



Mr. William D. Hunt

October 3, 1927 - October 21, 2021

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1927 - 2021

William D. Hunt died peacefully on October 21, 2021 at the age of 94, surrounded by family at his home. Ovetta, his loving wife of sixty-five years, predeceased Bill.

Bill was born in Pittsburgh, PA on October 3, 1927. He enlisted in the Navy Air Corps V-5 in 1945 and was honorably discharged in 1946. Bill enrolled in Northwestern University where he received a BS in Marketing in 1950. In July 1950, Bill married the love of his life, Ovetta Foster.

His business career began with Johnson & Johnson and then the Mennen Company before he joined the Noxema Chemical Company in 1955 as Director of New Products. Bill was responsible for the development and marketing of the Cover Girl line of cosmetics. This was the first time that cosmetics were sold in mass-market outlets and the brand changed the face of the company. Bill was elected Vice President and then promoted to Senior Vice President of Marketing and elected to the Board of Directors of the Noxell Corporation.

In 1971 he was recruited by The British American Tobacco Company to become the President and CEO of Yardley of London. Bill held this position

until 1980 when British American sold this subsidiary. In that year, Bill returned to Baltimore to be closer to his family, which was the center of his life.

An avid golfer, Bill was a member of Baltimore Country Club for more than fifty years and recorded four holes-in-one during his lifetime.

Bill and Ovetta spent extended winters at their vacation home on the beautiful island in the Bahamas called Great Harbour Cay. Here they enjoyed boating, golfing and spontaneous adventures and celebrations with a large circle of fun & sun-loving friends. Bill also wrote a book of the recent history of this island.

Most of all, Bill loved Ovetta and his family. Bill was able to celebrate his 94th birthday with family at a local Baltimore-area restaurant.

His five children, Christopher, Gregory, Leslie, Alison and Geoffrey, five grandchildren and six great grandchildren survive Bill. The family is very appreciative of the care provided by the Mercy Ridge staff and particularly his caregivers and friends Janet Scott and Angela Henry.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be mailed to: Mercy Ridge Employee Appreciation Fund, 2525 Pot Spring Road, Timonium, MD 21093.