



William Mills McIlvain

June 28, 1924 - February 23, 2018

William M. McIlvain

William M. McIlvain, 93, decorated army veteran and Wann resident, died Friday in Wann, OK.

Bill was born the son of Windsor Castle and Clara Bell (DeShazer) McIlvain on June 28, 1924, in Sperry, OK. He was raised on an oil lease in Burbank, OK, owned by the Texas Oil Company. Bill graduated high school in 1942 and at his father's request waited one year before enlisting in the US Army, serving from 1943-1957 in both World War II and Korea. Bill was united in marriage with Patricia Joan Sullivan in 1945. During his military service he received numerous awards including the Combat Infantry Badge, a Silver Star, two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star. Bill received technical training in computers and worked as a systems analyst for many years. He earned his Bachelors of Arts at the age of 68 from the College of Mount St. Vincent in Bronx, NY. In 1997 Bill and Patricia moved to Kentucky to be close to their granddaughter and in 1998 moved back to Oklahoma.

Bill enjoyed reading, poetry, Broadway and taking on projects around the house - most notably, the doll and dog houses he crafted. He loved his great and great great grandchildren and was active in their many activities over the years. Bill took his grandchildren on many memorable trips back east which they remember fondly. He will be dearly missed.

Bill is survived by his granddaughter Kellie McIlvain Talbott and Husband

Greg; two grandsons, Shannon Brady, and David Chissoe; three great grandchildren, William Louis Nelson, Jessica Anne Johnson and Lauren Renee Ward; and 10 great great grandchildren, Brayden, Jaydence, Gage, Zaharah, Zaydyan, Caden, Aiden, Chloe, Elijah and Erin. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife and two sons William David McIlvain and Windsor Castle McIlvain.

Visitation will be held Thursday from 4-8 at the Davis Family Funeral Home, 918-534-3030, 113 S. Osage (Hwy. 75).

Funeral services will be held 10 am Friday, March 2, 2018, at the Davis Family Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow in the Ft. Gibson National Cemetery at 2 pm. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared with William's family at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Cemetery Details

Fort Gibson National Cemetery

1423 Cemetery Road
Fort Gibson, OK 74434
<http://www.cem.va.gov/CEM/cems/nchp/ftgibson.asp>

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
113 S Osage Ave
Dewey, OK 74029
(918) 534-3030
davisfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com

Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM (CT)

Davis Family Funeral Home - Dewey Chapel
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Graveside Service

MAR 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Garden of Serenity Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Mills McIlvain.*



February 28, 2018 at 10:53 AM



“ *Grandpa was kind, generous and loving. I he loved telling stories about his life that made you smile or reciting a beautiful poems. When I had a bad day Grandpa was there to give me a hug and good advice. Grandpa always loved being with his grandchildren and great grandchildren, you could see it in the twinkle in his eyes. Words really do not express how wonderful he was.*



Laura Gagan - February 27, 2018 at 08:21 PM



“ *Kellie McIlvain Talbott lit a candle in memory of William Mills McIlvain*



Kellie McIlvain Talbott - February 27, 2018 at 04:46 PM