

William Andrew Eads



William Andrew Eads, 65, of Ft. Worth, Texas, formerly of Charleston, died March 11, 2015 of APL Leukemia at Texas Health Arlington Memorial Hospital.

Drew (known to some of his friends as Bill) was preceded in death by his parents, John W. and Mary Virginia Hill Eads. He is survived by his son, William Andrew Eads Jr. of Charleston, daughter, Malia Lynn Pack of Nashville, and 5 grandchildren. He is also survived by sister, Penny Kehde (Dan) of Charleston, brother, John B. Eads of Sarasota, FL, and nephew, Christopher Kehde of Reston, VA, and cousin, Beth Wood Hall of Charleston.

Drew was born in Charleston, October 20, 1949, and was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church until he moved out of state in 1979. He graduated from George Washington High School in 1967, was a member of the GW Marching Band and orchestra, and was the original drummer for the Charleston-based dance band, The Soul Survivors. After high school, he joined the WV 130th Air National Guard, and he played bagpipes with the Guard Highlanders. He studied engineering at WV Tech, and was employed by C&P Telephone until his retirement, after which he drove a school bus for special needs kids in the Arlington Independent School District, Texas.

Drew was a member of the Antique Automobile Club of America for more than 50 years, sharing his father's love for antique cars, their preservation and restoration. He loved the ocean, and the time he spent on his sailboat; he enjoyed flying his model airplanes with the Greater Southwest Aero Modelers, and especially loved his annual participation in the annual Big Texas Toy Run for Kids, and Toys For Tots Motorcycle Run.

A memorial celebration of his life was held in Ft. Worth on Saturday, March 14. A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 11, 2 PM at St. John's Episcopal Church, 1105 Quarrier St., Charleston.