



## Mr. William Leopold Hilgartner

May 4, 1923 - May 12, 2022

William (Bill) L. Hilgartner, 99, of the Maples in Towson, MD, passed away peacefully on May 12, 2022. He was born and raised in Baltimore and then lived in a rural area of Owings Mills for over 45 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, William F. Hilgartner, a typesetter for the Daily Record and Grace Hilgartner, a homemaker; his wife, Lucille (nee Seymour) (2006-2018); his wife, Elma, (nee Benny) (1965-2000); his wife, Marguerite, (nee Boyle) (1948-1963); and his sisters, Mary Rhine and Elizabeth Carter.

He is survived by his sons, William B. Hilgartner and John C. Hilgartner, and his daughter, Elizabeth Smith; his grandsons, Trevor Buck and Tyler Buck; his granddaughters, Kelly Smith, Heather Croson and Jamie Gentile; and six great-grandchildren.

During WWII, Bill served as a B-17 mechanic in the 381st Bomb Group of the Army Air Force, in England and Italy. Upon returning from the war, he graduated from what was then Towson State Teachers College, having held the position of Senior Class President. After graduation, he worked for 35 years for the General Electric Company as an industrial salesman. After Bill retired in 1985, he and his wife, Elma, took a six-week trip across the United States. He enjoyed working in the garden and with no prior experience, built two additions to his house in Owings Mills. He hosted many family gatherings at his 3-acre homestead. He was an easy-going person, who loved to laugh

and enjoyed his family above all else. He was cherished by both family and friends and will be very much missed.

A private family service was held at Lake View Memorial Park on Saturday, May 14th. Memorial contributions can be made to the Gilchrist Hospice of Towson, at [www.gilchristcares.org](http://www.gilchristcares.org)