



## William Stephen Dillingham

November 21, 1939 - August 4, 2016

William Stephen Dillingham, age 76, of Overlook Drive in Spruce Pine died unexpectedly Thursday, August 4, 2016 at his home.

Born on November 21, 1939 in Lancaster County, SC he was the son of the late Rex Howland and Mafalda Wilson Dillingham. He was also predeceased by a brother; Richard Dillingham of Columbia, SC and a sister; Rebecca D. Lovelace of Virginia.

William joined the Navy and worked as a psychiatrist on one of their battleships during the Vietnam conflict. He was an enthusiastic walker and was also an avid reader with excellent recall and could easily teach others about the subjects he was interested in. He had most recently enjoyed reading a series of Pat Connelly's works.

Left to cherish his memories are his sons; Paul S. Dillingham of Charlotte, NC, Brian W. Dillingham of Las Vegas, NV. and Charles J. Dillingham of Durham, NC, a brother; Dr. Rex H.

Dillingham of Jacksonville, FL, a sister; Patricia D. Brown of Riner, VA, and four grandchildren.

There are no services planned at this time.

Words of comfort may be e-mailed to the family by going to our website; [www.webbfh.com](http://www.webbfh.com)., selecting William Dillingham's name and then you may sign his guestbook. Webb Funeral Home in Spruce Pine, NC is honored to be assisting the Dillingham family.

# Comments

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“ Rex, Patsy and Bill's family,  
Having grown up with Bill and graduating from high school with him. I have fond memories of him throughout the years. We enjoyed seeing him, renewing friendships and having him for a meal in my home with some classmates not many years ago. We had fun times attending First Presbyterian Church with the entire Dillingham family.  
When I moved back to Lancaster I worked with his mom on a mental health committee. Please know that I am thinking of Bill's family and remembering him with joy.  
Rex and Becky were friends with my sister, Sara Crew (Tutie)  
Thanks for the memories!  
Jane Boyce Carroll, Lancaster S.C.

**Jane Boyce Carroll** - August 13, 2016 at 01:34 PM

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“ I only met Dr. Dillingham once briefly, but am good friends with his son Paul. On a whim, I was trying to confirm one of the stories he told me - that his father was on the Turner Joy during the Gulf of Tonkin incident (probably because I saw a documentary about LBJ last night). I wish I could have gotten to know him better, he seemed like an interesting man. I haven't seen Paul in awhile, but please let him know his friend Tom in Charlotte sends his condolences.

**Tom Carter** - August 11, 2016 at 06:22 PM