



William "Bill" A. Wright

April 4, 2026 - September 4, 2014

Mattoon, IL-William 'Bill' A. Wright, age 88, of Mattoon, IL, passed away at 8:12 a.m., Thursday, September 04, 2014, at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. \r\n \r\nA memorial service in his honor will begin at 4:00 p.m., Saturday, September 6, 2014, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938, with Robert Wakeland officiating. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from 2:00 p.m., until the service begins. \r\n\r\nBorn April 4, 1926, in Indianapolis, IN, Bill was the son of Harris and Ella Wright. He married Shirley Joyce Lohrman on July 3, 1948, in Indianapolis, IN. They celebrated forty-four years of marriage before she passed away on January 13, 1993. He later met Marianne Getz who became his partner in life and love. He is survived by his beloved Marianne of Mattoon, IL; four children, Shirl Lee Wright of Mattoon, IL, Nancy Ann Wright of Mattoon, IL, William Robert 'Bob' Wright of Mattoon, IL, and Thomas Ernest Wright and wife Vicky of Mattoon, IL; four grandchildren, Holly Pucheta and husband Domingo of Charleston, IL, William Thomas Wright and wife Jessica of Ft. Knox, KY, Deanna Wright of Joliet, IL, and William Christopher Wright of Iowa City, IA; five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth Grant, Emilio Pucheta, Sofia Pucheta, Vinny Peacock, and Willow Wright; one niece, Jane Wakeland and husband Robert of Greenfield, IN; two great-nieces, Jera Lee of Chicago, IL and Angie Lee of Martinsville, IN. In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Geraldine Alford.\r\n \r\nMr. Wright served our country with the Army Air Corps during World War II, and the Air Force

during the Korean Conflict. In 1968, he came to Mattoon to join his former partner at the Checkley Agency. He later ran Wrights Feed Store and was a former owner of Checker Top Cab Company. From 1993-1996, he served as City Commissioner. He was a member of the Coles County Airport Board and the Mattoon Golf and Country Club, where he played Santa for many years.\r\n\r\nMemorials in his honor may be made to the organization of the donor's choice.\r\n\r\nPlease visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with his family. \r\n

Tribute Wall



“ *Willam "Bill" A. Wright*

October 08, 2023 at 07:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry for your loss. I am still hurting from not being able to personally share your grief by attending visitation and funcral. Bill and I go back a long way--regular Wednesday evening dinner at Little Mexico; and his playing Santa at my house several Christmases. Bill will be missed.*

John E. Greathouse - September 08, 2014 at 03:16 AM



“ *I met Bill years ago on the Airport Board. He was always a fun and interesting man to talk to about airplanes. I wasn't in the service nor knew how to fly a plane, so Bill was great to explain many things to me about the Service, Airport and etc. Prayers for the family at this time of loss.*

James Campbell - September 06, 2014 at 10:26 PM



“ *Mom (Betty) and all of us are heartbroken at the news of Bill's passing. So very many happy memories! Thinking of you all with love and prayers.*

Laurie McGinnis - September 05, 2014 at 05:58 PM

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“ Keeping all of you in our prayers at this difficult time and praying that you will find comfort in all the wonderful memories you have. Uncle Bill was a wonderful, caring person and always had a smile. Lots of Love, Cousins Verla and Dennis Stucker

Verla and Dennis Stucker - September 05, 2014 at 04:51 PM