



Bill Rhinehart

March 16, 1930 - March 18, 2025

Bill Rhinehart, of Melville, sadly passed away March 18, 2025 at the age of 95.

Bill was a cherished husband, a Proud United States Navy Veteran, an involved and respected member of his church.

Bill received both his Bachelor of Science and his Master of Arts degrees from Appalachian

State University. His education continued beyond his Masters with remedial education

certifications from the University of Chicago and the University of Miami. Bill also earned his

certification in teaching learning disabilities as well as his certification for school administrators

at Hofstra University. His formal education also included studies in history of French and

English furniture designs from Parsons School of Design as well as studies in British history at

Hofstra and Columbia Universities.

Bill retired in 1994 as a school principal in Syosset after enjoying a rewarding career as an

educator, administrator, and consultant. His valuable work has spanned the globe, including

positions as a visiting lecturer in the School of Education at Southampton College of Long Island University, the Coordinator of Elementary Language Arts and Developmental Learning in Syosset as well as Adjunct Professor in the Greenwich Public Schools in Connecticut as well as a consultant for the United States Air Force Dependent Schools in Germany. In North Carolina, Bill coordinated the Waynesville summer reading program and served as a reading consultant to the Charlotte City Schools. He was a visiting Assistant Professor at Appalachian State University for two summers in the Reich College of Education and also served as the President of Appalachian State University's Belk Library Board.

Because of his expertise and outstanding dedication to education and communities, Bill has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards. These awards include:

- United States Navy Honor Man
- Outstanding Teacher Award, American Dependent Schools (from the United States Air Force)
- New York State Jenkins Memorial Award (for services to children and parents)
- New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers Distinguished Service Award (for contributions to the welfare of children and youth)
- National Congress of Parents and Teachers Award (for outstanding service to children)
- Appalachian State University Outstanding Service Award
- Listed in Who's Who in School District Administrators

Bill and his wife Maureen developed a love of British history, which is manifested in their rare book collection. The Rhinehart Rare Books and Special Collections Room is located on the 4th Floor of Belk Library and Information Commons and houses the Rhinehart Collection at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Memorial Donations may be made to the United Methodist Church of Huntington Cold Spring Harbor. 180 West Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743 UMCHCSH.ORG

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **20**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

A.L. Jacobsen Funeral Home, Inc.
1380 New York Avenue
Huntington Station, NY 11746
(631) 423-2185
jacobsenfuneral@gmail.com

Gathering of Family and Friends

MAR **21**. 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (ET)

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1380 New York Avenue
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Burial

MAR **21** (ET)

Calverton National Cemetery
210 Princeton Blvd.
Calverton, NY 11933
(631) 727-5410
<http://www.cem.va.gov/cems/nchp/calverton.asp>

Memorial Service

MAR **29**. 10:00 AM (ET)

United Methodist Church of Huntington
180 West Neck Road
Huntington, NY 11743

Tribute Wall

JB

“ Bill was my first principal when I began my career at Baylis School. During my interview, we connected immediately. He made me feel welcome and at ease. Bill was an inspiration to me, and I view life differently because of him. I always enjoyed listening to his captivating stories. We worked together for a short time before his retirement. Bill and I remained in touch for many years, sharing pleasant conversations and delightful meals at fine restaurants. I am saddened by his passing but cherish the memories. Bill was a trusted friend. May he Rest In Peace. My condolences to Maureen and the family.

John Barca

John Barca - March 22, 2025 at 09:29 AM

MR

“ Bill Rhinehart loved Appalachian State University in Boone, NC. He loved being an alumnus with undergraduate and graduate degrees —and teaching in the summers. And he loved Appalachian Mountaineer football. Bill chaired the Library Advisory Board and used his influence on campus to help ensure that Appalachian would have a beautiful new library building which houses the Bill and Maureen Rhinehart Rare Books and Special Collections Room. What a significant gift to the university.

Bill's enthusiasm was contagious and inspirational, and his many kindnesses were deeply appreciated.

Knowing Bill was a great experience for me and my family. Our condolences to Maureen, the rest of Bill's family, and his many friends.

Mary Reichel, retired Library Dean, Appalachian State University

Mary Reichel - March 21, 2025 at 03:49 PM

LB

“ So sorry to hear of Mr. Rhineharts passing... I remember him well when I was a student at Baylis. I had many encounters with him even though he wasn't a teacher of mine. I remember him as a gentle kind man that would treat you as if you were his own. He touched a lot of lives through his time at Baylis and he will be truly remembered as one of the rocks of Baylis....R.I.P. sir...
Larry S. Boritz class of 81 SHS

larry S. Boritz - March 21, 2025 at 01:02 PM

DP

“ Bill started as principal of Baylis the year I began my teaching career. Prior to that, I knew him as the reading specialist while I did my student teaching and worked as an aide. I had always liked and respected him, but soon learned to hold him in higher regard when he became my supervisor. Bill led by example and then stepped back to allow his teachers to shine. I owe so much of my development as a teacher to the safe and loving atmosphere he fostered at Baylis. Bill was a man of great character. He was someone to be admired — not just for his positive attributes, but for how effortlessly he exuded them. Truly, those qualities must have been so deeply woven into the core of who he was because they were clearly apparent in the way he always conducted himself. I consider myself blessed to not only have had the good fortune to work for Bill, but also the privilege to call him my friend. He may never know how much knowing him touched my life, but I know I was a better teacher and am a better person because of him. With the fondest of memories from the good ol' Baylis days, I wish Bill eternal peace and send love and condolences to Maureen.

Debra Puccio - March 21, 2025 at 08:53 AM

CM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Chris Merideth - March 20, 2025 at 09:35 PM

CM

“ Today, we say goodbye to one of the most loving, patient, and inspiring souls I've ever known. My Godfather, Bill Rhinehart, was a man of great wisdom, kindness, and quiet strength. His legacy of love and compassion will continue to live on in the hearts of all who were blessed to know him.

Rest easy, Buzz — your light will never fade. ❤️

Chris Merideth - March 20, 2025 at 04:22 PM

CA

“ We are so sorry for your loss. Sending our condolences and all of our love during this difficult time. Love, Caterina and Peter Gaffney and Baby Peter

cat - March 20, 2025 at 01:34 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Bill Rhinehart.



March 20, 2025 at 01:02 AM

MG

“ *Mr. Rhinehart was extremely funny, kind and generous. He always took an interest in supporting those around him. He always took the time to share his wonderful knowledge and wisdom with my brothers and I.*

Michael Gaffney - March 19, 2025 at 11:23 PM

MG

*my brothers and me**

Michael Gaffney - March 19, 2025 at 11:53 PM

MB

“ *Bill was a caring and devoted teacher and friend. He was always ready to mentor, support and share with his fellow teachers, and was always gracious in his efforts to help. I had the privilege of working with, and for, Bill at Baylis Elementary School and have so many good memories of him. I remember his strong smile and genuine interest in me and my family. Rest In Peace Bill.*

Marian Belloli - March 19, 2025 at 06:03 PM

DT

“ *Rest in Peace, Bill. We'll miss your enthusiasm, your big personality, and your wonderful smile! Michael & Catherine Turner, Boone, NC*

Dr. M J Turner - March 19, 2025 at 04:42 PM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Bill Rhinehart.*



March 19, 2025 at 09:46 AM

KD

“ *Kathy Dougherty purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Bill Rhinehart.*



Kathy Dougherty - March 18, 2025 at 09:21 PM

KD

“ *Kathy Dougherty planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Rhinehart.*

Kathy Dougherty - March 18, 2025 at 09:21 PM

CR

“ *Bil Rhinehart, Gentleman and a Gentle Man. Leader, Patriot a good friend. Always looking to help, provide guidance, lead prayers. A U S Navy Sailor of distinction. Rest in Peace my friend. God Bless.*

Charles Roth - March 18, 2025 at 06:30 PM

SV

“ *Sandy and Suzanne Valerio purchased the Fairest of All for the family of Bill Rhinehart.*



Sandy and Suzanne Valerio - March 18, 2025 at 05:50 PM