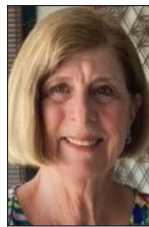


OBITUARIES

PATRICIA WIMMER
MacDONALD, 72

Patricia "Pattie" Wimmer MacDONALD, 72, of Lakewood Ranch, Fla., and Cape May, N.J., passed away at home Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024 due to complications from cancer. She was surrounded by her loving family.



MacDONALD

Pattie was born April 9, 1952 in Wilmington, Del., to Howard and Janet Wimmer. She graduated from Concord High School and went on to earn an associate degree at Brandywine College.

She met her husband Samuel "Sam" MacDONALD while they were

in high school. They married in 1973 and so began a happy marriage of over 50 years.

They raised their two daughters in Wilmington and in Tokyo, Japan. Pattie and Sam traveled to more than 40 countries together. In their retirement, they spent summers in Cape May with their children and grandchildren and winters playing golf and enjoying the weather with friends in Florida.

Pattie was known for being a planner — being part of "Pattie plans" was a joy of knowing her. If you were presented with "Pattie plans," it meant that a fun trip, dinner, shopping or Mahjong date was in the works.

Pattie valued her relationships and cultivated them with intention. She was a natural connector of people. She maintained friendships

from all moments of her life and connected these friends, creating new social circles. She was a member of the Beach Club of Cape May, where she continued to make lasting memories with family and friends.

Her memory will be cherished by husband Sam MacDONALD; children Kierstin Strand (Quentin) and Chelsea MacDONALD (Alicia Brandemarte); grandchildren Stella and Javin Strand; brother Glenn Wimmer (Susan); and niece Diane Bonefont (Ricardo).

They will carry Pattie's celebratory spirit with them and in life. A memorial celebration will be held at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate donations in Pattie's memory to a charity of your choice.

Visit spilkerfuneralhome.com to share condolences.

WILLIAM GRAY
WETHERILL JR., 81

William Gray Wetherill Jr. passed away Nov. 4, 2024 after a long illness.

Bill relished life, adored his family and engendered

much that is good in others. One of his constant defining qualities was his love for and appreciation of his family: his children, grandchildren and, above all, his devotion to his wife, Karen.

Bill was born Nov. 22, 1942, a war baby to his decorated fighter pilot father, William, and mother Sidney Wetherill.

In his early years, his family, including his two younger brothers, lived in Philadelphia and in his beloved Cape May, N.J. In his youth, Bill's life was filled with adventure — a thrilling ride on a motorcycle and friendly challenges, like long afternoons spent on the tennis court.

Bill had a lifelong proclivity for math. In pursuit of his education, and in no small part for adventure and independence, Bill found himself in his uncle's environs in Wilmington, N.C., to complete his bachelor's degree at Wilmington College, the precursor to UNC Wilmington.

At the student union, Bill met Karen Sawyer of Wrightsville Beach, and they fell deeply and enduringly in love. Though of tender age, Karen was only 20, they married in 1967.



WETHERILL

The young couple first lived in Coconut Grove, Fla., and then in Philadelphia before settling in Cape May to be closer to Bill's extended family and friends in this stately seaside town.

Initially a math teacher at a private school in Philadelphia, Bill transitioned to a role as a bank auditor after their move to Cape May. However, he was drawn to a more active lifestyle centered around tennis — managing a tennis club, coaching and teaching.

Their first child, Alison, was born in 1969, followed by their son, William, in 1974. In 1980, they made Wilmington their family's permanent home.

Throughout his career, Bill continually returned to his passion for teaching math. He became a full-time substitute math instructor at a local middle school for at-risk children, mentoring young people across the area. To engage students in STEM, he also founded HAM radio clubs in several local school districts.

Bill and Karen shared many hobbies and interests; they were never far from each other's side. Licensed HAM Radio operators, the family always knew when there was a competition for contacts, with students joining him in Field Day, the School

Club Roundup or worldwide Amateur Radio competitions. Also active members of SASS, Single Action Shooting Society, and Cowboy Action Shooting, Bill was a skilled marksman with many awards for various competitions.

Bill was immensely proud of Karen who joined him and is a multi-state champion in her own right. His excitement and passion were contagious, gathering the entire family for stories of their travels, competitions and achievements.

Bill will be sorely missed by his wife Karen, their daughter Alison Wetherill and her husband Sean Drummey of Surf City; their son William Wetherill III and his wife Mackenzie of Wilmington, and three grandchildren, Nevin Wetherill of Surf City, William "Liam" Wetherill IV and Isabel Wetherill of Wilmington, and his brother, Herk Wetherill of Cape May.

Bill is predeceased by his fourth grandchild, Tavish Wetherill of Surf City, who sadly passed away in July, and his brother Wayne Wetherill of Cape May.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Lower Cape Fear Life Care lifecare.org/donate, Coastal Land Trust coastallandtrust.org or to a charity of your choice.

A service will be held at a later date.

Other Side

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things. In terms of fishing, it was harvesting the product and then getting that product to market in a responsible, sustainable manner that would pre-

serve the resource for the long-term.

Cohen was forever focused on the "endgame," end game being the sustainability of the resource and the people who depend upon it. His personal philosophy and work ethic was heavily influenced by the movement, which had a very real influence on his life.

Unfortunately for Cohen, his family, friends and the whole Cape May community, Cohen's personal "endgame" turned out to be cancer. Try as he might, he could not prevail against this dreaded disease.

His passing was our loss, a loss to the commercial seafood association and its members, the harbor community and all of us here on the Other Side.

This is where Cohen made his living and left his mark. His passing has left a void, but perhaps it also has left a challenge and a promise. Cohen was a good man; he continues to be much missed but despite the passage of time, his memory is still strong and will always be revered and respected.

His was a life worth emulating and remembering. The next time you enjoy a Cape May scallop or Salt, raise a glass of clean water and remember, Danny Cohen.

Mark Allen is a retired lieutenant colonel with 27 years' flying experience with the U.S. Marines and Air Force National Guard. The Other Side radio show is broadcast at 1 p.m. Fridays on WCFA-101.5 FM

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