



## William Mervin Harry Kilmer

August 27, 2024

William (Bill) Mervin Harry Kilmer of Charlestown, RI passed away peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday, August 27th, 2024 at the age of 91. He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years Jane Kilmer, brother Robert Kilmer, sister Elizabeth Cruickshank, his children William Kilmer, Thomas Kilmer and his wife Charlene, and Elizabeth Paquin, grandchildren Andrew Paquin, Ashley Paquin, Stacey Odum, Heather Odum, Jamie Odum, their families, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was born in Norwalk, CT to William and Grace Kilmer and grew up in Greenwich, CT. He was drafted to the US Army, where he proudly served after graduating high school as an infantryman in Trieste. Upon returning, he completed his studies and started his career as an engineer. A man of methods, he excelled in this career and was able to receive several patents for his ideas. It was while he was working here when he met his wife, Jane.

Bill married Jane on October 13th, 1962. They raised their children in Gloucester, MA, where he was able to share with his family some of the things he valued most in life - there is always a car that just needs a little fixing, a salt-aired ocean wave to catch, and a neighbor to extend a helping hand to. He was an active member of the community there, and known by many as their Boy Scout Troop leader.

In the 1980s, he was able to take his hobby of 'picking someone's brain' professionally by starting as a consultant for building a laboratory in India. This brought lots of travel, and lots of impassioned discussions as he shared his sights and discoveries of the world here at home.

Bill continued to live a full life when he and Jane moved to Charlestown in 2003. In his parent's retirement home, he spent his days tinkering in the garage, solving the problems of the world in his "Think Tank", and, most importantly, welcoming family and friends to the dinner table to break bread for any and every occasion. The love Bill had for his family and friends was abundant, and will stay with us all every day.

A Celebration of Life will be held later this year.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Hi I am so sorry for your loss with William and his wife Jane, they both sound like really good people. I only came across their story as I have recently bought an Etype Jag imported from the States and it had an envelope with some parts delivery info and also a couple of battered old Bibles ?

*In one of the bibles I have a locket of hair and a brief note stating Harry Willies lock of hair from 1876 ? Unsure if this is related at all ?*

*It also has some wiring diagram that I presume Bill constructed. I was intrigued to know about the history of the car and its previous owners !*

*Please feel free to email me at philipedwardd@gmail.com.*

*kind regards from England.*

*Philip*

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**Philip Dorrell** - August 17, 2025 at 08:57 AM

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“ Bill - You will be greatly missed for your generosity and kind spirit, a unique individual in all the best ways. You can rest in peace knowing that your family have taken over for you in caring for Jane. RIP.

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**Linda Taylor** - September 23, 2024 at 04:34 PM