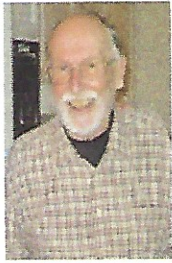


## In Loving Memory of Bill May



Our good and dear friend Dr. Bill May passed away on February 23, 2020. Bill was a strong advocate for the Village and supported our beloved founder, his wife Sherry, as she developed and led her Village team - all beginning around the May family dining room table. We will miss Bill's smile, his humor, incisive

intellect and humanity.

Karen May, Bill's daughter, shared her thoughts and memories about her dad.

Born and raised in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bill was one of four children, the third and only boy of Mae and Ernest May. He attended Columbia University and even though he became a city boy, he still, as Karen said, sent his laundry home on a train to Milwaukee. After college, Bill enlisted in the Army and was stationed in Germany. Returning to the states, Bill became an ordained minister after earning his doctorate at Drew Seminary in New Jersey, a very memorable place as he met Sherry there.

In 1967, Bill and Sherry moved to Southern California, and Bill joined the USC School of Religion where he studied and taught several courses in ethics. He developed and taught a weekend-long medical ethics seminar for physicians (and eventually pharmacists) who were "sentenced" to special classes in order to keep or regain their licenses. His family called it "traffic school for doctors" or simply his "bad docs" class. Bill continued in this program for 25 years, retiring in 2018.

Bill and Sherry loved to entertain, loved stimulating conversations and hearty laughter. He is fondly

remembered for the exuberant "hello" that greeted all who came to his door.

Bill pursued his many interests with enthusiasm: sailing, scuba diving, golf, running, hiking, photography, jazz and current events.

Both Bill and Sherry loved to travel, and their adventures circled the globe. Among their most memorable adventures were likely their two trips on *Semester at Sea*, a study abroad program, where they taught classes and traveled the world, and Switzerland where he and Sherry celebrated their 55th wedding anniversary.

Bill was very active in the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village, supporting Sherry at every turn. He led the pro-con sessions, participated in the Salon, Men of a Certain Age outings, and the Monday Readers to name a few. When his hiking became limited, Bill took up photography. He attended classes and developed an amazing skill. His photos are wonderful, according to Karen, and help both Karen and Steve see what he saw when he looked at the world, especially the faces.

Bill and Sherry had a very special marriage; they loved and respected one another, and truly enjoyed the world with each other, learning together, and enjoying life.

Karen describes her dad as a person who was curious, quick to laugh, loved to tease, loved his strong coffee, and loved to share a glass of wine (the Bill May pour). He was quick to meet people and make friends, curious about everyone and easy at making conversation. She believes that if there is a heaven, her Mom and Dad are together, hand-in-hand, exploring the far reaches of other worlds.

## Remembering Sherry May



Sherry was the inspiration for the Palos Verdes Peninsula Village in 2013 and our leader through its successful initiation. She was passionate about the concept of bringing people together in a strong community as they aged, a village that enabled remaining at home while fostering fulfillment, enrichment and support to its members.

She is remembered as a truly gifted and generous person, involved and a source of strength to those close to her.



For those of you who would like to donate to the PVP Village in Bill's memory, please go to [peninsulavillage.net](http://peninsulavillage.net) and click donate, or you may send a check to PVP Village, 916 Silver Spur Road #302 Rolling Hills Estates, CA 90274.

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