



## William R. Taliaferro

February 9, 1947 - March 25, 2020

William R. "Bill" Taliaferro of Chesterbrook, PA died peacefully at home on March 25, 2020. He was born in Atchison, Kansas and grew up in Effingham, Kansas. His parents were William D. Taliaferro and Alice Cooper Taliaferro.

Bill recently retired from Blue Mountain Quality Resources as Global Sales Manager. He was the beloved husband of Susan G. Kersch and the devoted father of Kelli Lynn Steindl and Hillary Christine Chan (Alvin). Also survived by step daughter Grace Kerschensteiner. Five grandchildren, Jordyn and Ryder Steindl, David, Annabelle, and William Chan. Siblings, Joan Berry (Charles), Connie Berry (Kenneth), Janet Anstaett (Robert), and Hal Taliaferro.

Bill graduated from Washburn University with a BS in political science. He was active in his fraternity. Bill was a life long athlete. In high school he lettered in three sports. He ran in competitive races for 40 years. In most recent years he was often at the gym at 5:30AM.

Bill and Susan enjoyed travel including their honeymoon in Cuba. Two years ago he was in Colorado for Spring skiing and catch up with a class mate after 50 years.

Bill coached many of his daughters sports teams. He was also active in Kiwanis. Always participated in church activities. At Wayne Presbyterian he was an usher and active in Fellowship events. He also participated in the urban ministry of Wayne Presbyterian at the Common Place in Southwest Philadelphia.

His memorial service will be held at Wayne Presbyterian at a future date.

Memorial Contributions maybe made in his memory to the Common Place Ministry c/o Wayne Presbyterian Church, 125 East Lancaster Ave, Wayne PA 10987.

Check back to this site for the Memorial Service information.

# Comments

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“ Bill was my brother. We first met nearly 60 years ago when we competed against one another in High School athletics (Football, Basketball, Track) - Sabetha Vs Effingham (ACCHS). We then were blessed to become teammates on the Washburn University Track team as well as brothers and roommates at Phi Delta Theta. Bill, you will live on in the hearts and memories of all who knew and loved you. You made this world a better place for all of us. Our loss is Heaven's gain. Sleep well, Dear Friend. Ted Davis

**Ted Davis** - April 11, 2020 at 07:20 AM

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“ I am deeply sorry for the loss of the great person that Bill was. I had the honor to live with Bill for one year as he was my host Dad as an exchange student from Chile. He couldnt have done better as a dad. He welcomed me with open arms and treated me as his own son. I enjoyed talking to him and receiving his guidance, traveling, doing yard work, watching games and weightlifting with him. Bill will never be forgotten by me or by my entire family. He will be always in our hearts. In the pictures below Bill is visiting us in Chile. In the Andes Mountain he ran over 200 Mts. no stop showing us his great skills, free soul and happiness.



**Jorge Varela Salazar** - April 02, 2020 at 07:28 PM



“ Jorge, thank you for your kind words about my dad. He talked of you often, even these past few months. I will never forget the amazing holiday meeting your whole family. Thank you, Hillary

**Hillary** - April 10, 2020 at 05:28 PM

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“ I met Bill through 4-H over 50 years ago and we stayed in touch ever since, especially the past several years. Bill was a high school classmate and great athlete and had a real love for track.  
I was fortunate to have a nice visit with Bill and Susan 2 years ago when they were in Colorado on a ski trip. Deepest sympathy to Susan and all family members on loss of a great man.  
Skip Scholz  
ACCHS: Class of 1965

Paul "Skip" Scholz - April 02, 2020 at 04:07 PM

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“ Susan and Family  
My name is Chris, I worked with Bill at BMQR.  
My deepest sympathy to all of you.  
Bill was a great person and it was always a pleasure to work with him.  
He is truly missed at BMQR.  
May God comfort you in your time of sorrow.  
Chris Crestani

Chris Crestani - April 02, 2020 at 11:16 AM

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“ What a great guy! Bill was a fellow Phi Delta Theta brother and good friend.  
We recently reconnected and share lots of stories and laughs. Especially some rivalries between the Junior Raves and Tigers.  
So sorry for his passing. Deepest sympathies to the family,

Randy Schrick - April 01, 2020 at 07:31 PM

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“ I am very sorry to hear about Bill's passing. Our friendship goes back to pre high school days at the Effingham Fair! I tried to catch him in high school football! But failed several times! . He was a wonderful fraternity brother at the Phi Delt House at Washburn ! Always a loyal friend with a quick laugh!  
I am grateful for 55 years of friendship!!!  
In our last conversation several months ago he shared how grateful he was for his children and family and how much he loved them all.  
What a good man. May he Rest In Peace!!

Jim Slattery - April 01, 2020 at 03:50 PM

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“ Our deepest sympathy to Bill's entire family! Bill was a good man, enjoyed him immensely and fond memories will always occur when thinking of him. May he rest in peace, and peace be with his entire family. Mike & Linda Van Dyke, Topeka, Kansas

**Mike Van Dyke** - April 01, 2020 at 02:37 PM

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“ I had the pleasure of working with Bill for nearly 18 years. He relied on those mid-western sensibilities every day. He was witty and quick with a joke and just a pleasure to be around. He will be missed.

**Randy Paroda** - March 30, 2020 at 03:22 PM

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“ I reported to Bill as a sales manager from 2008-2014. He took a chance hiring a young guy out of college to hold up a fraction of company sales. I'm grateful for the opportunities that job gave me and places I've been as a result of my time working under him. He lightened the mood around the office and set a good example for health and physical fitness. He found purpose in his work and his position meant a lot, but he never lost himself to micromanagement and gave the people working under him room to breathe and become their own professionals, offering guidance or instruction only when necessary. I look back on this time in my life with appreciation & happiness.

**Nick Geczi** - March 30, 2020 at 03:18 PM

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“ I don't even have the words. This man was responsibly for not only my entire career, but he helped mold me into the man I today. My dad passed away almost 15 years ago, and I looked at Bill as a father figure in my life. You provided with me guidance when I needed it, and friendship whenever I wanted it Thank you Bill for everything you ever did for me! You may be gone from this earth, but you will never be forgotten my friend (and it was truly an honor to be able to call you my friend).

**Joshua Muir** - March 30, 2020 at 03:13 PM

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“ As I came to know BILL I enjoyed him as the complete guy. We were never at loss for conversation as we discussed sports, running, working out, family, politics (spirited), and life experiences. Bill's greatest blessing to me was his marriage to my sister. In that regards Susan met her “match” in affirming that scriptural passage, “What therefore God has joined together”.

**Giles Guisbert** - March 29, 2020 at 02:29 PM

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**Hillary Chan** - March 29, 2020 at 10:43 AM

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“ Susan's family always held our Thanksgiving gathering as the most significant gathering of the year. It stemmed from it being our fathaer's birthday on Novebmer 25th. As Susan's baby brother, I met Bill for the first time at one of our gatherings. Before dinner we gathered around the piano and sang "We Gather Together", and had a prayer of Thanksgiving. Afterwards Bill came up to me, and with a tear in the corner of his eye, he profusely thanked me for that. At that point, I was very thanful for God bringing him into our family. Yes, as my wife Janet stated, he fit the family like a glove.

I wish I could have spent more time with him!



**Wade Guisbert** - March 29, 2020 at 07:58 AM

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“ Enjoyed the camaraderie with Bill at the MO Valley YMCA in the past. He will missed. Best wishes to his wife and family. Bill and Tammy Jones.

**Bill Jones** - March 28, 2020 at 02:21 PM



“ Bill was my brother-in-law. He fit into the family like a glove and will be deeply missed.  
Janet Guisbert

**JANET F GUISBERT** - March 28, 2020 at 01:46 PM