



Dear Friends,

It is with great sadness I share with you that my husband Bill Ward “Mr. Bill” succumbed to pancreatic cancer on November 3. He had only just retired from a 42-year career as a professor of Biochemistry at Rutgers University in January- and my heart breaks that we cannot enjoy his retirement together.

Bill leaves behind a loving family including his son Randy (Evelyn), our daughter Melanie (Adam), his brother Brad (Diane) and his sister Bev (Ron) as well as 5 grandchildren – Ryan, Brandon, Tyler, Jenna and Nicholas along with several caring nieces and nephews.

Bill loved being a scientist and a professor and would often say “I love going to work and I love coming home”. For many summers he went to the University of Washington, Friday Harbor Labs, to collect jellyfish; which played a big role in his award winning green fluorescent protein (GFP) work and also contributed to his unique jellyfish art. Over the years, in addition to his regular teaching, he taught hundreds of industry professionals with his short courses and both designed and instructed a course for gifted and talented pre-college students.

Bill was an avid gardener and loved musical theater, travel, and the Yankees. He was passionate about singing, both with his private singing lessons and the Choral Arts Society of New Jersey, a highlight of which included a special performance in

Vienna, Austria. Most recently, Bill became inspired to start drawing after taking an art class at the YMCA, and completed numerous nature drawings until almost the very end.

My family and I wish to thank the many caring friends who have provided food, support, music, and transportation during this difficult time. We appreciate all of your kindnesses. A memorial service is planned for the future.

Donations in Bill's memory can be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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