

Sehl, William "Bill"

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WILLIAM "BILL" SEHL

AGE: 77 NEPTUNE

William "Bill" Sehl, 77, of Neptune, passed away on Saturday, Nov. 8. Born in Vineland on Nov. 5, 1931, he was in the Sacred Heart High School Class of 1949 and graduated from the Franklin School of Medical and X-ray Technology in Philadelphia. He was employed as a medical technologist at Marlboro State Mental Hospital for ten years while living in Freehold. In 1960, Mr. Sehl joined the staff of the clinical laboratory of Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch. As the ensuing years were a time of innovation in the lab, he played an integral role in implementation of test automation and

advanced instrumentation; physical design of the lab facilities; instruction in the lab school; and computerization of test ordering and results reporting. With his leadership, the lab received certification from the College of American Pathologists. He was Laboratory Administrator until 1994 when he retired after 34 years of service. He moved to Neptune in 1979, and enjoyed extensive travel and cruises in retirement. Always a believer in education, he was an active volunteer in the Freehold Township School system, as a "room Dad", career day speaker and by providing a special lab program for honor students. An avid rose grower, Bill belonged to the American Rose Society and Jersey Shore Rose Society. He was accredited as a Horticultural Judge and Consulting Rosarian. He served in the past as President and Vice President of JSRS, chairing rose shows and conventions, arranging bus trips and special events. He was a past Assistant Director for the Penn-Jersey District and Chairman of Judges. He received many awards including Outstanding Horticultural Judge, Outstanding Consulting Rosarian, Silver Honor Medal, Society Bronze Medal, an ARS President's Special Citation and ARS Master Rosarian Certification. He lectured at the Philadelphia Flower Show and to garden clubs on the care and beauty of roses. Bill was grateful to the nursing angels at the Hospice Center at MMC.

Bill was predeceased by his father, William G. Sehl in 1980, his mother, Rebekah in 2002, and his cherished wife of 37 years, Dorothy Hulse Sehl, in 1990. Surviving are beloved daughters, Karen Sehl of Salem, Mass., Deborah Benisch, of Madison, Wis.; son-in-law, Bill Benisch and adored grandson, Cullen of Sun Prairie, Wis.; plus numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many wonderful friends.

His family will welcome visitors on Thursday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Buckley Funeral Home, 509 2nd Ave., Asbury Park. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m., Friday at the funeral home followed by interment at Monmouth Memorial Park. Messages to the family can be emailed to WJS_Rose@msn.com. In lieu of flowers, he requested that donations be made in his name to Saint Barnabas Hospice Care Center, Monmouth Medical Center, Long Branch.