



Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey

December 18, 1947 - May 9, 2026

William Joseph "Bill" Posey

Born December 18, 1947

Washington, D.C.

Died May 9, 2026

Rockledge, FL

Former United States Congressman William Joseph "Bill" Posey passed away on May 9, 2026, surrounded by his loving family. Bill dedicated his life to serving the people of Florida and our nation with integrity, humility, and an unwavering commitment to public service. His passing marks the end of a remarkable career that spanned decades of leadership at the local, state, and federal levels. He approached public office not as a path to personal recognition but as a solemn responsibility to serve others honorably, faithfully, and effectively.

His legacy will endure through the countless lives he touched, the communities he strengthened, and the values he championed throughout his years of service. Those who knew Bill personally understood that beyond the titles and accomplishments was a kind, grounded, and deeply loyal man who loved his family above all else.

Congressman Posey represented Florida in the United States House of

Representatives from 2009 to 2025, following distinguished service in both the Florida House of Representatives and the Florida Senate. Throughout his career, he earned a reputation as a principled conservative, a steadfast advocate for fiscal responsibility and government transparency, and a tireless supporter of America's space program and the communities he proudly represented along Florida's Space Coast.

Bill will be remembered with gratitude, admiration, and profound respect. His dedication to public service, his love for Florida, and his steadfast belief in the promise of America will never be forgotten.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Walter and Beatrice Posey, brother, Bob, and nephew, Robbie. He is survived by his wife, Katie, brother, Wayne (Liza), daughters, Pam Persse (Mike), Cathi Householder (Jeff), God-daughter Melissa Dietel (Warren), grandchildren, Billy Carson (Sarah Grace), Clarke Henry (Curtis), Katie Leyte-Vidal (Daniel), Hunter Persse, Tanner Dietel, and five great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Space Coast Honor Flight, in Bill's honor (Donate) <https://spacecoasthonorflight.org/donate>

A celebration of his life will be held on June 13, 2026, 10:00 a.m. at The Scott Center, Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy (5625 Holy Trinity Drive, Melbourne, FL 32940), located just off the Pineda Causeway.

Previous Events

Celebration of his Life

JUN 13. 10:00 AM (ET)

The Scott Center - Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy
5625 Holy Trinity Drive
Melbourne , FL 32940

Tribute Wall

ES

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He grew up with David Lyell and When David passed away in 2017 - Bill came to his memorial service. It was wonderful to see him after so many years. Hold tight to all your wonderful memories...Best wishes to Katie and the entire family. Elsie Lewis Storey (Lyell)

Elsie Lewis Storey - June 22 at 01:18 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

June 12 at 11:10 PM

TM

“ The Moody Duralia Family & Team Moody purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



The Moody Duralia Family & Team Moody - June 12 at 01:21 PM

RR

“ Republican Women of Indian River purchased the Sweet Liberty for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



Republican Women of Indian River - June 12 at 12:55 PM

SC

“ Bill was a dedicated member of our Kiwanis of Rockledge-Viera Club for over 50 years, and a big supporter of our Nestor Hebert Shoe Foundation. Needless to say, he has many friends in Kiwanis and he will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

Sharon Crockett - June 11 at 04:41 PM

RR

“ Robin and Steve Raiff purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



Robin and Steve Raiff - June 11 at 03:02 PM

RR

“ Robin and Steve Raiff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

Robin and Steve Raiff - June 11 at 03:02 PM

TP

“ The Eubank Family JoAnn, Mike and Patti purchased the With Distinction for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



The Eubank Family JoAnn, Mike and Patti - June 11 at 02:52 PM

TP

“ The Eubank Family JoAnn, Mike and Patti planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

The Eubank Family JoAnn, Mike and Patti - June 11 at 02:52 PM

TB

“ The Tohl Brothers purchased the *With Distinction* for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



The Tohl Brothers - June 11 at 02:49 PM



“ Sacred Duty Spray was purchased for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



June 10 at 12:25 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

June 10 at 12:25 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



June 05 at 11:50 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

June 05 at 11:50 AM



“ *love, Wyelda and Richard Roberts purchased the Light Remains Angel Holding Lantern Figurine for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



love, Wyelda and Richard Roberts - June 04 at 03:55 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



June 02 at 06:12 PM

PS

“ *Palm Bay City Council and City Staff purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



Palm Bay City Council and City Staff - June 01 at 10:19 AM

PS

“ *Palm Bay City Council and City Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*

Palm Bay City Council and City Staff - June 01 at 10:19 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



May 20 at 05:34 PM

VR

“ *Vero Beach Young Republicans purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



Vero Beach Young Republicans - May 18 at 01:22 PM

VR

“ Vero Beach Young Republicans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

Vero Beach Young Republicans - May 18 at 01:22 PM

DE

“ Doug and Robin Evans purchased the Beautiful i
n Blue for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill"
Posey.



Doug and Robin Evans - May 16 at 08:38 PM

DE

“ Doug and Robin Evans planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

Doug and Robin Evans - May 16 at 08:38 PM

SG

“ Dear Katie,

Barbara and I were deeply stunned upon learning of Bill’s passing. We send our deepest condolences to you and your family. Bill truly was “one of a kind.”

After we moved to Florida, I first met him at a home gathering where retiring Representative Dave Weldon introduced Bill as his choice to succeed him in Congress. During his successful term in office, plus his seven additional terms, there were numerous occasions for us to communicate, and for me to write about his achievements. The entire time he had our support – with many sign wavings – and of course, our votes.

The Congressman exuded attributes that candidates seeking office, and many of those currently serving constituents, could study and emulate: honesty, integrity, compassion, and a true desire to help constituents with a myriad of problems that were above their means when dealing with the government themselves. He was also known to help fellow colleagues humbly and unselfishly.

My most memorable occasion was when Bill addressed our Heritage Isle Republican Club, and I had the honor to introduce him to the audience. After he spoke, he unexpectedly called me back to join him, and totally surprised me with a beautiful engraved Conservative Lifetime Achievement Award crystal obelisk. It is a treasured gift.

Stuart and Barbara Gorin

Stuart Gorin - May 15 at 03:21 PM



“ *Serenity Wreath was purchased for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



May 15 at 11:27 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

May 15 at 11:27 AM



“ *Terry and Jean Seawell purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.*



Terry and Jean Seawell - May 15 at 08:46 AM



“ *I have so many childhood memories of Mr. Posey on the softball fields in Rockledge. He was always such a great coach and person. I remember one game that he promised us all a steak dinner if we made a triple play. Well, we did exactly that. Still waiting for that dinner lol!! You will be missed by so many. I am sad that I will not be in town for your service but you will be in my thoughts. Mrs Posey, Cathy and Pam, my heart breaks for you all. I love you all and will keep you in my prayers.*

Rest In Peace Mr. Posey 🕊️🙏

Christy South - May 15 at 08:22 AM

KH

“ I knocked on the tall wood door of the Cannon Ofc Bldg under the sign "Posey, Florida" and peeked in. I'm a housepainter from Merritt Island-aahh can i see the Congressman. Sorry he's not in. Later on,as i was traipsing through the mall museums my cell rang and a staffer announced that the congressman would like to talk with me - could i be there in 20 minutes. We sat and talked for 10 minutes about his being a Christian and a Congressman and how it was difficult. I was amazed he gave me that time and how open he was.

kevin hurley - May 15 at 04:56 AM



“ Serene Reflections Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.



May 14 at 09:11 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey.

May 14 at 09:11 PM

BS

“ Our deepest sympathies
We feel your pain. I'll always be indebted to Bill for his service to our country.

Bob Socks - May 14 at 07:24 PM

Y"

“ My sincere condolence to the Posey family Coach Posey was a excellent man. Pam prayers to you and your family. Yvonne Sunshine Miller AKA "Scooby" Softball of America Rockledge.

Yvonne Sunshine Miller "Scooby" - May 14 at 07:07 PM

CD

“ Chris Dixon lit a candle in memory of Rep. William Joseph "Bill" Posey



Chris Dixon - May 14 at 05:24 PM

FB

My husband Sy Baker, Atlas Launch Director for Lockheed Martin at the Cape, worked closely with Bill for years in the space industry. He had the greatest admiration and respect for Bill of anyone else he called a friend. Bill was responsible for getting Sy on the Florida Space Board to work with Gov. Jeb Bush and a committee which included Bill to bring jobs to the Cape in the companies other than NASA. They shared hundreds of emails and phone calls and if Sy was still with us, he would be extremely saddened by Bill's passing. Hopefully they're having a conversation about politics in Heaven!

Fran Baker - May 16 at 01:18 AM