

William (Bill) Charles Peabody was born on August 30, 1936 in Lincoln Park, MI. He was the first of seven children born to Oscar and Margaret (Bohm) Peabody.

The family lived with grandparents, Paul and Otilie Bohm, for a brief period of time before acquiring a residence on Grosse Ile, MI.

Bill graduated from Grosse Ile High School in 1954. He worked briefly for Westcroft Gardens and the Grosse Ile Golf and Country Club before enlisting in the U.S. Air Force. He spent four years in the Air Force as a radar technician and F-86D fire control and maintenance instructor attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant T.

Bill was stationed at Lowry AFB, CO before being assigned to Naha AFB, Okinawa, Japan; Wright-Patterson AFB, OH; O'Hara Field in Chicago and Charleston AFB, SC.

He was discharged in 1958 and thanks to the G.I. Bill attended Michigan State University earning a B.S. degree in Wildlife Management and Zoology in 1962.

He married Joan Cecelia Sundy on September 5, 1959. They were married for 45 years. The couple had no children.

Bill was hired by the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission, working for that agency for 20 years. He was the Big Game Project Leader before becoming a supervisor of Kansas' Development and Land Management Section.

Bill and Joan moved to Minnesota in 1982 when Bill was hired as a Regional Director II for Ducks Unlimited, Inc. Bill retired from Ducks Unlimited, Inc. in 1998 when Joan was diagnosed with carcinoid cancer so they could spend their time together traveling and sharing their love of gardening. Joan died in May, 2007.

On October 3, 2008, Bill married Mary Patrice Bednarz. They resided on Lake Chippewa during the summer months and moved into Alexandria during the winter months. Bill and Mary loved to travel, memorable trips included: Alaska, Maui, Caribbean Islands, Panama Canal and various road trips.

Some of Bill's accomplishments were teaching hunter safety training for youngsters in Kansas and Minnesota; serving as Co-Chair of the St. Mary's Catholic Church Building Committee; serving as a trustee to St. Mary's; serving as a lector and Eucharistic Minister at St. Mary's for many years.

Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Joan; his parents; brother, Richard; sister, Carol.

Bill is survived by his wife, Mary Bednarz; brothers, Robert (Shirley) Peabody, Titusville, FL; David (Jane) Peabody, Austin, TX; sister, Janet (Glen) Jackson, Allen Park, MI and Marie in Michigan; stepsons: Troy (Nickatie) Bednarz, St. Francis, MN and Courtney Bednarz, Brooklyn Park, MN and many nieces and nephews.

Remembering the Life of



William "Bill" Peabody

1936~ 2019

In Loving Memory of

William “Bill” Peabody

August 30, 1936 † January 2, 2019

Don't Cry For Me

Don't cry for me. I will be okay.

Heaven is my home now, and this is where I'll stay.

Don't cry for me. I'm where I belong.

I want you to be happy and try to stay strong.

Don't cry for me. It was just my time,

But I will see you someday on the other side.

Don't cry for me. I am not alone.

The angels are with me to welcome me home.

Don't cry for me, for I have no fear.

All my pain is gone, and Jesus took my tears.

Don't cry for me. This is not the end.

I'll be waiting here for you when we meet again.

Prayer Service

Monday, January 07, 2019, 4:00 PM

Mass of Christian Burial

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Alexandria, Minnesota

Tuesday, January 8, 2019

11:00 AM

Officiant

Reverend Father Steve Binsfeld

Pianist

Laurie Youngers

Cantor

Erin Takle

