



William Patten

November 17, 2012

William "Bill" Patten, 82, of Charleston passed away Saturday, November 17, 2012 at Hubbard Hospice House, Charleston after a long battle with Mesothelioma. William was born on November 20, 1929 at Chicago, IL., to the late Ace and Catherine Cunningham Gordon. Bill was a research chemist at Union Carbide Corp., Tech Center, South Charleston for most of his working life and often traveled the world to troubleshoot multi-million dollar crises. He holds over 100 patents in his specialized area of Chemistry and was known for his novel work which revolutionized the automotive industry. Bill also gave numerous presentations internationally in his field. Bill retired at 50 and spent nearly 25 years living in the Marathon, FL, while continuing to serve as a consultant to the chemical industry. Bill was a superior fisherman and all round outdoorsman. A dedicated athlete, he loved to go for runs on the 7 mile bridge. Some of his happiest moments were spent there "catching the big one" with his daughters on his boat. Even after he fell ill, Bill became a respected photographer and sold many of his beautiful pictures in Charleston and the Keys. His wit, intensity, and joy of living will be sorely missed by his loving family and his many lifelong friends. Surviving are his loving daughters; Patty Patten and Pam Thaxton; sister, Dolores, brother; Raymond; nephews and niece, Kenneth Marvaso and David and Susan Patten; grandchildren; Rachel and Billy Thaxton. He is also survived by his "daughter of the heart" Susan Kingshill. Funeral service will be held at 2:00 pm Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at Bartlett-Chapman Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Ave., St.

Albans. Burial will be in Spring Hill Cemetery, Charleston. Friends may call from 5 to 7 pm Tuesday at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Patten*

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