



Bill R. Wilson

February 27, 1929 - October 22, 2021

Bloomington- Bill R. Wilson, 92, of Bloomington, passed away Friday, October 22, 2021, at Hearthstone Health Campus.

He was born February 27, 1929, in Harlan County, Kentucky to Beulah and Andy Wilson. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He attended Union College in Kentucky on an athletic scholarship for baseball where he also played basketball. Bill earned his degree from the University of Wyoming on a football scholarship. He later earned his Masters at Indiana University.

He retired as the director of Bloomington Parks and Recreation Department. Bill spent countless hours in his woodshop where he crafted many beautiful treasures for family and friends. Most of his afternoons were spent cheering on his grandchildren at sporting events.

He was a member of South Union Christian Church and the American Legion Post #18.

Survivors include three sons and their spouses, Jeff and Sherri Wilson, Greg and Kathy Wilson, Rick and Kim Wilson.

Niece-Claire (Mark) Kuzma,

Two stepsons-Robert and Brian Stancombe,

Three grandchildren-Joseph, Jefferson, and Kyle Wilson,

Six step-grandchildren-Jennifer Rendortff, Kim Gohn, Andy, Kyle, Aaron, and Ben Stancombe,

Several great grandchildren- Bryce, Brynn, Drew Stancombe and their mother

Gina (Jack) Barrow, Kaitlyn, Nolan, and Liam Wilson, Kayla Stewart, Kaitlyn Scrivner, Karah and Jackson Gohn, Mikey, Mia, Ruby, Lydia, and Luca Stancombe.

Bill is preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy Mae Wilson, his parents, three sisters-Velma Gibson, Helen Back, and Edna Wilson, a stepson Billy Stancombe, and a granddaughter Amanda Wilson.

Graveside services will be led by Jim Cain at Valhalla Memory Gardens on Monday, October 24, 2021, at 11 am.

Memorial contributions may be made to the South Union Christian Church Building Fund in Bloomington, Indiana. Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington, have been entrusted with arrangements. Online condolences, photos and memories may be shared with family and friends at www.allencares.com

Cemetery Details

Valhalla Memory Gardens

310 North Johnson Ave.
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Graveside Service

OCT 25. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I first met Bill in 1965 as an intern for the Columbus, Indiana Parks and Recreation Department. He was the Director and he became my mentor and friend for the next 56 years. Bill loved Columbus and was Director there for 11 Years. He helped establish it as one of the best departments in Indiana. He also was a key leader in helping establish the Indiana Park and Recreation Association and was a past President. During his retirement years he visited Columbus often having lunch with me and several of his old friends . When he was Director in Bloomington before retirement he would bring IU Basketball players to Columbus to have the famous Columbus Bar tenderloins. Kent Benson and Ray Tolbert from two of the National Championship Team were an example. Bill was like a brother to me and he was always there for advice. We shared our Christian faith and he loved the Lord. I will miss him but know someday we will meet again in Heaven. Chuck Wilt, Retired Director of Parks and Recreation Columbus, Indiana

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