



William Edward Williams

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William (Bill) Edward Williams

Born August 23, 1924 in Akron Ohio, Bill grew up in a family of 10 as part of “The Greatest Generation”. Of Welch and French ancestry, he spent many summers on his French-speaking maternal grandparents’ farm in Sterling, met his future wife Kathy while tending the soda fountain at Harsha’s Drugstore in Akron, and joined the Army after graduation. He served as a medic with the 4th Infantry Division in Europe, won the Bronze Star at the Battle of the Bulge, came home and married Kathleen McCauley in 1946. He and Kathy raised two daughters, Judy and Laurie, in Tallmadge.

Bill was an avid vegetable gardener and handyman. He served as an active member of the First Congregational Church of Akron, where he and Kathy married, their daughters were married, and two granddaughters were christened. Bill served as a dedicated volunteer well into his 80’s at the Food Pantry at First Church. He was volunteering for Habitat for Humanity on his 80th birthday. Earlier Bill volunteered at the Summit County Children’s Home, Soap Box Derby, and as a member of Kiwanis. He worked for BF Goodrich Chemical for 33 years.

Bill and Kathy traveled widely through Europe and Asia with friends and family. Although reticent to discuss his war years, in later life he accepted invitations to speak about his experiences to local veteran organizations. In 2004 Bill attended the dedication of the WWII Memorial festivities in Washington including a reception at the White House as a guest of President George Bush.

Kathy passed away in 2008 after a long fight with Alzheimer’s, and Bill moved to Virginia to be close to his family in Leesburg and the Washington area.

After prolonged health challenges Bill died on June 8. The family owes an endless debt of gratitude to the selfless and dedicated healthcare workers that eased Bill’s way without his family present due to the Covid-19 pandemic. They cared for him with compassion, kindness, and tenderness.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, Dwight and Cecilia Williams, and his siblings Virginia, Richard, Rosemary, Gerald, Annabel, and Janice. He is survived by his sister, Edna Dearnitt



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(Jack); his daughters Judy Robinson (David) and Laurie McCord (Scott); his granddaughters Hadley Sorensen (Eric) and Kelly Masley (Joshua) and great-grandchildren McCauley, Foster, Caden and Bryce.

Precautionary measures taken due to COVID-19 prevent the family from scheduling a memorial service at this time. Family and friends will be notified when such a service will be held. In remembrance of Bill donations may be made in his name to the First Congregational Church of Akron Food Pantry, 292 E. Market Street, Akron, OH 44313 or to Habitat for Humanity. Please share online condolences with the family at www.loudounfuneralchapel.com



Events

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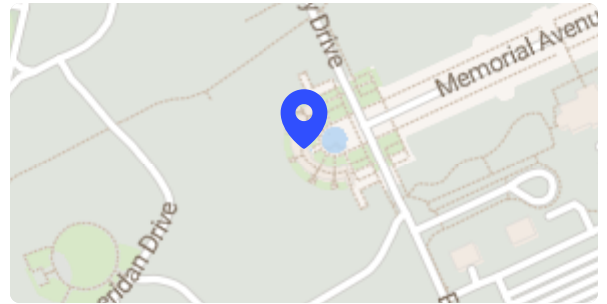
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Cemetery Details



Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Ave. , Arlington VA 22211





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Yvonne Balfour posted:

To Bill Williams' family –My husband and I got to know Bill at the Spring Arbor happy hours on Fridays and on the Wednesday lunch outings. He sure loved his red wine. Bill liked his "tough nut" reputation and we enjoyed playing into it when we talked with him. He was reluctant to talk much about himself, but he loved to tell stories of his life in Ohio – his work, his daughters, and his wife. His stories reveal that he had a fantastic work ethic and he seemed to be particularly proud that he was able to provide his family with everything that they needed and a lot of things that they wanted. I love Judy describing him as "the bear." I can see it, but I also know that under the facade there was a whole lot of love. Judy, we enjoyed getting to know you too. It was nice to talk with someone who was going through what we were – watching over our parents in an assisted living community. The Spring Arbor staff is absolutely wonderful at caring for our parents but there is still a whole lot that has to be done by the "kids" to keep all of the balls in the air. Judy, you did a great job. Your Dad always had a starched, ironed, collared shirt and spotless khakis. He just beamed when you arrived at Spring Arbor. Believe me, no one was going to sit in your chair at the happy hour table. That was something well understood by Bill and me from the first day of our attendance. We hope we will have a chance to have another talk about your dad over a glass of wine. Sending much love and sympathy to you –
Yvonne Balfour and Bill Bell

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