



William Lloyd "Bill" Cline

April 4, 1925 - June 5, 2007

WILLIAM LLOYD CLINE, 82, of Bluffton, died Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 12:20 a.m., of a short illness at River Terrace Estates, Bluffton. Born April 4, 1925, in Bluffton, he was the son of the late Lois (Shirey) and Lloyd Maxwell Cline. He was a graduate of Bluffton High School, in 1943; attended Purdue University and DePauw University; graduated from DePauw University in 1948; and member of Beta "Theta Pi Fraternity. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II in the Pacific Theatre. He married Ellen Fry Cline on June 20, 1952, in Fort Wayne; she preceded him in death in 2000. He was C.E.O. of Cline Lumber Company 1960 until his retirement and sale of the family business in 2006, as well as an officer of Hoosier Grain Company and several Cline Lumber Companies, in Northeast Indiana, within the Cline Corporation. He was a former Rotary President of Bluffton; former President of Indiana Lumber and Builders Supply Association; Board Member of Indiana Lumberman's Insurance; former member of Fort Wayne Country Club and Orchard Ridge Country Club; active member of Timber Ridge Country Club of Bluffton; member of First United Methodist Church of Bluffton, B.P.O.E. and American Legion. Surviving are his daughter, Mrs. Sandy (Stanley) Heyerly of Bluffton; three granddaughters, Mrs. Stacy (Richard) Penrod of Bluffton, Mrs. Jennifer (Rodney) Aker of Uniondale, and Mrs. Laura (Chris) Brown of Fort Wayne; sister, Mrs. Martha Colson of Bluffton; nieces, Mrs. Anne (John) Meo of Menomonee Falls, Wis., Leslie Hall, Nancy Woosley, Mrs. Dolly (Daniel) Stark, and Sally Hinton, all of Fort Wayne; and nephew, Mr. Richard (Linda)

Hinton of Fort Wayne. He was also preceded in death by niece, Sue Skinner, in 2001. Funeral service is 10:30 a.m. Thursday at First United Methodist Church, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Cindy Osgood officiating. Visitation also from 2 to 8 p.m. today at the Thoma/Rich, Hewitt & Chaney Funeral Home, Bluffton. Pall bearers will be from the Bluffton Rotary Club. Burial in the family mausoleum in Elm Grove Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials to Wells County Y.M.C.A.

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Thoma/Rich,Lemler Funeral Home
308 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN 46714
(260) 824-3850
info@thomarich.com

Service

JUN 7. 10:30 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church
325 West Washington Street
Bluffton, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *William Lloyd "Bill" Cline*

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“ *I always appreciated the steady and wise advice from Bill as a board member at the Old-First National Bank. he was and is my definition of a gentleman. He will be missed.##imported-begin##Greg Maxwell##imported-end##*

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“ *Sandy,*

I just wanted to let you know how sorry I am about your dad. He and my mom (Marcene Miller) were good friends for years, and that is how I got to know him. He was so good to my mom after she went into the nursing home, and he continued to visit her as often as she would allow.

My thoughts are with you and your family.

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“ *Sandy, Martha and family: I was sad to see the news about Bill. I am in Washington, DC for a couple days and won't be home in time for calling or the funeral. I don't have to tell you that Bill was one of the great men in our community that I always admired...he personified the word "integrity."*

You all will be in our thoughts and prayers...

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