



## Willmore 'Bill' Frederick Holbrow Jr.

February 28, 1941 - March 4, 2018

### Life Legacy

Life enthusiast, Willmore (Bill) Frederick Holbrow, Jr., passed peacefully on March 4, 2018 at the age of 77. He was born in 1941 in Dorchester, Massachusetts to Wilmore Frederick Holbrow and Marguerite Callahan Holbrow. He graduated from Boston Latin School in 1958, the Air Force Academy in 1962, and received his Master's Degree in aeronautical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in 1964. He was an entrepreneur in the biomedical field, developing portable EKG machines at his own company, International Equipment Company (later Luxon Industries). He transitioned to the telecommunications field in the mid 1980s, finding a new outlet for his love of life-long learning as an independent consultant. He was a storyteller, private pilot, excellent skier, regular golfer, frequent flyer at Yosemite, but most importantly a family man. There were no strangers to Bill, only friends he had yet to meet. He was a tremendous example of generosity and kindness and would lend a hand to anyone who asked. Most of all he will be remembered for his constant, welcoming smile that endeared him to so many, earning him the nickname Happy Holbrow.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Mary (Erwin) Holbrow, originally of Braintree, MA, his sisters Mary Holbrow Long, and Laura Holbrow Griffin, and his children Ann Holbrow Verwiel and her husband Mark, his son Willmore Frederick Holbrow III, and Maureen Holbrow Martin and her husband

Bryan. Some of his happiest moments were spent enjoying his grandchildren, Willmore IV, Haley, Christopher, Jake, Ethan, Taylor, and Gabbie. He will be missed dearly by all those who loved him.

A wake is planned for Friday, March 9th, 2018 from 5:30 – 8:00pm at Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary in Brea, CA. A funeral mass will be held at St. Denis Church in Diamond Bar, CA at 3:00pm on Saturday, March 10th, 2018.

# Previous Events

## Rosary

MAR 9. 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM (PT)

Memory Garden Memorial Park & Mortuary

455 W. Central Ave.

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# Tribute Wall

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“ We were roommates during our first summer at the academy. I think we weathered that storm with relative grace and humor. I was privileged to have that connection which has left lasting memories including of the JFK inaugural.

Richard Hoffert - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I REMEMBER WILLMORE FROM OUR DAYS AS STUDENTS AT THE ROBERT TREAT PAINE SCHOOL , BLUE HILL AVE , DORCHESTER,,,ACROSS FROM THE FLORIST GREEN HOUSES (CIRCA 1947).EVEN THOUGH 70 YEARS HAVE PASSED, I STILL REMEMBER WHAT A GENTLEMAN HE WAS EVEN AT THAT YOUNG AGE.HENRY H. SHULTZMAGISTRATEDISTRICT COURT

HENRY SHULTZ - March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mary and Family, We are truly sorry for the loss of your brother. What a kind , smart and generous man.Sincerely,Karen Kelly McEachern and Larry McEachern

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March 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *To the Holbrow family. Please accept my sincerest condolences on the loss of your husband and father. I know the wonderful memories of him will remain in your hearts forever.*

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**Maria Papi** - March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM



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*Tom Keaney*

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March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ *To the Holbrow Family, We want to wish you peace to bring comfort and love to face the future ahead and loving memories to become treasures in your hearts. The Mooney Family Robbie, Kathleen Steve & Patty Grandson Paul You were one of Paul's best friend who introduce us 50 years plus. Thank you for your wonderful friendship over the years. Knowing you and Paul are together once again, both of you please behave.*

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**Robbie Mooney** - March 07, 2018 at 12:00 AM