



Wilson Emmor "Bill" Irey

May 22, 1921 - February 26, 2015

Wilson Emmor "Bill" Irey of Cadillac, formerly of Rochester Hills, passed away Thursday, February 26, 2015 at Curry House Assisted Living. He was 93.

Bill was born May 22, 1921 in Detroit, Michigan to Carl and Lillian (Parker) Irey, and they preceded him in death.

Bill served in the United States Army during World War II. He worked for Michigan Bell Telephone Company for 42 years before retiring in 1982. Upon retirement Bill became a member of the Telephone Pioneers and for over 30 years he volunteered to repair equipment for the Talking Book Program of the Library of Michigan Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Bill was proud to have earned his pilot's license. He was a longtime member of the First Congregational Church of Rochester, United Church of Christ.

For many years he enjoyed regular lunches with the "Lunch Bunch." He loved gardening, had a green thumb and could grow anything. Bill was an avid woodworker and had the ability to fix anything. He was a wonderful grandfather and conversationalist who loved people and animals.

On July 8, 1944 in Detroit he married the former Jeannette "Jay" Thompson and she survives him along with their children: Jill Irey of Cadillac,

Jan (John) Fate of Ionia, Clifford Irej of Waterford; grandchildren: Patrick LaMarche, Christopher Irej, Jason Pruitt, Mark Fate, Zachary Irej, Katie Irej; four great grandchildren; a sister, Thelma Mean and daughter-in-law, Nancy (Jonathan) Irej-Sams of Troy.

In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a daughter, Karen Lee and siblings: Geraldine, Leona and Kenneth.

Memorial services will be held 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at Peterson Funeral Home in Cadillac with The Reverend Canon Jonathan Sams officiating. Friends may meet the family one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Leader Dogs for the Blind, 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48307-3115. An online guestbook is available at www.petersonfh.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ *You and your family are in my prayers.*

Eben Smith - March 05, 2015 at 04:18 PM

KC

“ *Your father was a good man. He will be remembered with fondness. Love and prayers for his loving family.*

Kimberly and Jennifer Clack - March 03, 2015 at 01:55 PM

JB

“ *So sorry for your loss. Jill, you and your family are in my thoughts.*

Jean Bonham - March 03, 2015 at 06:47 AM

SJ

“ *So sorry for your loss. He will be missed. I worked with him in Detroit many years ago.*

Sharen Jarlock - March 01, 2015 at 03:38 PM

BM

“ *Sorry we never had the chance to know him. Condolences to you and the rest of the family*

Bill and Kathie Moulton - March 01, 2015 at 12:18 PM