



William A. "Bill" Wills

August 6, 2011

William A. "Bill" Wills, 70, of Wapakoneta, died 1:32 a.m., Sat. Aug. 6, 2011, at his residence. He was born Aug. 14, 1940, in Wapakoneta, the son of James "Pete" & Bessie (Darst) Wills, who preceded him in death. On Sept. 2, 1961, he married Charlotte M. Hemmert, and she survives. Other survivors include, 4 sons, Michael (Linda) Wills, Huntsville, AL, Kevin (Laura) Wills, Danville, OH, David (Karrie) Wills, Maumee, OH, Douglas Wills, Wapakoneta, 5 grandchildren, Ashley, Abby, Addison, Garren, & Katie Wills, 2 step-grandchildren, Kyla & Kelby Hammond, 2 brothers, James "Jim" (Marlene) Wills, Wapakoneta, Richard Wills, Portland, TX 3 sisters, Betty Hemmert, Wapakoneta, Dorothy (Ned) Hobler, Wapakoneta, Catherine Harris, Johnston, RI. Sister-in-law, Barbara (Robert) Krebs, Botkins, OH. He was preceded in death by a brother, Paul Wills, and 3 sisters, Phyllis Walker, Mary Wolfe, & Janet Clayton. Bill retired in 2000 as a production supervisor at the Dana Corp., Lima. Prior to that, he served as a police officer with the City of Wapakoneta. He was a 7 year veteran of the U.S. Air Force, and served in Viet Nam from 1966 to 1967. A member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church, he was also a member of the K of C, Council #1272, both of Wapakoneta. He was a life member of the Wapakoneta V.F.W., Post #8445, and a life member of the D.A.V., Auglaize Co. Chapter #73. He was a proud member of the V.F.W. Honor Guard. An avid golfer, he enjoyed traveling and was a fan of Notre Dame, Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Reds, and University of Dayton basketball. Bill would say his 2 favorite teams were Notre Dame and any team

playing Ohio State. Mass of Christian Burial will be 10:30 a.m., Wed. Aug. 10, 2011, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta, Rev. Matthew Lee officiating. Burial will follow in the St. Joseph Cemetery, Wapakoneta, where military rites will be conducted by the Wapakoneta V.F.W. The family will receive friends 2-4 & 6-8 p.m., Tues, and 9-9:45 a.m., Wed. at the Long & Folk Chapel of Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, 13 S. Blackhoof St., Wapakoneta. (Please use street address, thanks.) Memorial contributions may be directed to St. Joseph Catholic Church Renovation Fund or St. Rita's Hospice.

Tribute Wall

BH

“ I was sad to read of Bill's death. My sympathies to his family. David thought a lot of Bill. He could always make me laugh. Sincerely, Beth Harshbarger

Beth Harshbarger - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JJ

“ Dear Family, Please accept our sincerest sympathy and know that our hearts are with you!

Jan & Doug (Stoehr), Ames, IA - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

NN

“ Charlotte and family, I am so very sorry for your loss. I can still see "Willie" as a kid in the '60s like it was yesterday. You're in my thoughts and prayers.

Nancy Gutman Nickey - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

WF

“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Bill and I worked together for over 20 years at Dana Corporation in Lima.

Wayne Fowler - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

JK

“ My prayers and condolences go out to Bill's family especially to Dave, Karrie and Katie.

Jeff Kline - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

CF

“ *Dave and Karrie Very sorry to hear your sad news. The Cunliffes*

Cunliffe Family - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM

WN

“ *To The Wills Family We are very sorry for loss.May God give you strength during this difficult time.*

WACKIE & NORMA - July 10, 2015 at 03:57 PM