



William Ward (Bill) Farrar of Pompton Plains, New Jersey, passed away on Wednesday, December 16, 2015.

Born in Orange, New Jersey in 1930, he was the son of Elizabeth Righter Farrar and William Matthew Farrar, Jr. of Green Village, New Jersey. He was a direct descendant of William Farrar, Esq. of the London Company at Jamestowne, Virginia, and Nicasius de Sille and Robert Treat, two founders of Newark, New Jersey.

He was raised in Millburn Township and graduated from Morristown High School. He received a BA degree in Economics from Washington & Lee University, and a JD degree from Seton Hall Law School.

He practiced litigation for United States Fidelity & Guaranty company in Bergen County, for Parisi, Evers and Greenfield, Esq. in Hackensack, and in private practice. He clerked in the Chancery and Appellate Divisions of the Superior Court of New Jersey. He appeared before all courts and many agencies in the State of New Jersey, in addition to the United States Supreme Court.

He joined the U.S. Navy Reserve in 1950, and was called to active duty in 1955, where he served on the USS Los Angeles and USS Worcester. He received an Honorable Discharge in 1957. He was a life member of the US Navy Cruisers Association and USS Worcester Association.

A resident of North Caldwell for 42 years, he was active as a County Committee Person and Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) volunteer. He was a Charter member and Past President of the Kiwanis Caldwell Breakfast Club.

He was a member of the National Association of Parliamentarians (NAP), where he advised on and taught Parliamentary law. He attained the highest rating in the organization as a Professional Registered Parliamentarian (PRP). He held NAP leadership positions in New Jersey, and was an elected member of the NAP National Committee.

An avid sailor, he was an active member of the International Star Class Yacht Racing Association. He was a former National Law Officer for the United States Power Squadron, for which he taught numerous boating safety courses and helped organize

educational trips focusing on historic navigation to Portugal and Italy. He was Past President of the United Safe Boating Institute.

He joined the Mad River Glen Ski Patrol in Waitsfield, Vermont in 1961, where he served as a volunteer patroller for over 50 years. In 1974, the National Ski Patrol System honored him with a National Appointment. An advocate for first responder care to skiers, he successfully lobbied the State Governor to institute a law that Automatic Defibrillators (AED's) be accessible in first aid facilities at all ski areas in Vermont. This was before AED's became commonplace in public spaces. He was one of the first members of the Montclair Ski Club in Waitsfield.

He was a jovial, gregarious, caring person, with a strong intellect and a wonderful sense of humor. In recent years he had begun studying painting, taking great joy in learning about perspective and color. He was also an accomplished boat model maker. He enjoyed studying history, particularly American and World War II, traveling, and attending skiing camps and naval service reunions.

He climbed Mount Fujiyama in Japan, and hiked and skied Tuckerman's Ravine at Mount Washington in New Hampshire on multiple occasions. In 2001, he volunteered as a ski patroller at the Special Olympics World Winter Games in Alyeska, Alaska.

A Yankees and Giants fan, he enjoyed ballroom dancing and singing, and participated in a number of choirs.

Mr. Farrar was predeceased by his wife of 32 years, Gretchen Watkins Farrar, and his sisters, Mary Farrar Bonotto and Katherine Farrar Anderson. He was the loving father of Gretchen Farrar, father-in-law to Jonathan Sternberg, and devoted grandfather to Robert Sternberg.

Friends and family are invited to a service to celebrate his memory on January 2, 2016, at 11:00 am, at The Interfaith Chapel, 1 Cedar Crest Village Drive, Pompton Plains, NJ 07444.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Mad River Glen Ski Patrol, PO Box 1089, Waitsfield, VT 05673.