



## William "Bill" Thomas O'Mara, Sr.

December 2, 1942 - March 1, 2014

On March 1, 2014, "The wheels came off," as he teasingly referred to his own death. Orchestrating his life until the very end, Bill O'Mara died with family and friends by his side after a hard fought battle with MDS and related complications.

Bill always gave more than he took. Children loved him. Friends counted on him. He lived his life fully engaged, with the most generous, loving spirit, and friends and family were always what mattered most to him.

Born 12.2.42 in Pittsburgh, PA to William Howard and Margaret Sylvia O'Mara, he is survived by his brother Thomas and joining brother John (deceased).

On July 11, 1964, he married Karen Schmaljohn O'Mara. Together they had their son, William Jr., who married Victoria Holt O'Mara and they had four children: Sam, Victoria (deceased), Jake and Whitney. His second child, Michele, married Teresa Leonard O'Mara with whom she has two sons, Mitchell and Cameron.

Bill spent eight years in the air force, and he has lived in

Bloomington the last forty years. He worked at the IU Foundation for many years, then Cook Inc., where he retired. To say he will be missed is a grave understatement.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 10:30AM at St. Paul Catholic Center. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held Friday, March 7, 2014 from 4:00PM until 8:00PM at Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion and online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.allenfuneralhome.org](http://www.allenfuneralhome.org).

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Bill and I contemplated driving to Bloomington so that hugs could be made in person. Only this morning did we let that plan go. Please know you are in our thoughts and we wish for you the comfort that your family and friends bring during this transition. Love you Karen. Take good care of yourself. Marj Schwaderer Harlan*

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**Marjorie Harlan** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

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“ *I don't know if Bill ever mentioned me or not, and it doesn't matter, but he and I worked very close together for approx. 18 years at Cook Inc. We both were in the Purchasing Dept. at the facility in Ellettsville. He was my confidant and mentor. I feel like I know all of you, Karen, Bill, Michelle and your spouses along with your children. He talked about all of you frequently and I also, about my family. I was so saddened to hear of his passing and somewhat shocked as I have been retired now almost 8 yrs. So I've lost touch with a lot of people I knew at Cook Inc. But I could never forget Bill. I admired him tremendously and will never forget his smiling face as he came through the doors every morning greeting me at the front desk. My thoughts and prayers go out to all of you. We lost a great man but heaven gained a remarkable angel.*

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**Ruth McRoberts** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM

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“ *Karen and Family*  
*John and I are sorry to hear about Bill's passing. We have many fond memories of our get togethers when our children were young. We are currently out of town but will be thinking about you.*

*John and Lois Harner*

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**Lois Harner** - October 26, 2015 at 04:06 PM