



William "Bud" von Heyn

July 16, 1952 - August 11, 2024

William "Bud" von Heyn, age 72, of Fort Myers, FL, passed away peacefully on August 11th, 2024. Born on July 16th, 1952 in Flushing, NY. William was the beloved son of William Sr. and Jeanne (Birkett) von Heyn.

Bud grew up on Long Island in New Hyde Park, NY, the same hometown as his wife, Margaret (Maggie). He went on to attend college and receive a BS at Hobart College. It was there he met his wife in 1971, as she attended sister school William Smith. As Bud recalled, he "fell for Margaret on a long car ride home for Thanksgiving break..." and he gave thanks for the next 50 years of their friendship and marriage.

Bud was a devoted husband, and loving father to three sons. He is survived by his wife and family — Brandon Evan of Pompano, FL, Ryan Edward and his wife Lauren of Newtown, CT, and Evan William of Pompano, FL. He was a proud "Pa" to granddaughters Madison Ryan and Layla Brooke von Heyn. He is also survived by sister Carol (von Heyn) Passero. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother Dr. Robert von Heyn. He was loved by many nieces, nephews, and other extended family, as well as by friends he called family. Bud cherished family above all else.

Bud and Margaret raised their family in Westchester, NY, where Bud had a successful 39-year career at AT&T. Outside of his professional

accomplishments, Bud ran (6) marathons, received (2) Master's degrees, served as President of the Somers Lion's Club, was an active volunteer at Friends of Karen, and graciously witnessed (4) Red Sox World Series victories. He was a sports fanatic in every sense and treasured his memorabilia collection.

After retiring, Bud 'worked' wherever he could have fun — the Minnesota Twins Spring Training, Hudson Valley Renegades, Silver Spring Country Club, and Currie Landscaping with friend John (we think this was driven by the Walter 's hot dog lunch breaks!) He spent his free time perfecting his passion for golf with Maggie, where he recorded (2) "hole in one's", one in New York, and one in Florida earlier this year.

Bud will be remembered for all the lives he touched throughout his life's journey. He was kind to all, found humor in every moment up until his last breath, and had an emotional resilience and inner strength derived from a positive mindset, which encouraged those around him to focus on only the things they can control. He was everyone's best 'Bud' or 'Buddy'.

Family and friends can pay their respects on Thursday, August 22, 2024:

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home

28300 Tamiami Trail So. 

Bonita Springs, FL 34134

Visitation: 10:00am

St. Leo the Great Catholic Church,

28300 Beaumont Rd.,

Bonita Springs, FL 34134.

Mass: 11:00am

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Friends of Karen in Bud von Heyn's memory. An additional Mass and Celebration of Life is being planned for a later date in Somers, NY.

"God, grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, courage to change the things I can, and wisdom to know the difference"

Online condolences may be offered by visiting www.ShikanyFuneralHome.com.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, Family Owned Since 1978.

Previous Events

Memorial Gathering

AUG **22**. 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM (ET)

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Mass of Christian Burial

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Tribute Wall

CW

“ We were so sorry to learn of Bud’s passing. We have many fond memories of times together back in NY. Was it really that long ago?
To honor Bud’s memory, a donation has been made to Friends of Karen.
Sending our love, Cathy and Mike Wolf



Cathy Wolf - September 11, 2024 at 10:23 PM

BG

“ So very sorry and sad to learn of Bud's passing. So many fond memories over 50 years of friendship, you will be sorely missed. My most heartfelt thoughts and prayers to the entire family. Rest peacefully.

Barbara Gelleri - September 03, 2024 at 04:09 AM



“ So sorry to hear about Buds passing. We remember how kind Bud was to Bryan during football many years ago. Bryan and Susan Carson

Susan Carson - August 31, 2024 at 07:49 PM

SK

“ Oh Margaret, I am so sad for you & your family. You were everything to Bud & I know you know that. You both were such a vital part of our group. I still remember when you walked into our meeting at Christ church & Louise & I suggested you join us on Wed. nights That was the beginning of a beautiful friendship. I am going to make a donation in Bud's name to the Karen Foundation. Please know that I am keeping you & your family in my prayers.

Shannon Kelly - August 20, 2024 at 06:41 PM

LF

“ Love, your Pompano Beach Family purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of William "Bud" von Heyn.



Love, your Pompano Beach Family - August 20, 2024 at 09:27 AM

CG

“ RIP dear friend Your smile and voice will always be remembered fondly I am praying for your family and all the many friends along your earthly journey Carol Gentry



Carol Gentry - August 19, 2024 at 10:31 PM

JO

“ Bud, the man I walked the walk with. Unforgettable. RIP
John D

John - August 17, 2024 at 06:55 PM



“ *Very sad to hear. I worked with Bud many years at AT&T. So well liked by all and always willing to help or share his expertise. I remember the time he told he was retiring and was so looking forward to that next journey. Sending prayers and love to his family. Tracy Palumbo*



Tracy Palumbo - August 16, 2024 at 06:14 PM

MJ

“ *Mary J. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bud" von Heyn.*

Mary J. - August 16, 2024 at 08:51 AM

KG

“ *I remember Bud fondly in my early days as his coworker at AT&T. Always great to talk to and eager to jump in and help solve our complex issues. He will be missed and prayers and comfort to the entire family.*

Kirby Green - August 15, 2024 at 11:59 AM

JL

“ *Bud was everyones loving and kind friend. If you knew him ... you were very lucky. Our times spent together will always be treasured. Best dad, best husband and best friend to all of us. He is taking care of Sadie now and will be dearly missed. Love to you my dear friend Margaret von Heyn and to Ryan von Heyn, the children, and Lauren and Evan and Brandon and Sasha .. you all lit up his life 💔 Be at peace ; love Joanne, Jerry and family*

joanne LaBadia - August 14, 2024 at 11:04 PM

FN

“ My Uncle Buddy was an exceptional human being who had a deep impact on my development as a man. I will miss him for the rest of my life.

My love to my Aunt Maggie and my cousins Brandon, Ryan, and Evan and their beautiful families.

Frank T., Bud's nephew. - August 14, 2024 at 10:00 PM

LM

Bud was a great guy. In tech mkt

Lester martin - August 17, 2024 at 05:02 PM

LE

“ *Laura E. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William "Bud" von Heyn.*

Laura E. - August 14, 2024 at 09:57 PM

JM

“ *So many books, so little time ~ Frank Zappa. Thanks for sharing Mitch Albom and more.*

Joan M McBennett - August 14, 2024 at 09:43 PM

EB

“ *Bud was my golf partner in the Somers league. What a great friend. Bud and I always had a good laugh together. We also worked together at ATT for many years. Rest in peace my friend.*

Ed Bopp - August 14, 2024 at 02:27 PM