

# William "Bill" Cavanaugh Jr.

## 1929 - 2022



William "Bill" Cavanaugh Jr, of Clinton, MD, passed away on September 19, 2022 at the Charleston Assisted Living Facility in Waldorf, MD. He was born on July 29, 1929, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to his father, William Cavanaugh Sr, and his mother, Clara Cavanaugh.

Bill is survived by his wife of 71 years, Linda (Clark) Cavanaugh; five sons - William Cavanaugh III (Cindy), Michael Cavanaugh (Beverly), Timothy Cavanaugh (Joann), Erik Cavanaugh (Nora), Todd Cavanaugh (Erin); daughter Shelley Degges (Edward); his sister Doris Ragan; and numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1946 and served until 1948. In 1950, he re-entered service with the U.S. Air Force and served until 1969, gaining the rank of Master Sergeant. During his military career, Bill earned the following decorations and awards; World War II Victory Medal, American Campaign Medal (Japan), National Defense Service Medal with 1 Bronze Service Star, Air Force Longevity Service Award with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Good Conduct Medal with 4 Bronze Loops, Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, Air Force Good Conduct Medal with 1 Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster, USAF NCO Academy Graduate Ribbon, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Small Arms Expert Marksmanship Ribbon, and Air Force Commendation Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster.

Upon his retirement from the Air Force, Bill entered U.S. civil service with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration where he worked as a computer scientist providing programming support with some of the earlier weather satellites and meteorological data collection until his final retirement in 1994.

Bill enjoyed traveling, wood working, building furniture, painting, stamp collecting and working on many home improvement projects over the years.