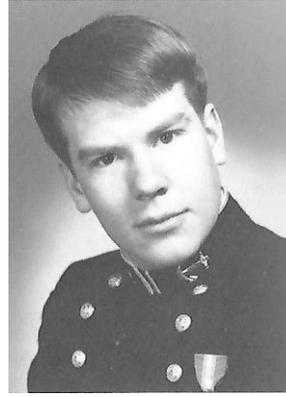


# William (Bill) Brian Carter

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William B. Carter died 8 September 2019 after a heroic, but graceful, life battle versus Parkinson's disease and Lewy body dementia.

Born on 30 July 1946 in Southampton, Long Island, NY, "Bill" grew up loving the outdoors and having a keen interest in "tinkering" with mechanical things, especially model trains. He distinguished himself in high school as a wrestler and gifted student, especially in math and science.

He enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps after high school graduation and was quickly recognized as Naval Academy material while completing USMC basic training at MCRD Island, his first of three "boot camps." His second was the Naval Academy Prep School, which led to his third during USNA Plebe Summer 1967, when he joined the Class of 1971.

Midshipman Bill Carter was a champion to his military novice classmates Plebe Year, generously showing them his secrets of proper military uniform, grooming and room preparation, learned so arduously in previous boot camps. Bill took to academics and intramural sports at USNA and was commissioned as a Marine second lieutenant on Graduation Day, 9 June 1971.

While at Marine Corps Base Quantico, Lieutenant Carter met and married the love of his life, Dale Jean Cole, on 12 August 1972. He went on to well serve his country as an USMC armor officer, resigning his commission in 1977 as a captain.

Accepting an engineering position designing guidance systems in the vicinity of South Bend, IN, Bill ultimately moved to the University of Notre Dame Chemical Engineering Department in Research for the remainder of his working years.

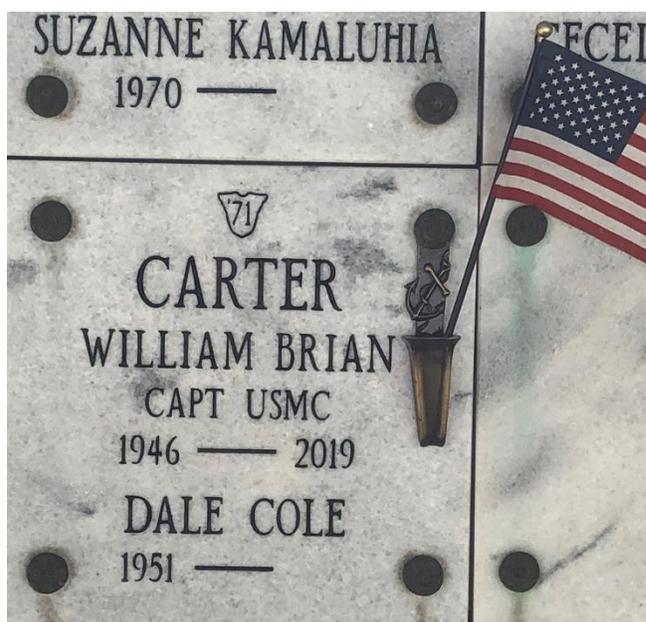
Bill also continued honing his noted mechanical abilities, “healing” many work/family/friends’ machines (i.e., cars, computers) after a cheery (and correct), “I can fix that!” and building model train sets for family fun. He even built a beautiful, fully functional, mechanical grandfather clock from scratch to popular acclaim.

Ever a source of good wisdom and technical advice, and quick with a smile at funny and warm words, “Carts” is Much Missed. Well Done, Marine!

Bill is survived by his wife, Dale Cole Carter; three children, David, Chris and Rachel; and four grandchildren, Owen Carter, Gena Carter, Dylan Colombo and Marco Colombo.

Services were held on 12 September 2019 at Grace Presbyterian Church in Highlands Ranch, CO. His ashes were interred at the USNA Columbum on 25 September 2019.

Steve Martin '71 & Mrs. Dale Carter



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Below is a link to a very moving slide show of Bill’s life that was put together by Dale and Chris and shown at both of his memorial services.

<https://www.tributeslides.com/tributes/show/Y7H6FSDMQ2TD76JR>