



## William Prather Curlin Jr

November 30, 1933 - December 12, 2022

Frankfort – Beloved husband, father, and grandfather William (Bill) Prather Curlin, Jr., age 89 passed away on Monday, December 12, 2022, in Midway, KY. He is survived by his wife Elizabeth (Beth) of 63 years. Bill was born November 30, 1933, to William and Margaret Curlin in Paducah, Kentucky. His family moved throughout his childhood while his father worked for the US Army Corps of Engineers. After the war they settled in Frankfort, KY where he graduated from Frankfort High School. Bill served in the US Army in the Korean War Era briefly. He then earned his undergraduate and law degree at the University of Kentucky. As an attorney Bill worked for the Kentucky Revenue Department from 1962 to 1964. He then served as a member of the Kentucky General Assembly from 1968 to 1971. In 1971 he was elected to the US House of Representatives for Kentucky 6th district. Valuing his family above all else, in 1973 Bill chose to return to Frankfort to work as a “simple country lawyer” at Hazelrigg & Cox until his retirement in 2007.

In 1979, Bill and Beth bought a small farm in Woodford County which allowed them to be more active in Beth’s love of horses and for Bill to become a “gentlemen farmer”. They were members of the Iroquois Hunt Club where Bill served as President. Bill was a member of Keeneland and enjoyed entertaining friends with a day at the track. Golf was also a big part of Beth and Bill’s life, and they were life-long members of the Frankfort Country Club and The Honors Course in Tennessee. Bill and his son Will enjoyed bird and duck hunting with friends and family. He loved travelling and was a life-long

learner. This led Bill and Beth on many trips to Europe throughout his life. Bill was a lover of classical music and was a long-time supporter of the Lexington Philharmonic. At the end of his life, it was music that brought him the greatest joy.

Bill and Beth were members of the South Frankfort Presbyterian until they moved to Woodford County when they joined the New Union Christian Church. In his later years he and Beth rejoined South Frankfort Presbyterian Church.

Bill was affectionately called "Bebo" by his family. He will be remembered as a generous and faithful husband, parent and grandparent. Proceeded in death by his parents, his sister, Celeste Moore, and his grandson Allen Williams, Bill is survived by his wife Beth, his children Will (Tammara Curlin), Caroline (Bryce Taylor), Margaret (Richard Burke) and Dorothy (Billy Mathews) as well as his nine grandchildren: Anna and Thomas Curlin; Celeste, Bethany and Rachel Taylor; William, Elizabeth and Philip Burke; and Hannah Williams.

Services will be held at South Frankfort Presbyterian Church on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Marian Taylor officiating. Burial will follow at Frankfort Cemetery. Visitation will be held at South Frankfort Presbyterian Church from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. on Monday.

In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be made to the Remembrance Trust Fund, South Frankfort Presbyterian Church, 224 Steele St., Frankfort KY 40601.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home & Crematory.

# Cemetery Details

## Frankfort Cemetery

215 East Main Street  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
(502) 227-2403

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 19. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

South Frankfort Presbyterian Church  
224 Steele St  
Frankfort, KY 40601

## Service

DEC 19. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *William Prather Curlin Jr*

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“ *I will forever cherish the memories of Bill and his good friend Ken Wood coming to the noon class three days a week at the Downtown Frankfort YMCA. Bill was a jewel. Welcoming new people and always having a smile on his face. My heart goes out to his wife, Beth and all the family.*

Bonnie Clements - December 15, 2022 at 09:57 AM