



William Gilberg Schuler

May 17, 1927 - April 12, 2012

William Gilberg Schuler, known affectionately as " Mr. Bill", the son of Charles Royal Schuler and Irma Gilberg Schuler was born May 17, 1927, in Naperville, IL. He passed away peacefully Thursday, April 12, 2012, from complications of Alzheimer's disease.

Mr. Bill started college at Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa before he joined the Navy. After a year in the Navy he returned to college at Grinnell and his courtship of Maxine Shelton of Webster Groves, Missouri. They married on September 3, 1949, in St. Louis and lived and worked in Cincinnati, Ohio, Portland, Oregon, Danville, California, Bloomington, Minnesota, and St Louis, Missouri where Mr. Bill rose to Vice President and General Manager for the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Companies. Bill was a member of the National Geographic Society since 1938, an avid reader of history and periodicals, especially The Economist, and a tennis player well into his 70's. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Maxine, and two sons, Scott Andrew Schuler, and William Dean Schuler. He is survived by his son, James Craig Schuler and wife Denice of Morrilton, Arkansas, granddaughter, Meggie Belew and husband, Kyle and their son, Aidan Belew of Kansas City, Missouri; grandson, Andrew Schuler and his daughter, Jesse Schuler of Victorville, California; and one sister, Joan Vannet of Mukilteo, Washington. Mr. Bill lived in Arkansas for the last 5 years of his life always remembering his wonderful life with Maxine. The last 20 years of their life together, they lived in Washington, Missouri and developed a lake and gardens on their 10 acres.

They were avid gardeners and supported and volunteered at the Missouri Botanical Garden and also helped develop prairie gardens at Shaw Nature Reserve. They loved and supported the arts in St. Louis. He was lucky (his words) to retire early, garden and travel the world with Maxine.

Donations in Mr. Bill's memory may be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America or to the charity of your choice.

Private services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton.

Tribute Wall



“ *William Gilberg Schuler*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *So sorry for your loss. We will always cherish the memories of our time spent with Mr. Bill. Love you all !*

Mike and Elizabeth West - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ *So sorry to hear about Bill. I'm sure he will be happy to be joining Maxine. We have such nice memories of the fireworks and then of the lake and gardens-feeding the fish-eating on the deck. They were a wonderful couple and mentors for us. Thoughts and prayers for you all. Cece and Bill*

Cece and Bill Luecking - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

LC

“ Bill and I shared many years of friendship. I was his friendly competitor, holding the same position with the CNA companies, as Bill did with the St. Paul Co's. We competed for employees and business accounts. We both belonged to an ins. exec's group, and enjoyed each others company. Even when the group folded officially, we continued to meet for lunch at a restaurant in Kirkwood. Once a year, Bill and Maxine would host our group out at their Washington botanical gardens. This was a hi-lite of the year, taking the tour of the grounds, fishing in the lake, collecting our tomato plants which they grew from seeds for us, and then retiring to a wonderful little restaurant for lunch in the town of Washington. My wife was a teacher as was Maxine, so the four of us had a lot in common. We often saw them at the Repetory Theatre, as both of us were long time sponsoring members. While all of us in the ins. exec's group were outstanding people, Bill was exceptional. Bill has been missed since he went to live in Arkansas, but we're glad that he had caring family to look after him there.

Lew and Connie Crist - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

PR

“ My condolences to the family. Bill was a stalwart at Eliot Chapel. Thanks Bill for all you did there, and elsewhere, to make the world, and more directly, or community, a better place.

Peter Ruger - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

BA

“ I am sad to hear of your father's passing. Just last week, when in my garden, I thought of him as I admired my beautiful zebra grass which he shared with several members of the garden club. Both Bill and Maxine were generous with their time and talents, and shared their lovely estate with our club. I feel privileged to have known them, and to have toured their gardens. They served as in inspiration to many. Betty Altemeyer

Betty Altemeyer - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

CB

“ I would like to send my deepest condolences from my family to yours.

Clark Belew - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM

KF

“ Jim, Please accept our condolences for your loss. You all are in our prayers!

Kim Ragland & Gordon Fendley - June 29, 2018 at 09:51 PM



“ Mr. Schuler hired me for my first job over 40 years ago for The St.Paul in St. Louis.
I got to meet Maxine on several occasions during my time there. They were a lovely couple. Deepest sympathies.
Kathleen Meyer

April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Bill was a great guy. He hired me to work at the St. Paul in St. Louis.*

He may of hired me because I beat him at poker at one of the St. Paul Picnics but I'm not sure but that is where he made the offer to come to work for the St. Paul.

I will remember him and his family in my prayers.

Jim Buffa

April 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM