

Obituary for William F. Matlack (Pittsburgh)

August 23, 1928 – March 17, 2020

Bill Matlack, age 91, passed away at his residence at Sherwood Oaks Retirement Community in Cranberry Township on Tuesday, March 17, 2020. Born August 23, 1928, in Philadelphia, he was the son of the late David Johnson Matlack and Elizabeth Fawley Matlack. Bill earned his B.A. from Haverford College, and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania.

He was a professor at the University of Pittsburgh for 38 years in the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs, where he authored two textbooks and numerous articles. He was also a Senior Fulbright Fellow from 1982 to 1983 at Bogazici University in Turkey. After serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Bill became a member of the Friends Meeting in Pittsburgh and later also of the Sherwood Oaks Worship Group.

Bill leaves behind to cherish his memory his children, Margaret Katherine Matlack, Donald Sutherland Matlack (Linda), and Amelia Matlack Hamarman (Jorge); his six grandchildren, Rachel, Mica, Sonya, Boaz, Lily, and Izzy; and his brother, David R. Matlack (Marge). In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Leslie Crawford Matlack, who died on March 9, 2020, just over a week earlier; his previous wife, Patricia A. Travis, who passed away in 2001; his daughter, Elizabeth Sutherland Matlack; and his sister, Ann Matlack Bucher. A memorial service was to be conducted at a later date.