

Tribute to Deceased Alumni

Bill Barnum. This warm tribute to Bill was done by Doug Hinely and Bill's Brother Jim. Bill passed away on 3 March 2011. He had a stroke at his apartment and was missed by his co-workers at ATR when he didn't report for work. He was taken to Holy Cross Hospital for treatment, and then to their hospice where he died.

Bill was born December 10, 1929 in Philadelphia. He grew up in Takoma Park, graduated from Calvin Coolidge high school in the District and received a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland in 1953. At Maryland, Bill participated in intercollegiate track and was the Southern Conference champion in the high jump. After serving 2 years in the U.S. Air Force in England as a maintenance officer, Bill started work at NOL/NSWC in 1955 in the Mechanical Systems Branch of the Underwater Weapons Department (FD & U11). In 1974, Bill became the Head of the NSWC Technical Shops. After retiring from NSWC in 1981, Bill worked for the Mandex Corporation from 1981 until 1989 and then for the ATR Corporation until his death. Bill was an avid soft ball player, snow skier, bowler, pool player, pilot and boater. Bill participated in a Wednesday night pool game for over 45 years. His ATR and WOL friends had a Awake@ for Bill on 15 March to share their good memories of him. Bill is survived by his younger sister, Jean Harty of Maine (children Kim, Drew and Collin) and younger brother, Jim Barnum of Montana (wife, Marlis and children Carmen and Sherrie). Bill is also survived by his dear friend Betty Covell. She is living in a nursing home at this time. Bill was caring for her pet dog and her home as well as visiting Betty daily. Bill could never pass up a good dessert.