



## William Arnold Bartelt

March 6, 1942 - December 19, 2021

William Arnold Bartelt, age 79 of Swan Point, Maryland passed peacefully December 19, 2021 surrounded by family. Bill was born March 6, 1942 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was the son of Arnold E. Bartelt and Charlotte A. Bartelt, who both preceded him. Bill graduated from Dowling Catholic High School in 1960 and St. Louis University in 1964. He met his loving wife of 56 years, Ellen Schroeder Bartelt, while both were students at St. Louis University. He is survived by his wife Ellen; daughter, Becky A. Bartelt of Chesapeake, Maryland; son, Michael W. Bartelt; and three grandchildren, Max, Ben, and Emma Bartelt of Cary, North Carolina.

After completing Officer Candidate School at Ft. Lee, Virginia in 1965, Bill was commissioned and assigned to The Defense Atomic Support Agency. Upon leaving active duty in January 1970, Bill began a 30-year career with the US Army. As Director of Business Programs, Bill was responsible for the worldwide operation of all Army business activities. He was credited with creating many innovative programs that provided quality recreational opportunities for soldiers and their families. During his career, he received numerous military and business awards and special recognitions. He was most proud of his induction into the International Military Community Executives Association Hall of Fame in May of 1990. He was also a recipient of the prestigious Order of the White Plume which is the highest Department of the Army Award for service to soldiers and families. Upon his retirement in

2001, the PGA honored him with a special award to recognize his contributions to military golf.

Golf was his passion and the time spent on the golf course during his retirement years with friends and family members were most enjoyable. He played the game for over 60 years, winning multiple club championships. He once laughingly remarked that he hoped the last words he ever heard would be "FORE."

Bill and Ellen were able to enjoy over 19 years of retirement together and they traveled extensively sharing many travel experiences with long-time friends and family members. Hawaii was their destination of choice, making multiple trips.

Bill was also involved in Charles County youth sports activities. In 1981 he was instrumental in starting the La Plata Blue Knight Youth Football Program. The program is still active after 40 years and is a county institution. Bill was blessed with a unique sense of humor and a quick wit. He loved to entertain friends with stories of life experiences always embellished for just the right humorous effect. Friends always looked forward to his annual irreverent Christmas letters that generally dealt with the trials and tribulations of dealing with pending old age.

Visitation will be held at Holy Ghost Catholic Church (Issue), 15848 Rock Point Road, Newburg, Maryland 20664 at 9:30AM on Saturday, January 22, 2022. A Mass of Christian Burial will follow at 11AM. Inurnment is planned for Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation is encouraged.



# Cemetery Details

## Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 22. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Ghost Catholic Church Issue  
15848 Rock Point Road  
Newburg, MD 20664

## Mass

JAN 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Arnold Bartelt*

October 08, 2023 at 10:45 PM



“ *William Arnold Bartelt*

October 04, 2023 at 03:12 PM



“ *The SPaCE Branch Team purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of William Arnold Bartelt.*



**The SPaCE Branch Team** - January 19, 2022 at 03:44 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Arnold Bartelt.*



January 19, 2022 at 03:30 PM

NW

“ Nancy and Ed Wallace purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of William Arnold Bartelt.



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**Nancy and Ed Wallace** - January 18, 2022 at 08:53 PM



“ Basket Full of Wishes was purchased for the family of William Arnold Bartelt.



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January 16, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Arnold Bartelt.



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January 16, 2022 at 12:17 AM

EW

“ Nancy and I were fortunate to meet Bill and Elle through our journey with lung transplants. Bill and my wife were transplanted the same day. We met at the Gift of Life House in Philadelphia. I remember talking to his daughter Becky that her Dad was really cool and he was have fit in as a fraternity brother. I told her that I was a TKE and she said so is my Dad. That started a friendship that cannot be described other to say pure love for Bill and Elle. I will miss our FaceTime talks about sports. I will miss his smile. I will miss his humor! Most of all I will miss you Bill. Rest In Peace Brother.

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**Ed Wallace** - January 14, 2022 at 11:59 AM

PM

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with Bill and his family. A darn good man who will be missed. God bless.  
Paul & Dee Murphy

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**paul Murphy** - December 26, 2021 at 07:21 PM

NC

“ Have known Bill and Ellie Bartelt since we have lived in Swan Point for the past 21 years. One thing I remember about Bill is his positive contribution to the Swan Point community and its allied (HOA) Swan Point Property Owners Association (SPPOA). His strong analytical skills were always the highlight of SPPOA meetings that he attended. It truly is a tough loss for Ellie, who first met Bill while they were students at St. Louis University. Carolyn & Norm Chlosta send our sympathies on his passing and may he RIP.

*Norman (Norm) Chlosta -- Swan Point, MD*

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**Norman Chlosta** - December 23, 2021 at 04:19 PM

CW

“ Tom and Charlotte Weirich send condolences to the Bartelt family. Bill and Ellie have lived just two doors away on Ethan Court and have always been wonderful neighbors. Bill and Tom were both avid golfers. Although they did not play golf together, they still enjoyed sharing "golf banter" at the club house when they were both still active. We are sending prayers to the entire family, and especially, to Ellie.

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**Charlotte A, Weirich** - December 23, 2021 at 03:48 PM