



## William Stokking

December 14, 2014

Memorial Service : Sunday April 12th 2015 at 2:30 pm at the  
Unitarian Universalist Church  
401 Kings Highway North  
Cherry Hill, NJ 08003

Memorial Concert Saturday May 9th 2015 at 3 Pm at  
Curtis Institute of Music- Field Concert Hall  
1726 Locust Street  
Phila. Pa. 19103

William Stokking, retired principal cellist of the Philadelphia Orchestra, of Medford, N.J. on Sunday, Dec. 14. Son of the late William and Thyra Stokking of Ventnor, NJ. Survived by wife Nancy (Leichner) and their two sons, Kristoffer (Margaret Thorpe) of Pasadena, Md. and Carl, and also survived by

his first wife Nancy Perry-Stokking and their three daughters, Lisa Lutwyche (Nicholas) of Landenberg, Pa., Laura (James Aquiar) of Pine Valley, Ca. and Lynn of Woodstown, NJ. Also grandchildren John Stokking Strekis, Whitney Newswanger, Garrett Newswanger and Maximus Stokking.

Bill studied with Gregor Piatigorsky at the Curtis Institute of Music and Felix Salmond and Leonard Rose at the Juilliard School of Music. At the outbreak of the Korean War he enlisted in the Navy and became solo cellist with the Navy Band and Orchestra in Washington, DC. He first joined the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1960 under Eugene Ormandy where he played for six years before leaving to play principal with the Chamber Symphony of Philadelphia. Upon their demise he played with the Boston Symphony, and then went on to the Cleveland Orchestra, under George Szell, where he was principal cellist. He returned to the Philadelphia Orchestra in 1973 as principal cellist, and remained a lively spirit and passionately dedicated member until his retirement in 2005. He was on the faculty of the Cleveland Institute of Music during his tenure there, and joined the Curtis Institute faculty in 2000.

When he wasn't behind the cello, Bill could often be found behind the controls of his Beechcraft Muskateer, taking friends and family on flights both near and far. Having grown up in Ventnor, NJ, Bill was also an avid boater. He had a passion for both sailing and power boats, spending countless hours on New Jersey, Delaware River and Chesapeake Bay waterways. He and his wife founded the Serenade for Wildlife, a major annual fundraiser for the Woodford Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge in Medford, NJ.

A memorial service in Bill's memory will be scheduled at a later date.

In Lieu of Flowers Memorial contributions maybe made to:

Philadelphia Orchestra:

One South Broad Street, 14th Floor

Philadelphia, PA 19107

<https://www.philorch.org/support/>

Woodfords Cedar Run Wildlife Refuge:

4 Sawmill Road

Medford, NJ 08057

[http://www.cedarrun.org/content/get\\_involved/donate.asp](http://www.cedarrun.org/content/get_involved/donate.asp)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Service

APR **12**. 2:30 PM (ET)

Unitarian Universalist Church  
401 Kings Highway North  
Cherry Hill, NJ

## Memorial Concert

MAY **9**. 3:00 PM (ET)

Curtis Institute of Music  
1726 Locust Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19103  
[sophie.boxer@curtis.edu](mailto:sophie.boxer@curtis.edu)  
<http://www.curtis.edu/>

# Tribute Wall



“ *William Stokking*

October 09, 2023 at 03:30 AM



“ *William Stokking*

November 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Dear Nancy,  
Here's a voicer from the past - I'm Charles Kerpelman, former husband of Marilyn (deceased) and former neighbor and friend of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, now living in Switzerland for the past many years. We've had many fond memories of visiting you and Bill at your home and thought of and talked about those visits fondly and often. We missed the Stokkiings when we moved away. I am extremely sorry to hear about Bill's passing and just wanted to commiserate with you and to tell you that I still think of you both very fondly. You were a warm and friendly couple and we spent many happy hours in delightful conversation. My thought sre with you.  
With love,  
Charlie.*

Charles Kerpelman - March 12, 2015 at 05:33 AM



“ *Anita Wilson Thanks For Teaching Monica. lit a candle in memory of William Stokking*



Anita Wilson Thanks for teaching Monica. - January 21, 2015 at 02:46 PM



“ *The Palmay family will miss the magical music each xmas....will never forget the look on Robs face while he enjoyed listening to him and the boys play.God bless you all.Noreen Palmay.*

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**Noreen Palmay** - December 31, 2014 at 09:42 AM

KD

“ *Dear Nancy and the entire Stokking Family:  
I am sending you many heartfelt condolences from my parents, George and Rita Dreyfus who now live in Sarasota, Florida as well as from me.  
My memory of Bill is from the Friday afternoon concerts when I was 12-18 years old at the Academy of Music, when I would take my viola lessons with Leonard Mogill after those concerts. I would wait in the Green Room and all the "guys" and some women would ascend from the lower level to the Green Room to greet people and then be on their way. Inevitably Bill will come upstairs and give me a quick hello, make a funny remark, but he always a warm smile, sometimes a joke with my dad George, but he was always good-humored. I listened to so many concerts from the time I was quite young, from Ormandy through the Muti years and have the sound of the orchestra and Bill's warm playing in my ears.*

*May you have some comfort in knowing that our thoughts are with you.*

*With our deepest sympathies,  
George, Rita and Karen Dreyfus*

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**Karen Dreyfus** - December 30, 2014 at 07:19 PM

NS

“ 4 files added to the album Memories Album



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**Nancy Stokking** - December 21, 2014 at 08:33 AM

SA

“ *My Sincere Condolences to all of Bill's family. He will truly be missed. Great Cellist, occasional coach, great guy, and fellow Pilot.*  
*Scott Adelman*

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**Scott Adelman** - December 20, 2014 at 06:06 PM



“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



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**John Engleman** - December 18, 2014 at 07:47 PM

TB

“ *Terri Ann Bennett purchased the Written in the Stars for the family of William Stokking.*



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**Terri Ann Bennett** - December 15, 2014 at 06:05 PM