



## William Dawson Chater

April 7, 2020

December 21, 1928 to April 7, 2020

Passed peacefully with his family by his side. Born in Toronto on the winter solstice and conceived on the spring equinox, Bill was a proud Sagittarius who revered nature. Son of William and Alice (nee Dawson) Chater, Bill grew up with four beloved sisters, the late Barbara Fraser Zacour, the late Nancy Wickett, the late Doris Reddick, and Liz MacLennan. He lived a full and eclectic life as a businessman, entrepreneur, artist, storyteller, outdoors man, pilot and sailor. "What wondrous days and years lie ahead; I do not know. It is a mystery I eagerly witness as my life on Earth unfolds" was his motto in life. Bill married Kathleen Milne in 1954 and they had four beautiful children: Kim, Bob, Nancy and Susan. He later partnered with Anne Klein for many years and then settled happily with Susan Schafheitlin for the last 38 years of his life. Bill is survived by three children - Bob (Pat), Nancy (Irella) and Susan (Paul), six grandchildren, six great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews and his life partner Susan. He was a well loved and happy man with many friends who valued him being a renaissance man with a zest for life.

A private memorial service will be held at a later date.

Condolences may be left at [www.aftercare.org](http://www.aftercare.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *I'm so sad to see the news of Bill's passing. He was a dear best friend of my brother Jim Land and they had many good times together.;*  
*One memory I have of them as young teens is of Bill, sawing through the hardwood floor in Jim's bedroom (while Jim played boogie woogie on his piano to mask the sound) to create convenient access to the underground room Jim had dug out. The previous access was from outside through a beautiful concrete entrance under the foundation (made by Jim).*  
*The trap door was hidden by a carpet and I'm not sure how long it took before our parents found out it was there.*  
*Thought you might enjoy this fun memory of Bill. He was a kind and gentle person who was always very sweet me.*

*With deepest sympathy,*

*Nancy Watson*

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**Nancy Watson** - April 23, 2020 at 02:02 PM