

The Bilka/Balmer/Gorman family thanks you for the gift of your presence today and for every expression of kindness.

*In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to Northwood Presbyterian Church, "Food Pantry"
2875 State Rd. 580, Clearwater, FL 33761*

Obituary of Bill Bilka

William (Bill) Louis Bilka, 95, of Palm Harbor, FL passed away on December 4, 2020 due to complications from COVID-19.

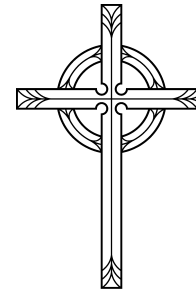
Born in the Troy Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, PA, he graduated from Allegheny High School and attended the University of Pittsburgh, where he earned a Bachelor's degree in Electrical Engineering and a Master's degree in Business. He was a loyal Panther fan and the taste of victory was sweetest whenever Pitt beat Penn State. He spent his career working for the Duquesne Light Company.

Bill's real love was his family. His support was unending. He and his wife of 68 years, Loisanne Pfeifer, raised two daughters, Betsy and Bonnie who adore him. They have fond memories of him enjoying gardening, presiding over family meals, constructing a train village every year at Christmas, and trying his hand at hobbies such as wine-making. He also participated in Shriner activities and events. He was a Past Master of Loyalty Lodge.

Throughout his life, Bill was an active church member, leading youth groups and serving as the Clerk of Session in three different presbyterian churches. Most recently, he was a member of Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater where he wore his red socks every Sunday.

Bill is survived by Loisanne Pfeifer Bilka, who was the light of his life, his two daughters, Betsy (David) Balmer and Bonnie (Hugh) Gorman, and his two grandchildren, Melissa (James) Brown, and James Balmer. A great grandson, Bruce Brown, arrived on December 29th.

Rev. Dr. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor
Rev. Dr. Paul D. Means, Associate Pastor
Stephanie Carson, Pianist



A Witness to the Resurrection



**To the Glory of God &
In Loving Memory of**

William "Bill" L. Bilka

October 15, 1925– December 4, 2020

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In Gratitude to God for the Gift of Life of William “Bill” Bilka

Saturday, May 22, 2021
1:00 P.M.

PRELUDE “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Jerry Carraway

CALL TO WORSHIP Paul Means, Associate Pastor

INVOCATION

“AMAZING GRACE/MY CHAINS ARE GONE”

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I’m found. ‘Twas blind, but now, I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.**

Refrain: **My chains are gone, I’ve been set free!
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood, His mercy reigns.
Unending love, amazing grace.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. *Refrain***

**The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine. *Refrain***

OLD TESTAMENT LESSONS

Psalm 100

Psalm 23 (Unison)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul:
He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil: for thou art with me;
Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies:
Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life:
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE

Betsy Balmer and Bonnie Gorman

SPECIAL MUSIC

“You Raise Me Up”
Stephanie Carson, Soloist

Rolf Lovland &
Brenda Graham

NEW TESTAMENT LESSONS (*selected verses*)

1 Corinthians 13, Revelation 21, John 14

MEDITATION

Chris Curvin, Pastor

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

*HYMN

“How Great Thou Art”

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

Refrain: **Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds singing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: *Refrain***

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, “My God, how great thou art!” *Refrain***

*BENEDICTION

*RECESSIONAL

“Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

Lloyd Larson

(Please remain in the pews while the family is escorted from the Sanctuary.)

**Please stand if able.*