



## William P Gergen

March 12, 2015

William P. (Bill) Gergen passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Thursday, March 12, 2015 in Tomball, TX.

Bill Gergen was born into a family of 11 children, in St. Paul, MN. He attended St. Luke's elementary school and then Nazareth Hall diocesan preparatory seminary for four years.

Bill attended the University of Minnesota and the University of California, Irvine.

He worked for 37 years as a research physicist at Shell Research Laboratories in Torrance, CA and Houston, studying basic properties of polymers and holding more than 90 patents in this area.

Bill worked for 12 years at St. Columban's Catholic Church in Garden Grove, CA as organist, music and liturgy director. During this time, Bill constructed and played a 15 rank pipe organ. After his transfer to Houston in 1975, he spent 11 years as liturgist and musician at St. Anne's Catholic Church in Tomball, TX. He also spent five years as music director for Spanish music at St. John Vianney. He went on to be music director at Sacred Heart in Conroe as well as Christ the Redeemer, and other churches in the diocese. Finally, Bill recently spent 18 years at St. Leo the Great as English and Spanish liturgist and music director.

He spent short periods of time as music director at: Prince of Peace; Sacred Heart, Conroe; St. Maximillian Kolbe and several other churches in the area. Clergy whom he worked for (or with) included Msgr Al Doga, Msgr David

Kennedy (in two different churches, now deceased), Fr. Adam McClosky, Fr. Jack Hanna and other staff at St. John Vianney, Fr. Dominic Pelusa and other staff at Christ the Redeemer and an assortment of clergy at St. Leo the Great, most notable of whom are Fr. Luis Piran, and Fr. Carlo Tittoto.

Since leaving St. Leo, and while working throughout the past 25 years as a parish musician, Bill devoted much of his time and efforts to the work of Rose Mary Badami and the Magnificat Houses Ministries in Houston. He served as Information Technology Director and vice-chairman of the MHI Board of Directors. Over the years he developed all of the computer programs involved in the daily operation of MHI and trained other staff members to use the programs. (In addition to the work of the Loaves and Fishes soup kitchen and the Clubhouse at St Joseph, MHI provides the essential needs of life to about 200 homeless every day.)

Bill prepared and wrote music, formed and directed a choir and played the piano for all liturgies celebrated at MHI. In addition to developing the MHI website ([www.mhihouston.org](http://www.mhihouston.org)), Bill also developed and maintained his own website ([www.gcpmusic.com](http://www.gcpmusic.com)) for the distribution and publication of his original, liturgical music through "Gaudeamus Catholic Press"

Bill is survived by his wife, Annette Gergen, their seven sons, Mark, Peter, James, Thomas, Matthew, John, David; their four daughters, Carolyn, Lynnette, Chrisanne, Bridgid and their children's spouses, 37 grand-children, and 7 great grand-children. He is preceded in death by his parents, Fredric and Eleanor Gergen and daughter, Maureen Gergen.

Bill Gergen's life was sincerely dedicated to charity and compassion for others – especially those in most need. If you feel inclined, please consider making a contribution to the charity of your choice in honor of Bill Gergen. Thank you for your generosity and empathy.

In lieu of flowers, the family would encourage you to offer a Catholic Mass in honor of Bill. Thank you.



# Tribute Wall



“ *William P Gergen*

July 20, 2022 at 05:14 PM



“ *Fredna Kilcommins lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



**Fredna kilcommins** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *I did not know your love one, but from reading his life's story, I wish I need. Seem like a great man with a big heart. Wishing you many days of comfort and peace. Look to the Lord for your strength. He will provide.*

**Jerrine Baker** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *This was my tribute to my dad - Bill Gergen at his Rosary on Thursday, March 19, 2015*

*Let me tell you about my dad...*

*My dad was a giant of a man; he was physically large, intellectually complex, and spiritually remarkable. Despite that fact (and because*

**Lynnette** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ *Gloria Goolsby lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Gloria Goolsby** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Jacob Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Jacob Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Mandy Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Mandy Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *John & Pam Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**John & Pam Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

HC

“ *Hoe Chuah lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Hoe Chuah** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BG

“ *Barbara Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Barbara Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Phil & Sheila Turner lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Phil & Sheila turner** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Mary Helen Espinoza lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Mary Helen Espinoza** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Bartholomew Brown lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Bartholomew Brown** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *I am so very sad to learn of Bill's passing. The word gentleman was invented for him. I knew him at Shell and worked with him. He was so kind and so wise. I was always impressed with his great knowledge of science and music. I always felt a tremendous cal*

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**Dan Goodwin** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Angela Goolsb lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Angela Goolsb** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

WM

“ *Will Molitor lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Will Molitor** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ *My heart is heavy upon hearing the news of the passing of your beloved husband and father and grandfather. Know that my prayers are with you and may GOD comfort you and hold you in his loving arms.*

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**Sara Hart** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Jerry & Sara Hart lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Jerry & Sara Hart** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ *Andrew T. Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Andrew T. Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ *Janice E. Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Janice E. Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Thomas A. Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Thomas A. Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LO

“ Lela Oliver lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Lela Oliver** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TG

“ Thomas And Elizabeth Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Thomas and Elizabeth Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Stephanie And Patrick Hildebrand lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Stephanie and Patrick Hildebrand** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

GG

“ George Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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George Gergen - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Matthew & Tracey Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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Matthew & Tracey Gergen - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ I'm so sorry for your family's loss. God promises to be close to the brokenhearted. He saves those who are crushed in spirit. PS 34:18. I hope you find comfort in God's promise & in the many wonderful memories you made & shared together. You have mu condo

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tara - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Tara lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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tara - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Some of the most beautiful and glorious Easters and Christmases I have ever spent were at St. Anne's, when Bill was there. He and his music and Annette are lovingly remembered from my Hill Country home. What an incredible blessing to all of us!*

Susie Sitton - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ *Susie Sitton lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



Susie Sitton - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Sharon M Bender lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



Sharon M Bender - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ *Steve Gergen And Family lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



Steve Gergen and Family - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MT

“ *Bill Gergen you were a giant among men. I have heard that many times in the last weeks. To be sure, you were an inspiration to many. I was among the fortunate few who knew you well (though not as well as I would have liked). To say that you were a hug*

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**Mike Turner** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LP

“ *Lawrence, Lieu And David Pham lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Lawrence, Lieu and David Pham** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ *Chrisanne And Mike Turner And Family lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Chrisanne and Mike Turner and Family** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ *David And Veronica Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**David and Veronica Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ *Michael And Margaret Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Michael and Margaret Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LD

“ *Peter Gergen and Family,*

*We are deeply sorry for your loss. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family.*

*God Bless,  
Lisa, Tammy, & Kim*

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**lisa davis** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ *Bridgid & Ryan Bender lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Bridgid & Ryan Bender** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ *Lesley And David Lowry lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen*



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**Lesley and David Lowry** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LL

“ Please accept my heartfelt sympathies. My heart goes out to whole family.

Lesley Lowry - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ Dan Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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DG

“ Darcie Williams Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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AG

“ Anthony E Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



Anthony E Gergen - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EG

“ Edward C Gergen lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Edward C Gergen** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ Lynnette (Gergen) Brown & Family lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Lynnette (Gergen) Brown & Family** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ DOROTHY ALLEN lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**DOROTHY ALLEN** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ Rachel Hanks lit a candle in memory of William P Gergen



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**Rachel Hanks** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ I am truly sorry for the loss of your dear loved one. May you find comfort in Gods promise to soon "swallow up death forever" and to "wipe away the tears from all our faces" (Isaiah 25:8)

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**S. Hamm** - August 08, 2018 at 12:00 AM