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William James McDonough (age 82) "Bill" passed away unexpectedly but peacefully on April 14, 2018 in St. Augustine, FL. He is fondly remembered and survived by his daughter Susan Hamon; son, Scott McDonough; stepson, John Bright; stepdaughter, Kristin Jurgens; grandchildren, James and David Hamon, Caleigh, Zach, and Aidan McDonough, Ashleigh and Erik Bright, Christopher and Matthew Jurgens; and former spouses Anita McDonough and Marilyn Bates. Bill was born and raised in Buffalo, NY, to the late Catherine and William J. McDonough and was preceded in death by his sisters, Chris Groves and Kathy Fisgus. He received his BS degree from Alfred University (where he was a member of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity) and PhD from Lehigh University. Bill served in the Navy Reserves and spent many years working as a scientist for the federal government at the Naval Research Lab. He also held other technical positions within the government and private industry and finished off his career teaching high school science in Loudoun and Fairfax, VA. While living in Vienna, VA in the 1980's Bill was a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church where he first learned to sail and spent many years with family and friends sailing on the Chesapeake Bay. For the past few years Bill lived at the Allegro Senior Living Community in St. Augustine where he enjoyed acting, attending events at the Council of Aging, debating at the Socrates Café , and crisscrossing town on the Sunshine Bus. Bill lived a full

life and was at peace with himself knowing that he passed along life's lessons to those around him before sailing off into the eternal sunset. Please visit the family guestbook at www.stjohnsfamilyfuneralhome.com and share a story so his memory will live on. Per his wishes Bill was cremated with no service so in lieu of flowers or a donation take time every day to learn, love, and forgive.

Tribute Wall

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“ We always enjoyed Bill's company. At one of our parties he made his entrance dressed as the Grim Reaper, to signify the "death" of my youth! He was a fascinating man and I hope that all his family can remember his zest for life. We are sorry for your loss.

Debbie and John Crooks - May 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ I feel privileged to have know Bill for 40 years. He was an optimist willing to take risks and a mentor to all his younger colleagues. I especially enjoyed our long weekend sails on the Chesapeake trusting of the wind to bring us somewhere interesting in its own time.

Bill Coblenz - May 21, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ Thanks to all for viewing Bill's book and signing your name and sharing a thought or memory. Scott

Scott McDonough - May 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM