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## William Theodore “Bill” Leakas

William Theodore “Bill” Leakas, 92, passed away in Naples, Florida on November 26, 2023. He was born on April 11, 1931, in Dayton, Ohio, the son of John T. Leakas and Helen Faber Leakas of Oakwood, Ohio.

In 1967, Steve Schleman - whose family owned the cottage at 508 Belvedere - worked for Bill Leakas as a stockbroker in Dayton, Ohio.

Ann and Bill Leakas and their family were vacationing for a week on Walloon Lake when Steve Schleman invited Ann and Bill Leakas to the Belvedere Club for a game of tennis.

Bill and Ann admired the cottage next door to #508 – the old Blue Bell Cottage - warts, and all - when Steve mentioned that it was available to rent. The Leakas' bought the Blue Bell cottage in 1969.

Bill loved all the Belvedere Club activities, especially tennis and sailing. He served as Commodore of the Belvedere Yacht Club 1985-1988.

He loved knowing that his family had a marvelous place to spend their summers and spend time with all the fun people and families on the Belvedere.

Bill was an Investment Management Consultant for Smith Barney (now known as Morgan Stanley Wealth Management) for over 43 years starting September 1961.

He attended Harmon Ave. Elementary School and Oakwood High School, graduating in 1949. He attended Bowling Green University, where he was a member of the Delta Tau Delta fraternity. He received an honorable discharge in 1953 from the US Marine Corps where he was a Staff Sergeant with the 2nd Amphibious Tractor Battalion.

Bill was a Vice President of Leakas Furriers in Dayton, Ohio when he decided to enter the investment business. Within six years, he was promoted to branch manager. In the early 1970s, he had the exceptional vision to see the need to bring private investment management consulting to wealthy individuals, corporations, and endowment funds.

He earned the distinction of “Senior Investment Management Consultant”. He was a director of The Smith Barney's Consulting Group. He was a founding member of the Association of Professional Investment Consultants. He had been a member of Smith Barney's Directors Council since 1975, which represents the top 2% of all consultants.

Bill was a member of the Moraine Country Club and Miami Valley Hunt & Polo Club where he was president. Bill was also a member of the Dayton Racquet Club the Virginia Hollinger Memorial Tennis Club and the Audubon Country Club in Naples, FL.

He served the city of Oakwood for six years, four years as a Councilman, and 2 years as vice mayor.

Bill was an avid sailor, scuba diver, and tennis player and in his later years became an avid golfer.

He is survived by his wife Susan Patricia Leakas of Naples Florida and his children William W. “Chip” Leakas, John Andrew “Andy” Leakas his wife Cheri Leakas, Lori Auttersen, and Scott Leakas, and seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Helen Faber Leakas, John T. Leakas, his sister Martha Leakas, and his son David Drew Leakas.

Unfortunately, no services are planned at this time.

In place of flowers - please make donations to Craig Hospital in Denver - (for individuals with spinal cord injury and brain injury) - 3425 South Clarkson St, Englewood, CO 80113.