

WILLIAM WALTER PRATT



William 'Bill' Walter Pratt, 82, of Hilliard, passed away in his home on February 17, 2021. Bill was born on August 2, 1938 in Fort Edward, New York to Walter and Margaret Pratt. After graduating high school in 1955, Bill married his high school sweet heart, Nancy Christopher. Their union was blessed with a daughter Toni Lee (Pratt) Deslaurier and a son William Frederick Pratt. While raising his family, Bill attended drafting school at night and graduated with honors in June 1959. Bill and Nancy divorced in 1963.

While on a trip to the Bahamas in 1964, Bill met Patricia 'Pat' Merle Gorsuch. They fell in love and were married on April 10, 1966. Bill and Pat were blessed with two sons Wayne Walter Pratt and Lance Arthur Pratt. Bill started working at Bell South in 1970 and retired in 1995 after 25 years of service. During that time, he saw his work change from drawing cable layouts using pencils and a drafting table to designing entire phone systems by computer.

As a husband and a father, Bill set a shining example of how loyal and caring a man should be to family and friends. He was dedicated to caring for his wife and remained by her side until her passing in January 2018. Even then, his endearing humor and his commitment to family, friends and the congregation continued. In his spare time, Bill enjoyed computer and card games, playing pool, watching Jeopardy or old movies, ministering and helping out family, friends and members of the congregation.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents; his sister Margaret Ann 'Peggy' Dickenson; and his wife of 52 years Patricia Pratt.

Bill is survived by his brother Robert Pratt; daughter Toni Deslaurier; sons William 'Willy' Pratt, Wayne and Lance Pratt; grandchildren Burleigh, John and Willow Griffith, Jeremiah Pratt, Maverick and Whitney Pratt; as well as great-grandchildren Mason, Kaia, and Naomi Griffith and Chloe Renee Pratt; and many close friends.

Arrangements under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.

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