

February 19, 1924 - December 19, 2016

William D. Holden, age 92, husband of Margaret N. (Bird) Holden, of Phoenixville, PA, passed away on Monday, December 19, 2016 in the Manatawny Manor. Born on February 19, 1924 in Philadelphia, PA, he was a son of the late Luke and Eva (Souder) Holden.

A veteran, Mr. Holden served for the U.S. Army during World War II and fought at the battle of Normandy. He worked as an electronics technician for Western Electric for more than 35 years. He was a member of the Phoenixville YMCA, and was an avid jogger, running daily in Valley Forge Park. He was a Phillies and Eagles fan, and could often be found supporting PECO and PMYC sports, where he was affectionately known as the "Candy Man", "Pop", and "Duke". Mr. Holden liked to tinker with cars, engines, and his tractor, and enjoyed working on his yard. Above all else, he loved his family, and cherished the time he spent with them during the Summers at Long Beach Island.

Mr. Holden is survived by four children, David W. (Peggy) Holden of Royersford, PA, Shireen M. (Craig) Holden-Gabron of Columbia, SC, William R. (Ruth) Holden of Royersford, PA, and Doreen L. (Mark) Hartshaw of Phoenixville, PA; one sister, Millicent Turner of Cape Coral, FL; five grandchildren, Lynne (Mike), Brian (Laura), Erin (Mike), Kelly (Kevin), and Ryan; five great-grandchildren, Nickolas, Olivia, Cameron, Benjamin, and

Matthew; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by five siblings, and one grandson, Billy.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service at the Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc, 610 South Main Street, Phoenixville, PA on Friday, December 23, 2016 at 10:00 am. Burial will be held in the Limerick Garden of Memories, Limerick, PA. Friends will be received from 9:00 am - 10:00 am Friday at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to donations to the Freedom Valley YMCA, 400 Fayette St., Suite 250, Conshohocken, PA 19428. Condolences may be made by visiting www.PhoenixvilleFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are being handled by the Campbell - Ennis - Klotzbach Funeral Home, Inc., Phoenixville, PA.

Cemetery Details

Limerick Garden of Memories

44 Arcadia Drive
Limerick, PA 19468

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **23**. 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Funeral Ceremony

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Tribute Wall

JO

“ *Dear Big Bill:
I always said that you were the best man I ever knew. Always loved you and always will!
Love,
Connie*

Jackie Oxenford - December 22, 2016 at 06:03 PM

JO

“ *Uncle Bill was the most wonderful man on this earth! I remember when I was little he would take me to aunt Margie's before they were married. Then when they were married I would visit them on Friday nights to watch the fights. That was when they lived on 5th Street.
Uncle Bill was the best son ever! He would go visit grandmom every other Sunday when she moved to the shore. He would sit all day long with her.
He would do anything for anyone. He was the greatest!
I know that he is at peace and with his father, mother and siblings. I hope that uncle Bill will let his hair down and be just a little naughty!
Love you Uncle Bill!*

Jackie Oxenford - December 22, 2016 at 05:13 PM

MI

“ *My Dear Brother Bill your love and happy memories will always be with me.
You were an Angel here on earth, and now you'll be one in Heaven.
God Bless Marge and your family.
Love to all,
Millicent*

Millicent - December 22, 2016 at 12:37 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William D. Holden .*



December 22, 2016 at 08:32 AM



“ *When loved-ones passaway many people will say I'm sorry for your loss. WRONG, I didn't loose anyone. I know exactly where my Dad is. He is in Heaven. You see thats the difference between those of us who know Jesus as our Lord and Savior. As I and Ruth including Ma and Pop did. Thats called our Hope in Glory. Dad is there now. Billy is probably hand in hand with him, but of course after he first introduced Pop to Jesus. My Dad is more alive now than ever. Touring his mansion in his new body, young forever more. I love you Dad now and forever. Billy*

Billy Holden - December 21, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ *William D Holden was a wonderful grandfather to my children (Lynne and Billy) and just as wonderful a great-grandfather to my grandchildren (Nick and Olivia). He truly loved his family with all his heart and being! I always said that he was heaven sent and now the Lord has taken him home and Billy is with his grand 'pop' again.*

Terri Nothstein - December 21, 2016 at 07:53 PM

RH

Pretty much everyone calls Dad, Pop. I always called him Dad. When I was 9 years old I lost my father. It was very hard for me being so young. My Dad and I did everthing together and I went everywhere with him.

So when I met Bill and he introduced me to his Mom and Dad, I knew that day I found my Dad. I even asked him if I could call him Dad. Dad and I had many private talks. Whether on the phone or in person. I could trust him with anything.

He always made me feel good about working. He took an interest in it. Whether it was the Power Plant or the Turf Club. When I started working at the Turf Club a bond began then. We had so much fun talking about horses. He loved the big races. I got him a hat for each of the big races. He must have so many.

My favorate memory was there was a big race going off but the family was also holding an engagement party. I had to work but I got to the party right in time for the race. Dad new I liked a long shot named "Charasmatic".

We all gathered around the tv at the party and watched. She blew them all away. Dad asked if I put money on her and I said ofcourse. The look in his eyes told me how proud he was of me. It shy of 20 years there now. I have some great memories of him.

Dad was a very special man. His heart was so full of love for everyone. Dad will stand out in many peoples lives for a long time to come. Dad we will meet in a better place someday, until then I love you.

Ruth Holden - December 21, 2016 at 08:18 PM

RH

This is a post not a comment.

Ruth Holden - December 21, 2016 at 09:38 PM



“ 2 files added to the album VIDEO TRIBUTE




Campbell-Ennis-Klotzbach Funeral Home - December 21, 2016 at 04:49 PM

MH

“ I remember going to pops house to pick up my now wife Doreen. This was my first time going to his house. He made a comment about my dungarees and tee shirts. I'm sure he wasn't happy. As time went on we built a bond together that I will never forget. He was a great father in law to me. He was always there for our children Erin and Ryan. He loved watching both of them play sports and boy did he have some comments to say if things didn't go well but that was Pop. He has been loved by all not only family but friends as well. There was a famous baseball player that once said he was the luckiest man in the world. Well Lou I know I have you beat, for I have been the luckiest man on the world to have a father like him for the past 36 years. I will miss him dearly but will have many of memories. Take care Duke and Rest In Peace May God hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again. And yes Pop as you know I still wear dungarees and tee shirts

Mark Hartshaw - December 21, 2016 at 04:20 PM

 Erin Edwards

“ Pop was known by many and loved by all. The selflessness and dedication he had for his family is beyond measure. It goes without saying that he would do anything for us and we never had to ask. For me, he was a huge part of my life growing up. From summers playing in the back yard, trips to Genuardi's in Chesterbrook for Tastykake, trips to Beach Haven in LBI to visit Aunt Connie, Emma, and all of our family, to simply sitting on the sofa eating ice cream and soda... Pop was ALWAYS there. Always loving and encouraging us to do our best. He was simply one of the greatest men I have ever known. I will keep his memory and smile close to my heart every single day for the rest of my life. xoxo Erin

Erin Edwards - December 21, 2016 at 10:05 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William D. Holden .*



December 20, 2016 at 11:44 AM



“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



Millicent - December 20, 2016 at 10:08 AM



“ *pop was one of the most positive people i have ever met. he always had a smile on his face no matter what. i remember always feeding the birds in his front yard, picking apples from the tree, and eating dixie cups. i couldn't have asked for a better pop, love you, rest easy.*

Olivia West - December 19, 2016 at 05:38 PM



Nick
West

“ *I would always love when i was a little kid going over Ma and Pop's house and running around in the back yard and playing with the apples and the apple trees and coming inside so Pop could ask me if i wanted a "dixie cup". Pop was the absolute sweetest to everyone and anyone i knew. I've never heard him get mad or angry, he was just one of the happiest people on this planet. Rest in peace. You're in a better place now. Love you, Pop.*

Nick West - December 19, 2016 at 05:21 PM