

A SERVICE OF CELEBRATION OF LIFE
for
William Francis Corvello
October 14, 1931 – August 28, 2026

September 5, 2026 11:00am

Williamsburg United Methodist Church
Williamsburg, Virginia

ENTRANCE

GATHERING MUSIC

WORDS OF GRACE AND GREETING

OPENING PRAYER

O God, who gave us birth, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray.
**You know our needs before we ask, and you know our ignorance in asking.
Give us now your grace, that, as we shrink before the mystery of death,
we may see the light of eternity. Speak to us once more your solemn
message of life and of death. Help us to live as those who are prepared to
die, and when our days are accomplished, help us to die as those who go
forth to live, so that living or dying, our life may be in you.**

SCRIPTURE READINGS AND REFLECTION Senior Trooper, Senior Chaplain John Woodward
Psalm 46:1-3, John 14:27, Colossians 2:13-14, Proverbs 29:25

REMEMBERANCES Amy Corvello McGinley, Sean McGinley
Virginia State Police, Retired First Sergeant Wayne Holland

PSALM 23

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down
in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul. He
leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea,

though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;
for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

HOMILY

Rev. Madison Ailinger

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

God of us all, your love never ends. When all else fails you are still God.
We pray to you for one another in our need, and for all everywhere who grieve with us
this day. To those who doubt, give light; to those who are weak, give strength;
to all who have sinned, show mercy; to all who sorrow, grant your peace.
Keep our love for one another true and strong. And help us always to trust ourselves
and one another to your everlasting love. Amen.
**O God, all that you have given us is yours. In the beginning, you gave
Bill Corvello to us. So now we give Bill back to you. Receive him into the arms
of your everlasting mercy; Raise him up with all your people in glory.
Receive us also, and raise us all up into new life to serve you in this world
and in the world that is to come. Amen**

*HYMN

It Is Well with My Soul

UMH 377

*BENEDICTION

*MASONIC RITUAL

*POSTLUDE

William Francis Corvello

William F. "Bill" Corvello died peacefully in his sleep, surrounded by family, on August 28, 2026.

Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Cheryl; his children, Amy McGinley (Sean), Chris Corvello and Donna Corvello; six grandchildren, Sarah McGinley, Will McGinley, Ryan Corvello, Lindsey Corvello, Logan Corvello and Justin Cottrell; and three great-grandchildren, Reece Corvello, Kellen Corvello and Londyn Alexander.

He was preceded in death by his son, Russell Corvello; his parents, Roderick and Mary S. Corvello; brothers, Roderick F. Corvello, Jr. Richard Corvello, and James Corvello; and sister, Louise Veira.

Bill was born in Dartmouth, MA where he lived until enlisting in the United States Marine Corps in 1951. He proudly followed in the footsteps of his father, who served with the Army in France during World War I and his older brother who joined the Marine Corps and served during WW II and the Korean War.

After completing basic and infantry training, Bill was deployed to Korea. He spent more than 12 months rotating on and off the front lines. Upon returning to the United States, he was stationed in Norfolk, Virginia. He was honorably discharged in the spring of 1954 with the rank of sergeant.

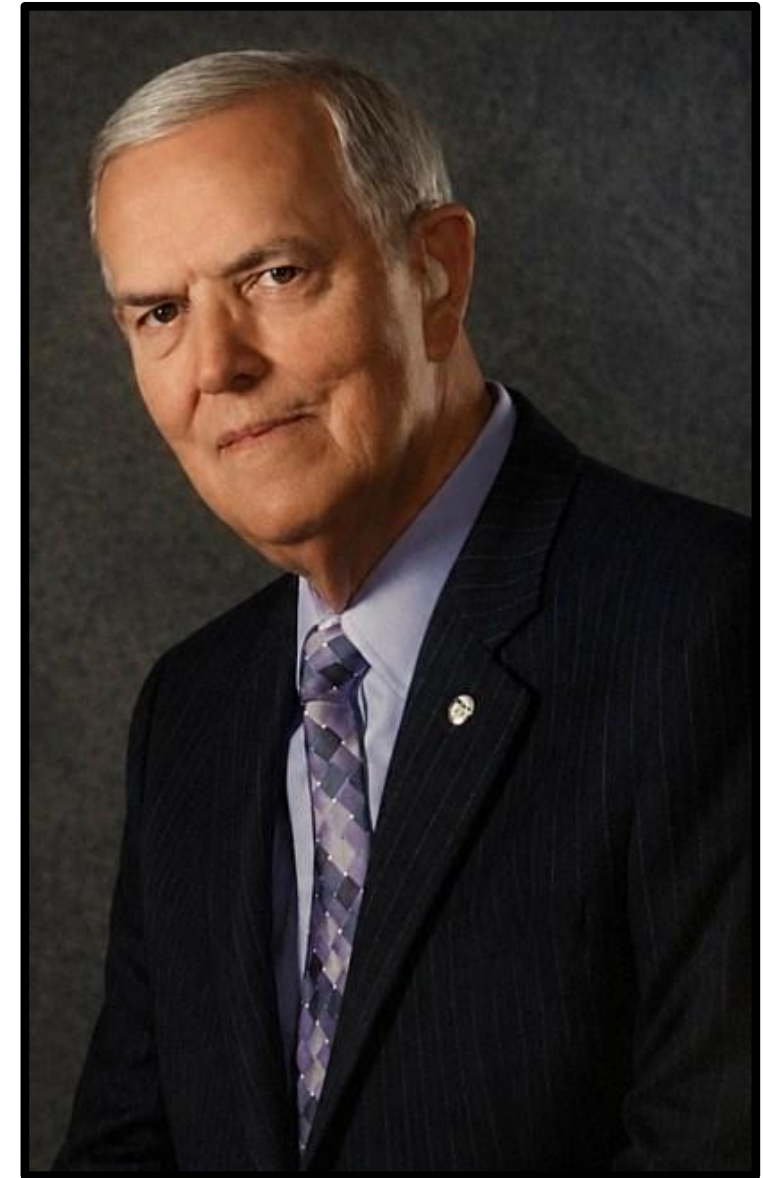
Bill joined the Virginia State Police in 1955 and spent 37 years serving the Commonwealth of Virginia. He retired in 1992 with the rank of Colonel, serving as the Superintendent of the agency. He was later recruited by the City of Newport News to serve as Chief of Police, a position he held for two and a half years. He subsequently served two interim appointments as Chief of Police for the Portsmouth Police Department.

Bill's love of flying began when he was 16 years old working summers at a seaplane base. He was hired to clean out floats and spin the prop. In return he earned a small wage and flight time with the instructors. He soloed when he was 16 years old. In the early 70's he earned his pilot's license and instructor's rating. He topped off his flying experience when he earned a helicopter rating and proudly flew with the Virginia State Police med flight team.

During retirement, Bill earned a bachelor's degree from the College of William and Mary. At age 69, he was the oldest graduate in the class of 2001. Summers brought cherished days and memories with his children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. He was an avid reader who accumulated a personal library devoted to history and biographies.

Funeral services will be held at Williamsburg United Methodist Church, 500 Jamestown Road, Williamsburg, VA on Saturday, September 5, 2026 at 11am. Visitation will be held at 10am at the church prior to the service. Interment will follow immediately at Williamsburg Memorial Park Cemetery.

Those wishing to make a memorial donation are asked to consider the Respite Care Program at Williamsburg UMC (<https://williamsburgumc.org/respice-care/>), which Bill attended for a year and a half.



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