



Merle Lee Dillman

September 6, 1946 - April 16, 2026

Merle Lee Dillman of Bloomington, Indiana passed away on April 16, 2026. He was born on September 6, 1946, in Kentucky to Leonard Dillman and Daphne Todd.

He proudly served his country in the Navy and then in the Marines. He received a degree in education from Indiana University but only substitute taught. He had various jobs including salesman positions, insurance agent, stock broker, cook and lastly as quality control inspector. He was a man of faith and even spent a couple of years working on a degree in theology. He was a member of American Legion Post 18 and Crossroads Methodist Church.

He is survived by his three daughters, Khadija Dillman (Oman), Emily Harlow (Troy, IL) and Mary Knittle (Maroa, IL). He has 12 grandchildren, Brittani Garner (IL), Christian Harlow (FL), Sheika Al-Balushi (Oman), Bryan White (LA), Abdul-Aziz Al-Balushi (Oman), Alexandra MacKenzie (IL), Eric Knittle (IL), Casey Bess (IL), AbdurRaham Al-Balushi (Oman), Abdulla Al-Balushi (Oman), Ibrahim Al-Balushi (Oman) and Aisha Al-Balushi (Oman). He has 17 great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Janet Fleener, his sister, Shelby Durnal, and his brother, Kenneth Dillman.

A scattering service will be held at Rose Hill Cemetery on Friday, May 22, 2026 at 11:00 a.m.

Cemetery Details

Rose Hill Cemetery

West 4th Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Previous Events

Graveside Service

MAY 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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