



## William H. "Bill" Roper, Jr.

April 23, 1921 - March 28, 2013

William H. "Bill" Roper, 91, died Thursday, March 28 in Bloomington.

He was born in Marshall, Illinois, April 23, 1921. His parents were the late Helen M. Roper and William H. Roper, Sr. He married Norma R. Axsom in Bloomington, May 2, 1959. She survives. Three daughters, son-in-laws, eleven grandchildren survive. Lisa B. Wicker (Roper) of Bardstown, Kentucky. Her children, Rachel Miller (Newman) of Chicago, Jordan Wicker of Washington DC, Meghan Wicker of Bloomington. Rita M. Roper-Flynn (Mike) of Bloomington. Her children, Reilly Flynn of Ft. Wayne, Cullen Flynn of Hawaii, Dillon, Brigid and Fiona Flynn of Bloomington. Cindy Roper-Scott (Mike) of Carmel, Indiana. Her children, Tyler Scott of Bloomington, Haley and Aaron Scott of Carmel. His brother, Wayne, preceded him in death in WWII.

Roper spent most of his childhood in the Western and Pacific Northwest states. He returned to the Midwest and graduated from Concannon High School in Terre Haute, Indiana. He attended flight school in St. Louis, Missouri, Rose Poly Technical Institute, graduated from the Merchant Marine Academy on Long Island, New York, in 1946 He served in WWII. He moved to Bloomington in 1957.

He retired as an engineer with RCA in 1982. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge.

He was an avid sailor, especially in retirement and volunteered countless hours at LMSA, Lake Monroe Sailing Association. He was a craftsman, builder and gardener. He was a member of St. Mark's United Methodist Church.

Funeral services for Bill will be held Saturday March 30, 2013 at 1:00PM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37. Reverend Ned Steele will preside. Visitation will also be held Saturday March 30, 2013 at Allen Funeral Home from 11:00AM until the time of the service at 1:00PM.

A graveside service will be held Monday April 1, 2013 at 1:00PM to inter Bill's remains at the Clear Creek Cemetery.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *It has been my pleasure to know Bill even if it has only been for the last few months.*

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**Bill Murnahan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ *To Mrs. Roper and all the Roper daughters: I am sorry for your loss. You and your families will be in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Alex Ackermann** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ *To my dear friend, Cindy, I'm so saddened to hear of your father's passing. You are kept close in my heart today; my thoughts and prayers are with you, Lisa, Rita and your mother. I will remember your father as a gentle man with a zest for life; especially when sailing. Look to your family for strength during this difficult time. Much love,  
Susan*

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**Susan Hopkins-Lee** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ *Dear Norma and Family - We were so saddened to see Bill's obituary in today's online Herald Times. We knew that he was not well but it is always hard to see of someones' passing. Know that we are thinking of you at this time and are sending our condolences to all of you. Bill left us lots of memories of him and the family and we know that will be the case for all that knew him. Sending our love, Peggy & Bob*

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**Robert & Peggy Alexander** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

CW

“ Dear Roper Family,

*Christine and I will be at the Funeral Home tomorrow to say good-bye to Bill. I remember that Bill was one of us who defended America in WWII. We will all miss Bill's bravery and happy smile. Bill and Christine*

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**C. William Shriner** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM

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“ Norma and family,

*Bill & I are saddened by your loss. You have wonderful memories of the life you shared with Bill; may those memories give you great comfort in this heavy moment of loss.*

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**Nancy & Bill Lumbley** - October 26, 2015 at 04:11 PM