

William Lane Hackett, Sr., 66, of Wilmington and Port St. Lucie FL passed away peacefully at his home surrounded by his family.

Bill was born in 1943 in Philadelphia, PA, the son of the late Craig Steelman Hackett and Edith (Phillips) Hackett Wagner. He was a graduate of Olney High School, he served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and he was a member of Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Judith Stewart.

He was the founding member and head professional of the Delcastle Golf Club for over 38 years. Some of his many accomplishments include winning the Philadelphia City Golf Championship at age 16, 1972 Delaware Open Champion, President of The Delaware Golf Club Management Corporation, Numerous Philadelphia PGA Section Event Championships and Top Finishes, Competed and Excelled in the Nationwide (Nike) Golf Tour and Senior Series Golf Tour and his Legacy as one of the area's top instructors; mentoring many of the areas premier golfers is unmatched. He was a Class A PGA Life member. Known as "Wild Bill" by his close friends and family, Bill will be remembered among his close circle for his passion for life, his open and loving heart, his determination, his great sense of humor and always being there for those closest to him. Most important to him in his life was the love that he showed to his wife, children and grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife of 41 years, Margaret L. "Peggy" (Cummins) Hackett; his daughters and their husbands, Megan Louise Harris and Mark of Sykesville, MD and Mindy Lane Karahan and Volkan of Port St. Lucie, FL; his son, William Lane Hackett, Jr. of Wilmington; his grandsons, Hunter Stephen and Hogan William Harris; his brother, Craig Steelman Hackett, Jr. and his wife, Belva of Newtown, PA; his step-father, Edmund Wagner of Newtown, PA and numerous nieces and nephews

Funeral services will be held on Saturday July 31, 2010 at Red Clay Creek Presbyterian Church, 500 McKennans Church Road at 12 Noon, where friends may call from 10 to 11:30 AM. Burial will be in the adjoining cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to the Helen Graham Cancer Center, 4755 Ogetown-Stanton Road, Newark, DE 19713 or Delaware Hospice, 3515 Silverside Road, Wilmington, DE 19810. www.mealeyfuneralhomes.com