

William Ross Clayton



William Ross Clayton was born on 24 October 1927, to Augustina Ruth Mullaly and Faye Ralph Ross Clayton, in San Francisco, CA. Bill's family surname was actually Ross, which changed when Bill's father was adopted by Oscar Clayton. Bill enlisted in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and was assigned to a unit in the Philippines where he was learning to pilot a landing craft preparing for the invasion of Japan. Thankfully, President Truman had other plans, and Bill was discharged when the war ended and returned home without injury.

Bill enrolled at the University of California, Berkeley where after graduation he was commissioned as an Ensign, and assigned to the Office of Naval Investigations (ONI). While at Berkeley, he met and married the beautiful and intelligent Lourine Hacker, they married and had two daughters. Lourine died suddenly in 1976, Bill was 41 years old at the time of her passing. When ONI became the Naval Investigative Service, Bill transitioned performing to new duties attaining the rank of Commander before his retirement. As a civilian employee of the federal government, Bill was employed by the Defense Investigative Service (DIS), and achieved the position of Director of Special Investigations for DIS, where he supervised criminal fraud investigations and high level security leaks. Bill retired as the DIS Regional Director in San Francisco, CA.

After his retirement from DIS in 1981, Bill and his wife, Anne moved to Northern Virginia where Bill learned to play bagpipes, and played with the City of Alexandria Pipes and Drums, when they were not sailing the Chesapeake. In 1987, Bill and Anne welcomed their son, William Ross Clayton, Jr. Bill, Anne and William moved to Orange Park, FL in 1990, where they lived until Bill's sudden passing on 14 July 2017.

Bill was the very best man, husband, father, grand dad, an Eagle Scout, and a true Patriot and his family misses him dearly.