



William "Bill" Hensley

October 15, 1934 - January 5, 2023

William "Bill" Howard Hensley 88, of Hurricane, WV passed away on January 5, 2022 at St. Mary's Hospital Huntington, WV.

He was born on October 15, 1934 the son of the late W. Howard Hensley Sr. and Hetty E. Spence Hensley.

In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his son, Michael.

Bill was a 1952 graduate of St Albans High School. He attended Georgia Tech as a co-op student, where he lettered in cross country and as a football manager. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon. While in college his education was interrupted by an industrial accident that left him temporarily blind in both eyes and permanently blind in one eye. During his recovery period he married Rose, had a son and attended WV State and Morris Harvey College, where he took all of the math courses available. He completed his Mechanical Engineering degree at WVU in 1962. He was a member of Pi Tau Sigma and Tau Beta Pi Engineering honorary fraternities. Bill served as Chairman of the WV section of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers and a Delegate representing the region including WV. He has been a member of Lions Clubs International for more than 35 years. He served on the Board of the Medical Eye Bank of WV and was the President of his community HOA for 10 years after its inception.

Bill was retired from DuPont and Olin Chemical. Bill and Rose enjoyed traveling, the beach, WV State Parks, movies, and just hanging out together. For many years, Fridays were "Date Day" and Bill tried to see that Rose always had fresh roses to enjoy. He was forever thankful for those that donated the corneas of their deceased loved ones so he might see. He had 15 corneal transplants during his lifetime to maintain some vision.

Left to cherish his memory is his beloved wife of 67 years, Rose; their daughter: Lisa Gregoire of Odenton, MD; grandchildren: Greg (Amanda) Hensley, Sara (Phil) Pendleton, Chelsea Gregoire, Matt Hensley and Lindsay Gregoire; great-grandchildren: Skye and Lincoln Pendleton; and his siblings: Jon (Grova) Hensley, Beth (Woodrow) Lucas, and Margie Evrard.

A Memorial Service will be 11:00 am, Saturday February 4, 2023, at Teays Valley Presbyterian Church 5339 Teays Valley Road Scott Depot, WV 25560 with Rev. Kyle Key officiating.

Friends may visit the family an hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's name to: WV Lions Sight Foundation 1170 Avalon Rd. Fairmont, WV 26554 or Medical Eye Bank of WV 3 Courtney Dr. Charleston, WV 25304.

Anyone wishing to leave an online memory or condolence may do so by visiting Bill's tribute page at: www.chapmanfuneralhomes.com.

Chapman Funeral Home 3941 Teays Valley Road Hurricane, WV 25526 is honored to serve the Hensley family.

Previous Events

Visiting

FEB 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Teays Valley Presbyterian Church
4122 Teays Valley Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Hensley*

October 06, 2023 at 08:41 AM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Hensley.*



February 03, 2023 at 02:11 PM



“ *Medical Eye Bank Of WV purchased the Days of Sunshine Bouquet for the family of William "Bill" Hensley.*



Medical Eye Bank Of WV - February 03, 2023 at 11:00 AM



“ *Bill Ellis purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Hensley.*



Bill Ellis - February 02, 2023 at 01:34 PM

SC

“ I am sorry to hear about your loss. When I saw this in the newspaper it brought back memories of our time at Bluestone. I remember as a kid the activities during the weekend with our church family. I also remember the time to visited your family for summer vacation. The trip to the park and the beer that Mom and you had because how hot it was. We also enjoyed eating cool whip from the containers. As I am writing this I just remember one year at Bluestones on some home movies you were coming up the walk way from our cabin dancing and waving to Dad as he took the pictures. The last time I think we were al together was on Mom and Dad's 50th anniversary party at Fazios. I will be thinking of you and your family and you will be in my prayers. Susan Caldwell-Bays

Susan Caldwell - February 01, 2023 at 01:57 PM

RJ

“ As a Past District Governor of district 29-O Lions International, I, and my wife, remember Bill and Rose as those we don't forget. Although we haven't had contact for many years, we had a lot of good times with them. We think to the trip to Louisville Ky. to visit the Ky. Lions Eye Institute, Ky. school for the blind, and other activities. Bill was a valued member of my cabinet. Rest well my friend, you have earned it!

Robert Judge - January 31, 2023 at 01:35 AM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Hensley.



January 30, 2023 at 10:54 AM

JW

“ I remember Bill as the second Scout to earn the Eagle award in Troop 146, St. Albans, WV, once my dad, Bill Wyatt, became Scout Master in the late 1940s. As I am 13 years younger, I didn't really know Bill well, but I recalled him as one of the pioneers in the troop that I later joined, back in those faraway days.
As a Hurricane resident, I saw bill occasionally when I purchased a Christmas tree at the Lions Club site in Scott Depot until, in recent years, the lot faded away. I last spoke to Bill at the grand opening of the new Buckskin Council Scout office in Charleston. That was six or seven years ago. We spoke briefly. I'm glad I had a few minutes to chat with him, a good Scout. Joe Wyatt

joe wyatt - January 08, 2023 at 10:37 AM

KB

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a wonderful, caring man. Rose was always by his side, and I know she will truly miss him. Thoughts and prayers to the family....

Kim Blair - January 08, 2023 at 09:41 AM