



Otto Henry Hill, Jr.

December 10, 1936 - May 17, 2016

Celebration of Life

Otto Henry Hill, Jr., was born on December 10, 1936 in Richmond, Virginia. Otto's earthly tent moved to his new destination, "Heaven" on May 17, 2016, where he was welcomed by his father Otto H. Hill Sr., his mother Mary Perkins Hill and his brother Alford Perkins Hill.

Otto was born into a devout Catholic family, where he received his early religious training and guidance from his parents and formal religious schooling at St Augustine Catholic Church in Fulton's bottom. Otto later attended Woodville Elementary School, Van de Vyver Catholic School and graduated from Armstrong High School in 1952. After graduation, Otto enlisted in the United States Navy where he served with distinction for 4 years.

Otto returned from the United States Navy and soon met the love of his life Sylvia Maxine Flax. On June 16, 1956 Sylvia and Otto were married at Holy Rosary Catholic Church, and from this union six children were born.

Otto's work ethic was unrelenting. One of his first jobs was at the famous "Hot Shoppes" Cafeteria on Grace Street, where he served as a short order cook for more than 3 years. A few years later, Otto was employed as a Spinal Cord Injury Technician for Hunter Holmes McGuire Veterans Medical Center and

retired after 37 years of dedicated service. Otto Henry Hill, Jr. was a dedicated person always willing to help others in any way he could. His divine calling afforded him the opportunity to care for "Jack" a quadriplegic, for more than 20 years.

Otto Henry Hill, Jr. was an active participating member of Holy Rosary Catholic Church for more than 60 years. His contributions and dedication were exemplary. Otto was a regular attendee of the midweek liturgy, a member of the Christian Unity Choir for more than 20 years, an engaged member of Parish Council and an unwavering member of the Pastoral Care Ministry visiting the sick and home bound weekly .

Otto was a loyal member of the Holy Rosary Passion Players where he played the role of guard/ soldier for over 20 years. He also was a mentor and sponsor for the Holy Rosary Youth Choir providing refreshments for the children to enjoy after practice. His love for children led him to host a pool party at the home of his neighbor's Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown.

Otto's community involvement is commendable. He was the Boy Scout Troop 471 Leader for 20 years, a member of the Celebration Male Chorus, a member of 3&0 social club and participated in other organizations and community affiliations too numerous to name. Otto particularly enjoyed gardening at home, as well sharing his "green thumb" passion with others. Perhaps, one of Otto's most outstanding accomplishments was his enrollment in the class "Engaging Spirituality" by Ronald Rolheiser, often expressing how he was looking forward to receiving his certificate.

He was a Fourth Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus Father Charles G. O'Leary Council #6457 and a member for over 4,3 years. He served on the council as Grand Knight, and various positions over the span of his tenure. Twice his family was chosen as the Family of the Year. To know Otto Henry

Hill, Jr., was to know not a good man, but a great man!

Leaving to remember his noble legacy is his wife of 60 years, Sylvia Maxine, six sons, William B. (Joyce) Chesterfield, Va., Otto H. III (Delia) Fredericksburg, VA., Rico (Irina) Colorado Springs, Colorado., Randy (Carol) Richmond, VA., Terry G. Hill, Richmond, VA., and Nicholas Smith (India) Las Vegas, Nevada; thirteen grandchildren, eleven great-grandchildren; three aunts Bernice Bryant, Mildred Taylor, and Henrietta Buckingham, all of Richmond, Virginia, one uncle, brother-in-law Daniel Flax, devoted god-daughter, Sylvia Mayo; two devoted friends Angelo Parker, and Vernard Jackson. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Cemetery Details

Oakwood Cemetery

3101 Nine Mile Road
Richmond, VA 23223

Previous Events

viewing

MAY 23. 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

MAY 23. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
3300 "R" Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Service

MAY 24. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Rosary Catholic Church
3300 "R" Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Otto Henry Hill, Jr.*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *I wish your family God's grace during this difficult time. While I did not know Mr. Hill well, I remember his constant smile and hello each weekend when my children and I would attend Mass at Holy Rosary. I am so sorry for your loss and will continue to keep you in prayer.*

Anedra Bourne - May 31, 2016 at 12:17 PM



“ *I knew Otto from Holy Rosary Gospel Choir, singing with him and others as part of St Elizabeth Catholic Church Gospel Choir. He was so sweet, uplifting, and engaging whenever we met. He will be greatly missed.*
Stephonia Owolabi



Stephonia K Owolabi - May 23, 2016 at 10:53 PM



“ *Brother Otto Hill was a “Special Man” Who Became a “Special Friend” to Everyone for Whom He Came into Contact. Otto will be Deeply Missed but, His Wonderful Memory and Spirit will Live-on in the Hearts and Minds of All Who Knew and Loved Him! A Job Well-Done Otto So, REST IN PEACE My Brother and Our “Special Friend!” ~ Battinto*



Battinto L. Batts, Sr. - May 20, 2016 at 08:47 AM

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“ *Wilhelmina B. Shelton lit a candle in memory of Otto Henry Hill, Jr.*



Wilhelmina B. Shelton - May 19, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ *Mr. Hill will surely be missed by his church family and community. He served his church, family and community with dignity and pride. He surely will enter heavens gates and hear God say "well done my good and faithful servant"*

Carolyn Pearlingi - May 19, 2016 at 06:11 PM

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“ *Dear Hill Family,*

I am very sorry about Otto's passing. We were in the Engaging Spirituality Class together and he always had thoughtful comments to share and a playful gentleness. God bless all of you; you are in my prayers.



Theresa Cammarata

Theresa Cammarata - May 19, 2016 at 04:09 PM

WJ

“ *William "Buck" Buckingham Jr. purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Otto Henry Hill, Jr..*



William "Buck" Buckingham Jr. - May 19, 2016 at 01:17 PM



“ *We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.*

March Funeral Homes - May 18, 2016 at 02:25 PM