



# **William (Bill) Thomas Mesmer Sr.**

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**M**r. William “Bill” Thomas Mesmer, Sr., age 90, passed away Tuesday, August 25, 2020, at his home in DeBary, FL. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 27, 1929 to the late Augustus and Freida Mesmer. Bill was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend. Bill leaves behind his loving wife of 33 years, Lillian B. Mesmer.

Working with others brought Bill tremendous joy. He proudly worked for the gas/electric services company PSE&G for 42 years. Bill was the co-creator, with his late wife Alice Mesmer, of the Dutch Wagon Market in Medford, NJ. Bill had a passion for serving his community, whether he was volunteering as a Boy Scout Master or serving as President of the Lions Club. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and was very active in the DeBary Golf & Country Club and DeBary HOA. Bill will be remembered by his friends for devoting a great amount of time and talent towards improving his community. Bill loved to dance, travel, and bring smiles to others by playing the drums with the band, the “Noteables”!

No matter what Bill did, he always stressed the importance of taking pride in one’s work and to do so with kindness and integrity. He practiced these values his entire life: playing golf, rebuilding antique cars, playing cards and games with his family and friends. He shared a deep love for his country and enjoyed reading and learning about American History. Bill was a man of great faith and was an amazing leader for his family. Bill touched many lives and was loved by many.

Bill is survived by his faithful wife, Lillian Mesmer, his sister Freida Emerich, and his children, William T. Mesmer, Jr. (Susan) of Absecon, NJ, Philip J. Mesmer (Kathy) of Cinnaminson, NJ, Elaine Bray (Steve) of Mehoopany, PA, Mary Lou Holmes (Rob) of Fort Washington, PA, Carol McLamb (Phil) of Clinton, NC, Tom Bartel (Anne) of Cary, NC, and Bob Bartel (Rita) of West Chester, OH. Bill proudly had 13 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren.

Bill was loved by his grandchildren, Jennifer Somogy, Lori Rubert, Erin Welsh, Bridget Silva, William T. Mesmer, III, Stephanie Richter, Arielle Fakhraee, Chuck Bartel, Jennifer Bartel, Alex



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Fakhraee, Alycia Thornton, J.T. Bartel, and Christopher Bartel. Bill was proud of his eight great-grandchildren, Anthony Proietti, Joseph Proietti, Lainey Rubert, AnnaMae Rubert, Robert Richter, Sophia Silva, Isabella Silva, and Isla Jane Silva.

Along with his parents and eight loving siblings, he was preceded in death by his first wife Edith, his second wife Alice, daughter Edith Lorraine Mesmer and great-grandson Jackson Thornton.

Funeral services will not be held at this time. A Celebration of Life Service will be held in New Jersey at a later date. In lieu of contributions, please share your stories and memories in the comment section. The Mesmer Family will enjoy your comments and cherished memories of Bill.



## Tribute Wall

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KF

**Karen Forrest** posted:

Well my brother just shared this with me. We lived next door to "Uncle Bill and Aunt Alice" in the sixties. Lots of great memories. My brother Rich said Uncle Bill taught him how to drive. We were also a merged family like the Brady bunch. We would love to attend a memorial when it happens. Karen Antrim (Forrest). Sometimes I take a drive past our homes on Wayne Drive. We really loved Uncle Bill.

September 7 at 7:30 AM

NC

**Neda Crocker** posted:

Bill loved his music! I attended Stetson jazz concerts with he and Lillian at the fabulous Athens theatre in Deland. Loved watching Bill play the "air" drums and hear him sing along with the musicians on stage. He knew how to have fun!! I will miss him....

September 7 at 6:36 AM

PS

**Patricia Schofield** posted:

We lived next to the Dutch Wagon Market and Bill and his family put their heart and soul into creating a Medford landmark. Although we have all left the area and the Market has changed drastically, the Schofield's will always have fond memories of those early days. Rest easy Bill and our thoughts and prayers are with entire family.

September 6 at 2:36 PM

EB

**Elaine Bray** shared an album called **Memories Album**.



August 31 at 12:59 PM

EW

**Erin Welsh** posted:

Pop-Pop, I will always remember Christmas mornings, money on my dresser if my room was clean, jitterbug dancing, playing games, endless support, encouragement and love. And how could I ever forget the time you told the referee he didn't deserve his pay check after one of my basketball games! It's an honor being your granddaughter. Love you always. Forever my favorite dance partner!

September 2 at 6:24 AM



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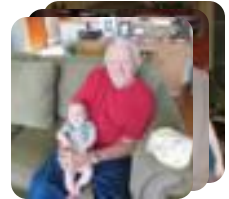
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SB

**Stephen Bray** shared 3 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

September 1 at 1:07 PM



LR

**Lori Rubert** shared a photo to the **Memories Album** album.

September 1 at 5:44 AM



JP

**Joy Pavone** posted:

Bill was one of the kindest sweetest man I have ever met. When I lost my husband, Lil and Bill never left me out of any dinner or party. It was such a blessing at that time to be included. Bill was my go to when I needed help or advice. We had so much fun at garage sales he was our organizer and Money Man. When my son passed away I had to have an immediate estate sale and Bill and Lillian were right there to help me. I must say it was chaos, but, Bill was the calm one in the chaos and we got through it. I could go on and on but, he was a dear friend and a special example of what a gentleman should be. He was such a blessing and a wonderful husband to Lillian. He will be missed! "God Bless". Joy Pavone

August 31 at 12:59 PM

BC

**Betty Crumbley** September 1 at 10:25 AM

Lillian, Loy & I send our sincere condolences to you. I know how much you will miss that beautiful sweet smile that was always on Bill's face. No matter where he was you could always see that smile and he will be greatly missed.. May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care. With love, Betty Crumbley



## Media

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**Elaine Bray** shared 5 photos to the **Memories Album** album.

September 2 at 11:32 AM



Stephanie's & Bob's wedding 2011.



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Florida visit 2015 with the Richter's



2015



Dad and the boys on PA mountain top.



Great Grand Pop with Lainey & Lori 2017.



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September 1 at 1:07 PM



Lainey Jo Rubert visit with Great Grand-pop Jan. 2020



AnnaMae Rubert visit with Great Grand-pop Jan. 2020



Robert Richter with Great Grand-pop 2017



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Lori and Grandpop-Playing drums with the "Noteables"



## **Memories only last if you share them**

Join us in honoring William (Bill) by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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