



## William Edwin Hillman Jr.

June 13, 1947 - May 23, 2025

William Edwin Hillman, Jr., of Maple Shade, New Jersey, passed away peacefully on May 15, 2025, following a brief illness. Born on June 13, 1947, in Camden, he was a proud lifelong resident of Maple Shade and a graduate of Merchantville High School, Class of 1965.

Known to many as “Bill,” he was a warm, larger than life personality who had a big heart to match. An outgoing man who never met a stranger. With a ready smile and a knack for storytelling, he could always be counted on to share a joke or a tall tale. He had a deep love for the outdoors—especially hunting and fishing—and found joy in cooking meals for family and friends.

Growing up on Bailey Avenue in Maple Shade, Bill built friendships that lasted a lifetime. As a teenager, he found joy in teaching children to ice skate, working as an instructor and mentor. After graduating from high school, he proudly served in the Army Reserves at Fort Dix for several years.

Bill’s dedication to his community led him to a career in law enforcement in his hometown. Later, he continued serving others through his work at Goodwill Industries and as a special needs school bus driver in Mt. Laurel, where he formed lasting bonds with both students and staff.

A man of strong faith, Bill was a lifelong member of Our Lady of Perpetual

Help Church. He also belonged to numerous civic organizations over the years and deeply valued the friendships and connections he made throughout his life.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Margaret Leigh Hillman; his daughter, Kristen Hillman (Michael Gilbert); and his stepchildren: Colleen Baum (J. Scott Baum), James Callahan (Colleen), John Callahan, Karen Kirk and Donald Kirk. He was a proud grandfather to Corinne, Catherine, Benjamin, Brenna, Jack, Kyle, Aiden and Casey. Bill also leaves behind his brother, Robert Hillman (Michele); and his sisters, Ruth Kelley Vollmer (Thomas) and Helen Phillips (Wayne). Many nieces and nephews and extended family and friends.

Bill will be remembered for his generosity, humor, and the warmth he shared with everyone he met. He will be deeply missed by all who knew and loved him.

The family is requesting in lieu of flowers that a donation be made in his name to either the Wounded Warrior Project or Homes for our Troops.

Services will be held on June 7th 11am mass at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Maple Shade NJ.

# Previous Events

## Funeral Mass

JUN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church  
236 E. Main St. at S. Fellowship Rd.  
Maple Shade, NJ 08052

# Tribute Wall



“ *Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Edwin Hillman Jr..*



May 28, 2025 at 12:01 PM



“ *Al and I had so many memories and great times remember when he married Linda and after wedding we toilet papered their entire apartment pretty funny but I don't think they thought so I believe his sister Helen helped us too sending to wounded warrior God bless him and his wife and family*

**donna** - May 23, 2025 at 08:42 PM



*Thank you for sharing your memories and kind words ❤️*

**Kristen Hillman** - May 25, 2025 at 03:51 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Edwin Hillman Jr..*

May 23, 2025 at 04:49 PM

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“ There are so many memories of Bill. Our crazy fun times in Merchantville High. Our trips down “a Shore” to Wildwood and Sea Isle City. Our marathon pinnacle games at Linda and Bill’s house. Saving Kristen from the ghosts at 1AM. Can’t forget the dances in Maple Shade.  
Love you, my friend,  
Harry

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**Harry Metzger** - May 23, 2025 at 01:57 PM

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And he loved you too ❤️

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**Kristen Hillman** - May 25, 2025 at 03:52 PM

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“ I met Bill in the 70’s when he was married to Linda, Kristen’s mother and I was dating Harry. My memories are countless nights playing pinnacle until the wee hours of the morning. A couple more memories are Bill using the food money to buy horse’s meat instead of beef from the butcher. It didn’t take long to find out this was not a bargain. Another was a trip to Long Beach Island. The ocean was churning that day. We were all in the water when a wave knocked me over and my bathing suit bottom fell down to my ankles. Bill didn’t hesitate to pull me up along with the bathing suit. It saved an embarrassing moment.  
I have wonderful memories of both Linda and Bill raising their beautiful daughter, Kristen.  
Thank you Bill for all the fun times and until we meet again, Rest in Peace.  
Vicki Metzger

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**Vicki Metzger** - May 23, 2025 at 12:58 PM



*Thank you for sharing your nice memories Vicki ❤️*

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**Kristen Hillman** - May 25, 2025 at 03:54 PM