



William "Bill" L. Wilkinson

July 3, 1949 - July 14, 2016

William (Bill) L. Wilkinson, age 67, of Bloomington, Indiana, passed away peacefully on July 14, 2016, at his home. Bill was born July 3, 1949, in Roswell, New Mexico, to Leona and Luther Wilkinson. His childhood was spent in Roswell, New Mexico, and later in Denver, Colorado. His family eventually moved to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, where he met his high school sweetheart Leah Eide, whom he married on June 26, 1971. Bill graduated from Moorhead State University, Moorhead, MN, with a Degree in Marketing. Retailing was what Bill knew best starting with his earliest job at his parents hardware store in Denver, Colorado, working at Fleet Farm in Fergus Falls, MN, while in high school and during college years at Ace Hardware in Moorhead, MN. Upon graduation from college, he began his 29-year career with JCPenney in Fargo, ND, being promoted and transferred to several locations in the Midwest, with his last relocation to Bloomington, IN, where he managed the Bedford JCPenney store for several years. His most recent retail employment was with Target in Bloomington, before retiring in 2014.

He was preceded in death by his parents Leona and Luther Wilkinson. He is survived by Leah, his wife of 45 years, son Joe Wilkinson (Chicago, Illinois), daughter Dana Wilkinson (Bloomington, Indiana) and brother James Wilkinson (his wife Sharon) and numerous nieces and nephews as well as grand-nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at Faith Lutheran Church in Bloomington, IN on Saturday, July 23, 2016 at 11:00am. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the building fund at Faith Lutheran Church or Hospice House. The family wishes to thank all physicians, staff from IU Health Hospice, Comfort Keepers, and all family, friends and neighbors who have supported us.