



Mr. William F. Jesse

April 28, 1930 - October 21, 2014

WILLIAM F. JESSE, 84, passed away on Tuesday, October 21, 2014 at Bluffton Regional Hospital Continuing Care Center in Bluffton, IN, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Born in Fort Wayne, IN on April 28, 1930, Bill was a proud member of the United States Air Force and retired from the Indiana Air National Guard in 1990 after 25 years of service. Bill was deeply proud of his military service, with assignments ranging from Korea, Iran and various military bases in the United States. Bill also worked 15 years for General Telephone in Fort Wayne. Bill was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church in Bluffton and enjoyed participating in both the church choir and the Scottish Rite Choir in Fort Wayne for many years. Bill was a longtime member of the Bluffton Masonic Lodge and was presented with the Award of Gold in 2014 for his 50 years of faithful service to the Masonic organization and community. His hobbies included bowling and traveling, as well as happily serving as chauffeur for his grandchildren after his retirement.

Surviving are his daughters, Jennifer Jesse of Ossian and Julie (Jason) Brown of Ossian and three grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Jesse; parents, Herbert and Catherine Jesse; and brothers, David Jesse, Thomas Jesse and Herbert Jesse.

Services will be held at 9:30 am on Saturday, October 25 at First United Methodist Church in Bluffton, with calling starting at 9:00 am. Pastor Steve Bard and Rev. Duane Jesse will officiate. Calling hours will be from 1:00-7:00 pm on Friday, October 24 at Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home in Bluffton, IN. A Masonic Memorial service will take place at 7 pm at the conclusion of calling hours on Friday. Burial will take place at Fairview Cemetery with military honors performed by the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard and the American Legion Post #111 of Bluffton. Memorials may be made to Honor Flight of Northeast Indiana, Kate's Kitchen or First United Methodist Church Choir. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of the Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home. Friends can send condolences to the Jesse family at www.thomarich.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairview Cemetery

3101 East Division Road
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-2832
<http://www.themonumentcenter.com/about/cemeteries/>

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **24**. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
<http://www.thomarich.com>

Visitation

OCT **25**. 9:00 AM - 9:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Mr. William F. Jesse*



Thoma/Rich, Lemler Funeral Home - October 24, 2014 at 02:02 PM



“ *Mr. William F. Jesse*

September 08, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ *Bill was so cool, when i was very young around 7-8 we would go to the farm and have a blast. The boys were great and Bill would always make sure we stayed out of trouble. But would make sure we had a good time, even when we picked up Hay on the tractor. what a great memory of Bill and the family. I will miss him.*
Jack Bolyard

Jack Bolyard - October 29, 2014 at 07:10 AM

CB

“ *Memories of Bill are most certainly pleasant ones - of a kind man with a ready and welcoming smile. It was obvious how much he cared for his children and grandchildren. What a legacy you are left with! We hope it is comforting for you knowing your dad and grandpa is now home with his Father. He and Pat are enjoying catching up! Bill was much-loved and will be missed. Prayers are with you that you find peace.*

Chuck & Nonda Bolyard

Chuck & Nonda Bolyard - October 26, 2014 at 04:14 PM

PD

“ *Porter & Carolyn Dailey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William F. Jesse*



Porter & Carolyn Dailey - October 25, 2014 at 07:28 PM

DJ

“ Jennifer and Dane & Julie, Jason, Jessica and Hannah - Our thoughts and prayers have been with you all these last days. We will always cherish the memories of Uncle Bill and the many Jesse gatherings over the years, especially those at the farm. I know that he was a great source of comfort to my Mother when my Dad passed and that speaks volumes of him. I am sure that heaven is experiencing and enjoying a Jesse boy's reunion that is a wonderful sight to behold.....!!! Take care of one another, embrace his memory and legacy and lean on the peace and comfort that we too will enjoy a similar reunion.

May God continue to comfort and bless you during this difficult time.

All of Our Love - Dann, Mary and Heather

Dann Jesse - October 25, 2014 at 09:06 AM

KD

“ Jennifer & Julie, You had a specially sweet dad. He was always in a great mood when he come into the Animal Clinic. It's always hard to see such a great person having to suffer with cancer. My thoughts, sympathies, & prayers are with you & your families at this time. I will miss his smile & kind words.



Katrina J Drillien - October 23, 2014 at 08:44 PM

BC

“ Thoughts are with the family on your loss, as he was always a good neighbor in the Melching Addition. He will be missed by all!!.

Barry Confer - October 23, 2014 at 07:35 PM



Steven Peirce

“ *Cousin, Bill, and friend, So sad to see you have to be sent ahead to be with the Lord. You are healed completely now. You have come from great Jesse and Sellers stock and I have greatly admired you throughout my life. My mom and your mom were sisters and I recalled so many times when we had a reunion out at your moms and dad's farm. My one regret was that we were years and miles apart and yet not that many and so we didn't have have nearly enough experiences together. So long and if it is possible give my hugs to your parents and brothers and all, pluss to my mom and dad. Share your humor and heaven will be an even more pleasant home like place to abode. Love, Tom Peirce*

Steven Peirce - October 23, 2014 at 11:26 AM

TP

“ *Jennifer & Julie,*

Your father was a remarkable man. Always with a smile and a kind word for everyone. I remember great times at Silver Lake with your mom and dad along with Bill, Sara, and Mike. And I remember your Dad's dog Brigitte. It would carry a Ping-Pong ball and a penny around in its mouth and drive everyone crazy. Mr. Augsburger said it best about your father when he wrote: "He had a good sense of humor but above all else his ethics and integrity were above reproach." Amen! Rest in peace Bill.

Tom Pett

Thomas Pett - October 23, 2014 at 10:54 AM



“ *I worked with Bill while in the Air National Guard. He was a great guy , always pleasant and had a nice smile. Prayers and hugs to the family. Rennea Allen.*

Rennea Allen - October 23, 2014 at 08:23 AM

MV

“ *Bill - A Great Guy all around. I enjoyed working with him at the 122nd Fighter Wing and he showed me a few bowling tips in my younger days. Rest in Peace my Friend.*

Mike Vorndran



Michael Vorndran - October 23, 2014 at 05:40 AM

CO

“ *I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was a great guy, husband, father, grandfather, and friend to many. You will be in my thoughts and prayers as you are greeted by the many who will come to pay their respects. Cindy O.*

Cindy Osgood - October 22, 2014 at 08:27 PM

RA

“ *I worked with Bill during his career with the Air Guard and found him to be a good guy, a good worker whose smile never wore out. He was well liked by all who knew him. He had a good sense of humor but above all else his ethics and integrity were above reproach.*

Russ Augsburger

Russell Augsburger - October 22, 2014 at 05:56 PM

SS

“ I've known Bill from the Air Guard, he was willing to help anyone at any time. He always had a smile on his face and a good card player. He was the type of person that if you needed to talk to someone he would always have time for you. He was a good friend

For thoughts and prayers are with the family. God Bless

Steve Shirey

Steve Shirey - October 22, 2014 at 05:34 PM

JH

“ He was a well liked and very good man. He could be counted on to give you his best all of the time. Most of all He was my friend. He will be missed

Jim Houck

James Houck - October 22, 2014 at 10:59 AM

TB

We never met your father, grandfather, but would always wave when we saw him outside with his cocker spaniel. His dog reminded us of our Misty girl. We realized something must have happened to him as the house is for sale and have not seen him or his cocker spaniel. So sorry for your loss, The Bradtmuellers .

Terri Bradtmueller - January 13, 2015 at 09:49 AM