



William "Bill" Edward Thomas

May 13, 1927 - October 29, 2016

Bill Thomas passed away Saturday, October 29, 2016. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, November 5, 2016 at Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church. Interment will follow in Memorial Park Cemetery. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home. William Edward Thomas was born May 13, 1927 near Valeda in Howard Township, Labette County, KS to Bayard Alanson and Alice (Livingston) Thomas. Bill, a WWII veteran, proudly served his country in the US Navy. He married Agnes Darlene Wiley on November 28, 1947. Working as a master design draftsman for Phillips Petroleum Company, Bill retired after 35 years of dedicated service. Bill and Darlene have been members of Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church in Bartlesville since 1952. Bill loved to compete and enjoyed boat racing along with refereeing micro midget race cars in his younger years. Bill was also a licensed pilot. One of his greatest passions was to design, build and fly radio controlled model airplanes. He flew and competed with radio control model airplanes around the world and was actively involved with model airplanes for over 50 years. He and Darlene loved to dance and were square dancers for much of their married life. Bill is survived by his wife, Darlene Thomas of the home and son, Ralph Thomas of Verdigris, OK. He was blessed with five grandchildren; James, William, Andrew, Kristy and Michael along with six great grandchildren. Bill is also survived by his brother, Bob Thomas, numerous nieces, nephews and many friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, step-mother, Dorothy Thomas, daughter, Connie Perdue, brother, Charles Thomas and step-sister, Margaret Stall. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be sent to: Good Shepherd Presbyterian Church, 810 SE Washington Blvd., Bartlesville, OK 74006. Casket Bearers are: Jimmy Thomas, Billy Thomas, Andy Thomas, Michael Perdue, Kenneth Starr and Bobby Thomas.

Comments



“ Posted by Clyde Gage from Bartlesville, Oklahoma

I'm very sorry for the families loss. I met Bill through the Falcons Model Airplane club. Bill would always take the time to give me tips on how to improve my flying. My son (Frank) and I always looked forward to a visit with Bill at the field. Great man, Great Pilot, friend and will be missed. RIP

11/03/2016 at 06:53pm

Posted by Bill Belknap from Bartlesville , Oklahoma

Darlene, I have missed seeing you and Bill since I lost Donna Kaye. My prayers are with you. If you have not seen my book about Donna, I would like to give you a copy, it might help. Love you, Bill B.

11/04/2016 at 02:10am

Posted by Robert and Imogene Peaster from Dewey, Oklahoma

Imogene and I have missed the days when we all squared em up. Bill and Darlene you where always a lot of fun to be with. If I remember right, Bill always said that he had flown backwards more than most people flew forward. He flew as navigator in the back seat of a torpedo bomber in WW 2. Bill will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Best wishes to you and your family.

11/05/2016 at 01:11am

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