



William "Bill" Chase

October 26, 1955 - June 6, 2021

William J. Chase, age 65 of Marine, IL, died Sunday, June 06, 2021, at his home in Marine, IL.

He was born on Wednesday, October 26, 1955, in Chicago, IL, the son of Lester and Lucy (nee Connors) Chase.

On Saturday, May 25, 1985, he married Sherry J. Chase nee Mills at Marine, IL, who survives.

Born at Chicago, IL; grew up in Lansing, IL. He served with the US Air Force from 10/10/1973 to 7/1/1978.

Survivors include:

Wife - Sherry J. Chase, Marine, IL

Daughter - Kathryn T. Chase, Marine, IL

Brother - Richard "Rick" (Betsy) Chase, Williamsburg, VA

Sister - Rita (Clifford) Cyrzan, Waterloo, IA.

He was preceded in death by:

Father - Lester Pierce Chase, Jr.

Mother - Lucy E. Chase (nee Connors).

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL.

Graveside Service, Monday, June 28, 2021 at 10:00 AM at Mundis Cemetery, Marine, IL, Rev. Philip H. Kershner, Pastor, United Church of Christ of Marine, Marine, IL, officiating.

Interment will be at Mundis Cemetery in Marine, IL.

Full Military Honors at Mundis Cemetery by, VFW Post 5694, Highland and Lee Iten Post 439-American Legion, Highland

Memorial contributions may be made to ALS Society or Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA).

Tribute Wall

MF

“ Dear Katie, Sherry & Family,

We are so sorry to hear of the loss of your father, husband and brother. Losing a loved one is never easy. Hold onto all those precious moments you had together and may God bring you comfort and strength in the days and weeks to come.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

Marie, Greg & Emily Fleck

Marie Fleck - June 12, 2021 at 12:01 PM

PK

“ *He was oh-so kind. There is no greater footprint to leave behind. Footprints not lost to the cosmos. May Sherry, and, Katie, and family find consolation in that in the days, months, and years ahead. Godspeed.*

Philip H Kershner - June 12, 2021 at 11:29 AM

DL

“ *Dawn & Lou purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Chase.*



Dawn & Lou - June 11, 2021 at 05:03 PM

DL

“ It's often said that you don't really know someone until you work with that person. Day in and day out. Bill was one of the brightest, kindest, most honorable and ethical, hardworking, fair and unselfish people I had the privilege of calling a friend and colleague.

In our late twenties and early thirties Sherry, Bill and I worked for Westinghouse in Maryland. Bill and I worked for years on a Navy robotic project as part of team of about twenty engineers.

I could tell you about the paper we presented (when the Disney people tried to recruit us to go to Florida and work for them). I could tell you about the parties Sherry, Bill, and several of us had on the sandy shoreline of the Chesapeake Bay and parasailing - without an instructor or platform. (Katie your parents had a bit of a wild side.) I could tell you about the countless times Bill agonized over special occasion gifts for Sherry - checking in with me to get a "woman's perspective" on whether "she'd like that?"

But the story I'll share is one that shows Bill's character - his dedication to excellence in his work and his patience. If you know Bill, you can imagine him designing a Robotic manufacturing station (that had to work on a ship by the way - to make replacement parts.) He spent hours and hours - the taxpayer definitely got their money's worth on the projects Bill worked on. It was perfect - elegant - reliable. And it had this teeny little sensor that the robot used to tell where to place a part. Bill designed the hardware - my job was to code software to make it do what Bill wanted. With software you can make the robots go all the way to their limits (like athletes do ... Katie). I was proud that I got the software to work so that I could make the Robot slam down its arm, so I showed Bill ... several times... He didn't yell. He turned red, got very still, and said... "you know Dawn, that sensor costs over a hundred dollars, and every time you slam it into the workstation you crush it. I'd appreciate it if you'd stop that." and then he walked away to get a coffee. He never said anything to me about it again. That's the Bill I knew.

The worlds was a better place for him being in it... and he is missed... most of all by his family. My husband Lou and I are so very sorry for your loss.

dawn leaf - June 11, 2021 at 04:57 PM

RA

“ *From the TACP Association family, we extend our deepest sympathies. Rick Ames*

Rick Ames - June 10, 2021 at 09:31 PM

JY

“ *My sympathy to the family and loved ones. May God give you the strength to get through this difficult time. June Yann*

June Yann - June 10, 2021 at 11:44 AM

SD

“ *So sorry to hear of your loss. Sue Ellen Drewer*

Sue Ellen Drewer - June 10, 2021 at 09:39 AM

PH

“ Dear Sherry and Katy,

I think of your family every few days and wonder how things are going. When I saw Katy on the "graduates" list, I thought of you again. You are two strong women, but this is a lot to bear. Your family has been through a lot of ups and downs. I still remember when we (at church) got word from Sherry when picking up Katy so many years ago, and how Katy just loved having a daddy and mommy. It still makes me smile. I hope you have many happy memories of the good years to hold in your hearts, and to (eventually) bring on a smile, rather than tears. You have our sincere sympathy. Love, Peggy and Randy H.

Peggy and Randy Haukap - June 09, 2021 at 05:29 PM