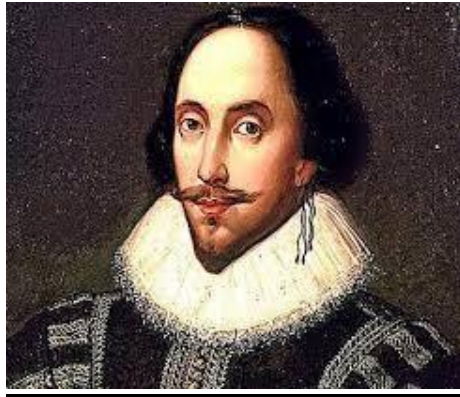


William Shakespeare *(by Konstantinos Vorriss)*



People call William Shakespeare “Avon Bard” or “Avon Swan”. He was born in Stratford-upon-Avon and was baptized on April 26, 1564.

When Shakespeare was a child, he attended the local school. At the age of 18, he married 26 year-old Ann Hathaway with whom he had three children, Susanna and twins Hamnet and Judith. In 1585 went to live in London with his family. There he started to write his first plays. In 1594 he was a member of the “ Lord Chamberlain’s Men”.

William Shakespeare was the most important and well-known English poet, actor and the only one who could stand to the three great ancient Greek tragic poets. He was also the creator of “Hamlet”, “Romeo and Juliet”, “Othello”, “King Lear” and “Macbeth”, all considered to be among the finest works in the English Language.

In 1596 he returned to his homeland where he paid off his father’s debts and bought many estates. In the end, in 1613 he returned permanently to Stratford, where he lived peacefully for the last years of his life. A few months before his death, which was on April 23 1616, he wrote his will.

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