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William Eugene Peck went to be with his Lord and Saviour on July 25, 2024. Born August 26, 1953 to Frank and Mary Rose Peck of Baltimore, MD, both parents, along with nephew Ryan Joseph Peck, preceded him in death. Bill is survived by his wife Beth, of 37 years and one son, Brent (Tara) and 2 grandchildren (Brock and Blane) of North Richland Hills, Tx. Bill is also survived by 3 brothers Michael (Kathy) of Baltimore, MD, Patrick (Debbie) Plantation, Fl and Timothy (Amy) Ocean Pines, MD, as well as many nieces and nephews which he loved dearly.

Bill attended Shrine of the Little Flower and Arch Bishop Curley high school in Baltimore throughout his education. After graduation Bill joined the Air Force and was stationed in Texas. During his service years he was offered two assignments, one as a foreign language interpreter and another in the field of medicine. Upon discharge, Bill pursued a medical degree from the University of Texas Health Science Center and did his residency at Parkland Hospital. During his residency, he learned multiple device implementation techniques, which shaped his future careers with Bard Urological, Bard Access, and Medtronic. With each device company, Bill achieved top honors throughout his many years of service.

Bill and his wife Beth's careers both moved them across the US and Globe and included a 3 year assignment in Melbourne, Australia. The multiple relocation's inspired a love of adventurous travel where Bill and his wife Beth, and often extended family, traveled throughout the US, Canada, Europe, Asia, Africa, Indonesia, and China. They both made lifelong friendships with many wonderful people throughout their assignments and travel which have helped sustain them during Bill's illness.

Bill never met a stranger and had the gift of making others feel special. He loved sports, skiing, music, golf, politics, and had a passion for wine collection and eventually became a connoisseur of vintages.

After years 35 years of employment, Bill retired in Raleigh, NC. He immediately pursued his passion for conservative values and became the President of the Raleigh Republican Club where he served for many years and made lifelong relationships. Eventually the couple moved to the Asheville, NC area where they had pledged 25 years earlier their love for the Blue Ridge Mountains. Upon relocation, they

joined and were baptized at Biltmore Baptist Church in Arden where they remained active members. Bill and Beth built their retirement home in The Cliffs of Walnut Cove and established a community of friends who were amazingly supportive before and during Bill's illness.

Bill was an amazing survivor and gallantly battled a rare cancer in 2015 in which he ultimately remained in lifelong remission. However, in 2023 Bill was diagnosed with yet another unrelated Glioblastoma, where once again he fought a brave and heroic battle until he succumbed one year later.

Beth would like to thank the Biltmore Church staff, Sallee and Joe Forrest, the Operation Christmas Child Prayer team, and the amazing friends in Walnut Cove and neighboring communities and family who have prayed and provided food and support throughout Bill's journey. The cards, texts, and phone calls from loved ones throughout the US and abroad have all helped to sustain both she and Bill through his sickness and death.

As it is written and Bill's final journey to heaven, the "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor have entered into the heart of man the things which God has prepared for those who love Him". 1 Cor 2:9.

Rest in Peace our Brave and Courageous friend and loved one.

Visitation will be held at Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Monday, August 5, 2024 from 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Funeral services will then be conducted in the Mathis Funeral Home Chapel on Tuesday, August 6, 2024 at 12:30 p.m. Interment will follow in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield.

Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter is assisting with arrangements.

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