



William Edward Stokes Jr.

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William E. Stokes Jr., lovingly known as “Bill,” passed away on March 31, 2025, at the age of 79 in New Port Richey, FL. He was born on June 30, 1945, in Hot Springs, Arkansas, and lived a life filled with dedication, kindness, and service to others.

A graduate of Harding University, Bill devoted 36 years to teaching in public schools, including Folsom Elementary. His passion for education and his students earned him the honor of New Jersey Governor’s Teacher of the Year. He was an active leader in the Lions Club of Hammonton, NJ, serving as a past member, King Lion (1986-1987), and Zone Chairman. His dedication to community service was recognized with the prestigious Melvin Jones Award.

Beyond his career in education, Bill found joy in many pursuits. He served as a docent on the Battleship New Jersey, coached basketball, and was a mentor to many friends of Bill W.. A man of deep faith, he was a devoted elder of the Christian Church of Holiday, FL.

Bill was known for his warm heart, his unwavering support for those around him, and his appreciation for the simple pleasures in life—especially desserts. He never turned down a sweet treat, with cheesecake holding a special place as his ultimate favorite.

He was married to his beloved bride, Karen, for 43 wonderful years. Bill was predeceased by his parents, William Sr. and Alice Jo Stokes. He is survived by his wife, Karen; his daughter, Kara (Kevin) Capps; his granddaughters, Laura and Lindy Capps; his brother, Joe (Cheri) Stokes; and many nieces and nephews.

Bill’s life was one of service, dedication, and love. His legacy will live on in the many lives he touched.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, April 5th, at 10:30 AM at Christian Church of Holiday, with a funeral service immediately following. A reception will be held in the church hall beginning at 12:30 PM.



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Arrangements are under the care of Trinity Memorial Gardens.



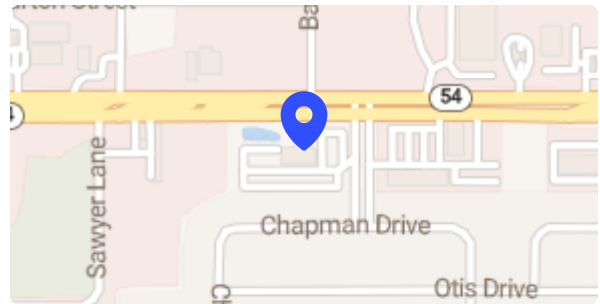
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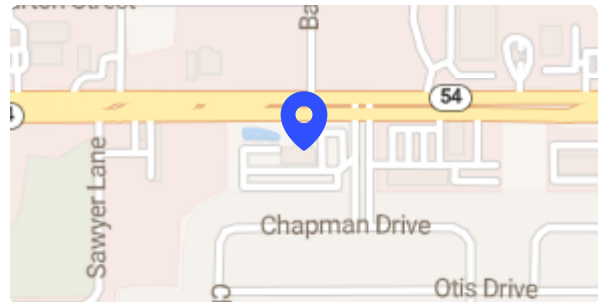
Visitation

- 📅 **Saturday**, April 5, 2025
- 🕒 10:30 AM ET
- 📍 **Christian Church of Holiday**
5724 FL-54, New Port Richey FL 34652



Funeral Service

- 📅 **Saturday**, April 5, 2025
- 🕒 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM ET
- 📍 **Christian Church of Holiday**
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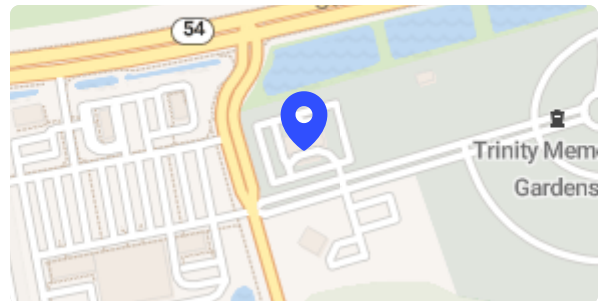
Reception

- 📅 **Saturday**, April 5, 2025
- 🕒 12:30 PM ET
- 📍 **Christian Church of Holiday**
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Cemetery Details

- 📍 **Trinity Memorial Gardens**
12609 Memorial Dr., Trinity FL 34655





Tribute Wall

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Millie Wagner lit a candle in honor of William.

We are so blessed to have known Bill as a neighbor and a friend. We will always remember Bill for his warm and friendly smile, compassion for others and his sense of humor. We will miss him very much. We have no doubt that he is now an Angel in Heaven. Millie and Dale Wagner



April 4 at 7:00 AM



Diane Kitchen posted:

Although Bill was my neighbor he was more like the brother I never had. He had a sense of humor like no other but also a very gentle and caring side. We would spend hours planting new flowers at our entrance sign and he always made sure they had water! He cherished his beloved Karen as he told me every time I cut his hair and compliment me on giving him the best haircuts ever, of course I would tease him by saying that he was only telling me that because I had a pair of shears close to his neck! I could go on and on about all of the fun and laughter we shared but one thing holds true...I will miss him for the rest of my life...

April 2 at 2:53 PM



Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Stokes family.



April 2 at 11:42 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring William by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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