

William A. Humbert

Music was a lifelong interest and pleasure for William “Bill” Humbert. Growing up in Westminster, Maryland, he began playing the clarinet at the age of seven, studying privately with Edward Gobrecht and later with Sidney Forrest at the Peabody Preparatory School. At the age of eight, Bill became a member of the William F. Myers Sons’ Band of Westminster. He played in the Westminster High School Band and was solo clarinetist with the Maryland All-State Orchestra. While in High School, Bill and his brother Dick, a trumpeter, formed the Little German Band of Westminster, which continues to perform at Oktoberfests, concerts, and private parties.

For many years, Bill taught clarinet and saxophone lessons to private students in Carroll and Harford Counties and served as a music merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts.

Bill became a charter member of the Bel Air Community Band when it was formed in 1964. He served as president of the band for ten years and remained an active member of the clarinet section until he became ill in the fall of 2000.

In 1967, while working with the Bel Air Recreation Council, Bill helped to form the Bel Air Summer Concert Series, which continues to feature concerts every summer.

The Community Foundation of Harford County is honored to recognize William “Bill” Humbert’s talent, art, and legacy through the William A. Humbert Memorial Scholarship.