



Mr. William "Bill" S. Lowndes

January 27, 1932 - January 20, 2022

William Sinclair Lowndes, 89, of Asheville, lived a passionate life devoted to his family, his work, and his community. New friends were made wherever he went, be it in travels with his wife, Kim, trips to the store, or workouts at the YMCA. Bill touched the lives of many and will be remembered for the charm, kindness, and wisdom that drew others to him.

Born to Dorothy Foy Lowndes and Charles L.B. Lowndes on January 27, 1932, Bill was raised in Durham, North Carolina, where his father taught law at Duke University. Bill went on to attend Duke, and there met and fell in love with Kimberly Barrows, daughter of Lyman and June Barrows of St. Louis. They wed in 1956 when Bill was a captain in the United States Marine Corps. In the following years, they welcomed two sons, John and Jeff.

While they were raising the boys in New Jersey, Bill's brother and father convinced him to attend law school. Bill and his family returned to Durham, and he graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill with a law degree. He practiced law for nearly 40 years as a managing partner for the law firm Horack, Talley, Pharr, and Lowndes in Charlotte.

On weekends, Bill and Kim went to the mountains. They built a home on Yellow Mountain in 1972, and it was there that they spent cherished time with family and friends, from sunny summer picnics on "The Bald" to warm winter fires under towering Christmas trees. He became a leader in the small mountain community and served on the board of trustees for the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy for 16 years.

Bill loved many things—traveling the world with Kim, devouring books, tending the garden, going for long runs, cooking dinners for his family—and somehow found the energy to enjoy them all with great passion. He brought that same energy into his commitment to helping those around him. Bill’s generosity, grounding presence, and carefully chosen words could always be counted on, and these qualities defined every aspect of his life.

Bill is survived by his wife, Kim, his son Jeff and daughter in law, France, and two grandchildren, Erin and Coleman. He is preceded in death by his son, John.

The family will honor and respect Bill’s wishes that there will be no public service.

In lieu of flowers or donations, the family has already donated to the Southern Appalachian Highlands Conservancy.

Morris Funeral & Cremation Care is serving the family and memories and condolences may be sent to them through our website at www.morrisfamilycare.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. William "Bill" S. Lowndes*

October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Dear Kim,*

I just saw this obituary for Bill and am so sorry I didn't know sooner. How sad to lose your longtime partner in life. How very sad.

I think of you often -- your imaginativeness, kindness, humor, your love of beauty and knowledge of how to create it. I loved working with you! I hope you're well.

Henry and I both send love.

Judy Goldman

P.S. I would love to hear how you are. My email: judygoldman@earthlink.net

Judy Goldman - May 29, 2022 at 11:10 AM



“ *I had the pleasure and honour of knowing Bill from working at the YMCA. It was always so great to see him he always had a smile on his face and a story to tell. He is greatly missed. Kim I wish you and your family the best and I'm so sorry for your loss. Vanessa Lockhart*

Vanessa Lockhart - January 27, 2022 at 11:27 AM

RP

“ Kim and others,

I had the extreme pleasure to work directly with Bill as a SAHC Trustee and as a founding member and President (early days). Bill was a very valuable and wise Trustee and his/your love for the Roan and Yellow were very apparent.

I greatly value his wisdom and friendship. I particularly remember the visit Stan and I (with others) made early on to your YMR home. This began our long association and joint support of the Conservancy.

He is greatly appreciated, loved and will be sorely missed !

All the best ! Rick Phelps

Rick Phelps - January 26, 2022 at 09:20 AM

SW

“ Both Bill and Kim attended, and. were generous supporters of, the Woodfin YMCA. Bill was a founding member of the Woodfin Advisory Committee which I chaired from 2011 to 2017. His work and comments for the Committee and the Woodfin Y were invaluable. You always hoped to greet Kim and Bill "at the Y". They attended many Y fund raising events and were always warm and friendly. They are greatly missed.

Steve White - January 25, 2022 at 10:32 AM

PD

“ So very, very sorry for your loss. I will be thinking about you all and wishing you the very best. Everyone grieves differently so know that we all care and let us know if we can do anything. Peg Dixon

Pegge Dixon - January 24, 2022 at 03:14 PM

AH

“ Sending my heartfelt condolences to Kim and family. May you find comfort in your memories and a life well lived.

Ann Howell - January 23, 2022 at 07:48 PM

DE

“ Sending love and hopes your many fond memories will bring you comfort.

Bill was very special and we will miss our driveway conversations about things big and small.

Deepest sympathy,

Debra and Jeff Slosman

debra - January 23, 2022 at 06:23 PM

MS

“ 10 trees planted in Bill's name. My love to Kim, Jeff and France. Deep condolences, and Bill will be sorely missed.

Maureen Sher

Maureen Sher - January 22, 2022 at 10:42 AM