



## William Henry Colvin

January 13, 2016

William (Bill) Henry Colvin, 90, of Symphony Manor, passed away at St. Mary's Medical Center in Langhorne, PA. on January 13, 2016, 11 days after his beloved wife. William was born in Brooklyn, NY on December 10, 1925 to Robert and Isabella Colvin (nee McLaren).

Bill is predeceased by his wife, Louise of 67 years: brother Robert Colvin: and daughter-in-law Maureen Colvin.

Bill is survived by his 3 sons William R. Colvin (Roslyn) of Fredericksburg, VA: Brian G. Colvin (Susan) of Churchville, PA: and Glen S. Colvin of Gainesville, VA: his 7 beloved grandchildren Bill, Keith, Kelly, Kacey, Cody, Mike and Brittany and his 4 great-grandsons.

After graduating from, high school, Bill enlisted in the US Marine Corps at the age of 17 and served in the Pacific theater during WWII where he participated in the action against the enemy at Okinawa. After the war Bill served in the reserves when he was called back to serve in the Korean Conflict. After his enlistment Bill went to work for the Pfizer Chemical Corp in NYC. In 1957 Bill took a job with the US Postal Service and moved to Commack, NY where he and Louise raised their family. After retiring from the post office Bill accepted a security position for the Eaton Corporation. In 1992 Bill and Louise moved Virginia to be close to family. In 2015 Bill and Louise

moved to an assisted living facility in Pennsylvania.

Bill was known for his quick wit and dry sense of humor which he used to the pleasure of those around him. He always made time for his family supporting his children at school activities and sporting events. His favorite activity was to watch his sons and grandchildren playing sports in both high school and college. He enjoyed driving from Long Island to NJ, PA and VA to be with his sons' families at holidays and important events for his grandchildren. Among his pleasures were reading, his "cup of coffee" and being involved in his grandchildren's lives. Most of all, Bill was completely devoted to his beloved wife Louise.

Bill always felt that his purpose in life was to be at his wife's side and now he will once again be by her side for all eternity.

A funeral service for both Bill and Louise will be held on Saturday, January, 30, 2016.

PLEASE NOTE:

SEE DETAILS FOR FUNERAL SERVICES BELOW.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Bill's memory may be made to the

Injured Marine Semper Fi Fund

825 College Blvd.

Suite 102

PMB 609

Oceanside, CA 92057

[www.semperfifund.org](http://www.semperfifund.org)

or

The Breast Cancer Research Foundation

60 East 56th St.  
8th Floor  
NY, NY 10022  
[www.bcrfcure.org](http://www.bcrfcure.org)

# Previous Events

## Viewing

JAN 30. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church  
877 Street Rd.  
Southampton, PA 18966

## Service

JAN 30. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

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## Interment

FEB 2. 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM (ET)

Quantico National Cemetery  
18424 Joplon Rd.  
Triangle, VA 22172

# Tribute Wall

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“ 5 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**bill** - January 28, 2016 at 10:04 PM

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“ 4 files added to the album *New Album Name*



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**bill** - January 28, 2016 at 10:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Henry Colvin.*



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January 26, 2016 at 05:57 PM



“ *The Wright Family is very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. We always enjoyed the opportunity to spend time with him. Bill loved Louise fully and we all were touched by his devotion to her. Bill was a wonderful father, father in law and grandfather. His service to our country as a serviceman is to be strongly commended. He spoke with such pride of our country. We can all learn from his example.*

*I have very fond memories of Bill and Louise washing dishes after family gatherings. There was laughter in the air, a comfortable banter between them and a true appreciation for times well spent with family and friends.*

*May we remember Bill and Louise with fondness for all that they gave to others and for the joy within their hearts. Theirs were lives well lived!*

*Lauren, Nicholas and Jeremy Wright*

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**Lauren Wright** - January 17, 2016 at 04:50 PM

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*We're so sorry that we've lost more of our loved ones in such a short period of time. It seems with longevity comes a whole lot of loss all at once. We were all so lucky to have our parents for as long as we have and basically they were all pretty good for a good long while. We can only hope they're all at rest now, and will remain together in peace forever. Now we'll miss them for the rest of our lives. Love to all ...Ellen and Paul*

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**Ellen** - January 26, 2016 at 04:26 PM

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*Family and friends of Louise Marion Colvin and William Henry Colvin, better known as mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, and great grandma and great grandpa, we are not only celebrating the wonderful life they had but to remember them for what they have done that made us successful in life.*

*Grandma and Grandpa were always there for Keith and I while growing up. They reminded us to love one another and to respect our parents, relatives, and elders. They welcomed us to their home, brought us to church on Christmas Eve, hosted family gatherings, attended our high school graduations, and brought my brother and I to Disney World.*

*I remember the fun we had when we were together every summer at the cabin in Lake George, or when Grandma helped my brother and I convinced our parents that it was okay to stay up a little late on a school night to play with our friends while the sun was still up. I will never forget the laughter both Grandma and Grandpa brought each and every time they came to our house. The times Grandma and my dad fought over the temperature settings on the thermostat; how he would complain it is too hot in the house and turn the thermostat down to 60 degrees, only for Grandma to quickly crank it up to 80 degrees when he wasn't looking. There were times when poor Grandpa sat on our couch in the living room freezing wearing a heavy coat, mittens, and ear muffs trying to read the newspaper using the lamp's 40 watt bulbs.*

*Grandpa is remembered for his love of reading. Taking him to a battlefield was an all-day event. He would read every posted sign and wouldn't leave until he knew nothing was missed. Grandpa is also remembered for his love for coffee and putting ketchup on his scrambled eggs.*

*I'm sure everyone has memories much like my brother and I. They are good memories, something we'll always have to cherish. It isn't often in our lives that we come across someone so special that that person stays with you forever. Grandma and Grandpa were that kind of person.*

*The only way to get hurt in this life is to care. They cared more than most, loved more than most and were made to suffer more than most because of just how much they cared.*

*But no matter how many times they were knocked down or made to endure things that no one should, they just kept coming back; caring more and loving more—opening themselves up to even more pain. Yet there were never any complaints or bitterness—it was the only way they knew how to live. Wait! Did I just say never any complaints or*

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*The kind of love Grandma and Grandpa felt for us was a love without condition. They may not have approved of everything we did, may not have liked some of the decisions we made, but they didn't lecture, didn't judge. They just kept loving us, letting us know that they were there and if we ever needed them, we could count on them to listen, to comfort, to help.*

*They lived a simple life. It didn't take much to make them happy—a phone call, a card, a visit or time with her seven grandchildren. We were the most important people in the world to Grandma and Grandpa. They lived to make our lives better and were proud of us.*

*To think that someone like Grandma and Grandpa felt that way about us should make us all feel more than just a little good. We can never forget that there is a part of them in each of us, something that they gave to us and asked nothing for in return.*

*What we have inherited from them cannot be damaged, destroyed or lost. It is permanent, and it keeps Grandma and Grandpa from becoming just a wonderful memory. It allows them in so many ways to remain just as alive as always—alive through us.*

*There have been and will be times in our lives when situations arise where we'll want so much to talk to Grandma and Grandpa, be with them or ask them just what we should do. I hope that, when those times come, we can begin to look to each other and find that part of them that they gave to each of us.*

*Maybe we can learn to lean on each other and rely on*

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**bill** - January 28, 2016 at 09:58 PM

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**bill** - January 28, 2016 at 10:16 PM