

William "Bill" Paul Russell

April 28, 1944 - September 14, 2015

William (Bill) P. Russell, age 71 of Orlando, FL passed away on September 14, 2015. Born on April 28, 1944 in Homestead, Pennsylvania to the late William and Julie Russell.

Bill served in the U.S. Marine Corp Reserves in 1965. After his service, Bill continued a devoted career in the U.S. Foreign Service allowing him to continue his passion for travelling abroad. In fact, Bill set foot in just about all the continents of the world to include countries like the Canary Islands, Japan, Korea, Australia, England, Burma, Bahrain, Kuwait, Liberia, Botswana, and a particular favorite his, Thailand. Following his retirement from the Foreign Service after over 24 years, Bill continued his travels to Asia and the United States.

Those who knew Bill, understood his charismatic, kind-hearted, and outgoing personality. He'd often tell a joke to brighten up your day or just have an infectious smile on his face to warm your heart. Even to those that didn't know him, Bill would oftentimes strike up a friendly conversation with a stranger in passing. He often wanted to hear your opinion on matters and thus made him an exceptional listener.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Yoshie Russell and son, Gerald (Jerry) Russell. Bill is reunited with his son, Nicholas Russell, in the Heavens.

Bill will continue to live through all of us in the way he touched our lives.

Tribute Wall

TJ

“ Will miss you Bill and the good times we had together sharing a few beers. Thanks for your wisdom and sound advice. Will miss Times Square coffee time.

Terry Jonas - October 01, 2015 at 05:41 AM

JS

“ No more early coffees my friend you will be missed by many people here in Bangkok.

John Ross Sinclair - September 20, 2015 at 09:14 PM

SG

“ To Bill Russell long time ago that i know about your story and only see your photo. but thing that i was acknowledge you are very good person. Rest in peace to God big hug. Missed



Surgery girl - September 20, 2015 at 04:00 AM

KU

“ Bill Russell nearly 8 years ago that we know each other the thing is i can say you are a very nice man and positive thinking. you always did the right thing to everyone and always be a well-wisher. Big thank you to destiny made me meet you.

This is so sadden you passed a ways to suddenly. But you are in my mind forever.

To Russell family I was condolence for his passed may he rest in peace Khun Bill Russell love Kung



Kung - September 20, 2015 at 03:20 AM

JB

We were all friends. Good times. So sad. May Our Lord. Be with you. Good buddy. Thank you for a great fridnxship

Joei Bujnowski - September 20, 2015 at 11:55 AM



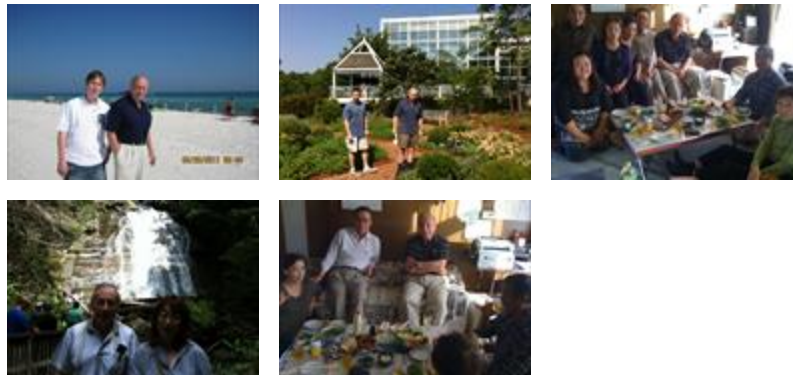
“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Paul Russell.*



September 19, 2015 at 09:10 PM

JE

“ *8 files added to the album Bill*



Jerry - September 19, 2015 at 02:58 PM

JB

Nice pictures. Dad was great

Joei Bujnowski - September 20, 2015 at 12:04 PM

JB

Loved Bill how can he go so fast. He told me he felt great. Bill was great

joei Bujnowski - September 22, 2015 at 12:09 PM

TS

“ *Bill my old friend, you will be truly missed. We always enjoyed your visits to Pensacola after you moved away. To your family, I am so sorry for your loss, there will be a great void in this old world without Bill. May he rest in peace.*

Terry Busbee Sr. - September 19, 2015 at 12:31 PM

CR

“ *Charles Roach lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Paul Russell*



Charles Roach - September 19, 2015 at 11:57 AM

CR

My Big Brother from another. I love you Bill. I shall always think of you my good friend and may we meet again in Heaven. May God Bless Bill Russell!

Charles Roach - September 19, 2015 at 12:00 PM

LE

“ *You will be missed.*

Lee Evanoff

Lee Evanoff - September 19, 2015 at 11:48 AM

TF

“ *The Perkins Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Paul Russell.*



The Perkins Family - September 19, 2015 at 09:34 AM

TP

“ *I met Mr. Russell through his son Jerry about 19 years ago in high school. I couldn't have asked for a better friend in your son who is now a brother of mine. You have a magnificent family who has always treated me and my family as an extension of your family. This is an extremely tough loss and you and Nick will forever be remembered and missed. I will do whatever I can to be there for Mrs. Russell and Jerry.*

May you rest in peace, Mr. Russell

The Perkins Family (Tommy, LaDonna & Miles)

Tommy Perkins - September 19, 2015 at 09:07 AM

BD

“ *I met Bill in Sapporo at my restaurant Leibspeise. He was a wonderful individual with whom I shared many an hour talking about the world. You will be missed!*

Peace and Love to you and your family.

Brian Dishman

Brian Dishman - September 18, 2015 at 06:35 PM

NP

*Peace and Love
Nori and Ricky Pummell*

Nori and Ricky Pummell - September 19, 2015 at 08:26 PM

HC

“ *I met Bill in Liberia in 1985. We have been friends for over 30 years. Our adventures and travel experiences are too numerous to mention. We traveled together in many parts of the world and the US. We had more fun than a barrel of monkeys. He was a world of knowledge when it came to financial affairs. I just visited Bill and Yoshie in Orlando last week, we enjoyed many hours discussing our past experiences. I am very saddened by his passing I will miss him. My deepest sympathy to Yoshie and Jerry. I know now that Bill is at peace and in a better place.*

*Hayes and Florida Conaty
Pinellas Park, Florida*

Hayes Conaty - September 18, 2015 at 09:26 AM

DN

“ *David Notley lit a candle in memory of William
"Bill" Paul Russell*



David Notley - September 17, 2015 at 11:29 PM

JB

“ Dear Mrs Russell and family i'am heartbroken to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great friend and mentor to me in Thailand and so much fun to be with. We are all saddened to hear of his death. He was a true gentleman love Joe



Joei Bujnowski - September 17, 2015 at 11:17 PM

JB

Will be missed.

Joei Bujnowski - September 17, 2015 at 11:18 PM

PD

very sad,was ;looking forward to seeing him in Bangkok....

peter driscoll - September 18, 2015 at 05:07 PM

JB

Peter it won't be the same without our buddy.

Joei Bujnowski - September 20, 2015 at 12:10 PM

JF

“ I am in shock. I was to meet with Bill at the End of October in Thailand.
We have been good friends for 9 years. I will miss Bill very much

john french - September 17, 2015 at 07:30 PM

DG

“ To the Russell family the deepest and most sincere condolences from his new friends in Madison Ga. We only knew and had such a short time with him and always looked forward to our Thursday coffee mornings at either the Perk in Madison or Panera's in Athens. This morning as usual we were at the Perk and we were saying that we hoped Bill would soon be back from his trip. We loved him, his stories and experiences and yes his jokes. I had very much the same beliefs he had with regards to the political and monetary situation around the world and many a long chat about holding physical silver and gold. Living, working and traveling overseas as we all have it just made us click as a group immediately. We will all miss him and are honored to have met him and called him our friend. Semper fi old buddy, I feel that i have known you all my life and you will be sorely missed.....Doug George

Claudia, Carlos, Jeff, Marshall and Harry

douglas george - September 17, 2015 at 06:44 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Paul Russell.



September 17, 2015 at 06:39 PM



“ *Duchess Harley lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Paul Russell*



Duchess Harley - September 17, 2015 at 06:13 PM



“ *I sincerely enjoyed our talks over coffee. Bill will be sincerely missed by all in the coffee gathering. My sincere condolences. Claudia*

Duchess Harley - September 17, 2015 at 06:12 PM



“ *Loving memories of cousin, Bill. Not having any siblings, Bill was my "big brother," always bringing smiles and stimulating conversation about his travels, the economy and "old times" to our family gatherings. Rest in peace, dear cousin. I'll miss your frequent emails and recent visits. Kathy and I send our love and condolences to Yoshie and Jerry.*
Mark

Mark Slivka - September 17, 2015 at 04:30 PM



Mr. Russell was always "one of the guys." I am blessed to have known him and his family, My thoughts and prayers to Mrs. Russell and Jerry.

Jim Tran - September 17, 2015 at 05:24 PM

GF

I met Bill several years ago in Bangkok and we had a great chat and a couple of beer together on one or two occasions; we exchanged e-mails and ever since he had been entertaining me with all kinds of stuff he'd found on the internet and passed on...I sent him an e-mail no more than three weeks ago thanking him for all of the entertaining stuff over the years and mentioning that I would be back in Thailand in November if he wanted to meet up again - he replied that he'd love to, and it's really a shock to discover today that he has passed away suddenly. My condolences go out to his loved ones, and I am grateful that they have informed us of Bill's passing....may he rest in peace.

Gordon von Finster - September 17, 2015 at 10:43 PM

DN

Bill Russell, My friend my mate. I met Bill 30 year ago July just gone 2015. Bill wandered over to where I was sitting alone having a beer in a beer garden in the Philippines. Bill was also sitting on his own however he wandered over and said Hi you sound like an Aussie, I said and you sound like an American. Bill said let me buy you a beer. It was the start of a great friend ship which was to last for over 30 years. Wherever Bill travelled I received invitations from him at numerous American Embassies, we kept in touch continuously. We traded emails and jokes near every day of the week. Bill was in Maryland some years ago when I pulled the best prank ever. I had a female Sergeant from the Maryland Police Department send a police cruiser to Bill's residence at midnight to arrest him for unpaid traffic fines, when they turned up I can imagine Bill was red like a beetroot in the face, until they said you better talk to your Officer mate in Australia and handed him a cell phone. Bill thought it was a great stunt. My wife and I had been considering a trip to Thailand this year to catch up with Bill as I had introduced him to my future wife and her family in Manila over 30 year ago. Unfortunately now this isn't going to happen.

Sincere condolences to Yoshi and family upon Bill's passing.

Life will never be the same without you Bill. It has been an honour and a pleasure to have been called your friend.

Rest In peace mate. God Bless.

Dave, Alice and David James Notley.

Brighton 4017 Queensland

Australia.

David Notley - September 17, 2015 at 11:27 PM