

## **William Edward Babiash**

Bill passed away on Wednesday, July 12. Born on August 10, 1934 in Green Bay, Wisconsin, Bill was the third of what would become 14 siblings (5 sisters and 4 brothers surviving). His father, Lawrence Babiash worked in a paper mill and his mother, the former Edna Morrison, worked as a telephone operator.

At the US Naval Academy, Bill made many lasting friendships that still endure today. Bill met his wife Blanche in 1958 at a mixer following a Navy-U Penn football game. After graduating from Annapolis with an engineering degree in 1960, they married the following year. He served his country, as an officer, in the US Navy during the Vietnam War (mainly aboard Destroyers). Preceded in death by his wife of 49 years, Blanche (nee Reese); he is survived by five children - Laura Polischuk, William Babiash, Jr., Lisa LaRue, Richard Babiash, and Tamara Duke; as well as 12 grandchildren and 6 great-granddaughters.

After more than 25 years as a computer systems engineer, Bill settled into active retirement where he was a long-member of the Shannondell bridge club, worked on home improvement projects (especially for his children), remained a lifelong Green Bay Packer fan, he enjoyed travel with family, and watching his grandchildren, nephews and nieces grow. He applauded their academic achievements, encouraged their physical accomplishments and supported their creative endeavors.

Bill was an amazing man who welcomed folks into his life and home, touching the lives of many people over several generations, as a very positive influence. His warm heart, generous soul and devotion to family and friends will be sorely missed.

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