

William Marlow – BS 1964 Pharmacy

William Marlow, of Weaverville, CA died Feb. 11, 2018, from complications of influenza and pneumonia. He was 76 years old. He prized vitality and was ever active and youthful throughout his life.

He was born in Elgin, Ill. He graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in Pharmacy. His first career was as a hospital pharmacist.

He moved to San Francisco in the late 1970s, and considered it his hometown because he discovered so much about himself there. He attended City College of San Francisco and studied Landscape Gardening. He created many beautiful residential and commercial landscapes, always with quality design in mind. After moving to Weaverville in 2001, he used his gardening and design skills to help friends with their gardens. He also maintained the atrium at the Golden Age Center; it was always thriving under his stewardship.

A self-taught Artist in Oils, he won prizes for his thoughtful and emotion-filled paintings. He loved being a part of the Weaverville and North State art communities. He had many patrons who cherished the works they purchased from him. He studied the history and theory of painting, reading about the great masters of Modern Art, and experimenting to discover which of their techniques might apply to his own work. He did his part to keep Great Art alive and well in the world.

In his antiques shop, Bill created a pleasing space, and found homes for beautiful and interesting things. People who cared about beauty, history, and design found keepsakes to brighten and enliven their surroundings. As a local resource, his knowledge about antiques will be missed.

Bill worked for 15 years with the Trinity County Food Bank. He valued the dignity and importance of each person, and believed that hunger has no place in our society. He was a dedicated employee who was especially helpful during the organization's transition to new leadership.

Bill was active in recovery for 35 years, and his involvement with recovery groups such as AA and Al-Anon filled his life with joy and purpose. He received so much from these groups, and he was motivated to give back and often took on leadership roles. He loved sharing the strength he had found in his years of recovery and involvement, and wanted to be of service to others.

A quiet, caring, gentle man, he could not tolerate violent imagery or language. He believed in the power of positive thoughts. He loved art, nature, animals, and communing with others.

Bill leaves behind a partner, John Springer, and many dear friends and family.

Donations in Bill's memory can be made to Golden Age Center, AA, Al-Anon, Trinity County Food Bank, Main Street Gallery, or Highland Art Center.

A memorial celebration of his life will be held at a later date.