



William Floyd Delafield Jr.

November 1, 1944 - October 25, 2024

William Floyd Delafield Jr., known fondly as Delo, age 79, passed away on October 25 in Bryn Mawr, PA. He was born on November 1, 1944 in Chestnut Hill PA., to Helen Fox and William Floyd Delafield.

Bill attended Westminster School in Simsbury, CT. and graduated from Proctor Academy in Andover, NH, followed by a stint at Boston University. His service in the Military was marked by his association with the prestigious First Troop Philadelphia City Calvary, reflecting his commitment and dedication to his duties.

Bill worked for WFIL for 5 years before finding employment with Edward and Burgo Starr at Weldon Nursery, in Bryn Mawr. While at Weldon and under the mentorship of Burgo, he displayed numerous winning horticulture exhibits, some of which were awarded Best in Show at the Philadelphia Flower Show. After thirty years and with the death of Edward Starr, Bill went to work for his longtime friend Chris Arader at Arader Tree Company. Bill led the landscape division until his retirement in 2024. He loved his career and made many long term friends while consulting on their projects. He was a member of the State in Schuylkill and served as Governor for 4 years. He was a member of the Rabbit where he enjoyed convivial conversation and great food.

He is survived by his wife Debbie, their daughters Cory (Stark) Townend,

Alyssa (Patrick) Slattery and 6 grandchildren- George, Beau, Preston, Brendan, Anne and Ruth. Sister Diana, numerous nieces and nephews and the Howfield Family.

A Celebration of Life will be held at the Church of the Redeemer, 230 Pennswood Road, Bryn Mawr, PA, 19010 on Saturday, November 9th at 11am.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Bill's memory Church of the Redeemer.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of the Redeemer
230 Pennswood Rd
Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

Tribute Wall



“ I wanted to send out my condolences.
I just found out today and am crushed . I worked with him at Araders
and found him to always be kind and considerate.

Pat Morris - July 30, 2025 at 01:42 PM

HG

“ Barbara and I are stunned to hear of Delo's passing. So many great
memories and miles traveled. Lots of love to all.

Hector W Griswold - March 29, 2025 at 10:12 PM

EO

“ Emily O. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Floyd
Delafield Jr..

Emily O. - November 10, 2024 at 10:35 AM

LM

“ Lauren Mandaglio lit a candle in memory of
William Floyd Delafield Jr.



Lauren Mandaglio - November 06, 2024 at 10:22 AM

SF

“ Suzanne henry and family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of William Floyd Delafield Jr..



Suzanne henry and family - November 05, 2024 at 05:58 PM

TF

“ The Miller Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Floyd Delafield Jr..

The Miller Family - November 05, 2024 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ The Miller Family purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of William Floyd Delafield Jr..



The Miller Family - November 05, 2024 at 11:44 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Floyd Delafield Jr..

November 04, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Floyd Delafield Jr..*



November 04, 2024 at 11:50 AM



“ *I met Delo at Suburban Hardware where I worked. He would come in and purchase supplies for Weldon Nursery. There wasn't a day when he would come in that I was not happier because of his visit. He was never in a bad mood and was always interested in making someone else day better. The only downside of his personality was he never took good care of his Weber Grill. It was on life support several times when I was called on to resurrect it. You made the world a better and happy place while you were here. We all will miss you.*

Charlie Waters

Charlie Waters - November 03, 2024 at 10:26 AM



“ *Dear sweet Delo, I believe that you are the most amazing loving spirit there has ever been in this world. Please know that your kindness and support with my son Christopher , will always remain in his heart. We will both miss you terribly*

ann arader - October 30, 2024 at 09:40 PM

KA

“ *Katie and Kurt Angstadt purchased the Serene Reflections Bouquet for the family of William Floyd Delafield Jr..*



Katie and Kurt Angstadt - October 30, 2024 at 06:05 PM