



William M Hornish

September 8, 1929 - December 14, 2019

William Hornish Obituary

William Michael Hornish, age 90 of Douglas, Georgia, died Saturday, December 14, 2019 at his home surrounded by loved ones.

There will be a Celebration of Life at his home at Lakeside Senior Living on North Chester Ave at 1:30 PM on Saturday, January 11th. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Rockville, Maryland on Friday, January 24th at 10:30 AM followed by his Internment at Gate of Heaven Cemetery in Silver Spring, Maryland.

Mr. Hornish was born September 8, 1929 to the late Mr. William A. Hornish and Grace Connolly Hornish in Hartford, CT. He is survived by one daughter, Mary Grace (Joseph), one son, William C. (Mary) Hornish, four grandchildren: Kerry Penney (Walter), William, Andrew and Katharine, and his great grandson Walter Penney. He is also survived by his brother, Robert (Joan) Hornish, his sister, Helen Hornish, along with his only niece Maryellen Bojanek (Steve) and several nephews and their families.

He is preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Clifford (Maureen), second wife, Beth Kennedy Hornish and his son, Michael James Hornish.

Mr. Hornish graduated from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut in 1951

with a B.S., General Science Degree. He then served in the United States Air Force from 1951 until he was honorably discharged in 1953. He continued to be active in the Air Force Reserves until 1964.

Mr. Hornish had a long and successful career as a pioneer in the forefront of computer technology and as a Computer Network Specialist. He was a member of the first Computer Program Corps for Univac in 1954. In addition, he worked on many innovative projects including: the first computer payroll system at General Electric, the first computer assisted voter results for RCA (NBC), Western Union Mailgram, MILSTAR Satellite Communications and many other interesting projects at the beginning of their inception.

Mr. Hornish was a lifelong Catholic and a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was extremely social and was a member of the American Legion, Ancient Order of Hibernians, The Friendly Sons of Saint Patrick of Philadelphia and was President of the Father's Club at Gonzaga High School during the 1970s.

Mr. Hornish had developed a longtime passion for playing Bridge during his retirement. He was a member of the American Contract Bridge League and was just shy of becoming a Master Bridge Player. He shared his passion by teaching many others to play his favorite game and in the process, made many new and cherished friends. He will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

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