



Billy G. Wells

September 5, 1925 - July 14, 2016

Billy (Bill) G. Wells, 90, of Linton, passed away Thursday, July 14, 2016 at Greene County General Hospital. He was born September 5, 1925 in Lyons, Indiana to Claude and Bonnie (Hatfield) Wells. In January 23, 1992 he married Sherrill Clodfelder, a devoted wife and mother.

Billy graduated from Lyons High School in 1943. He immediately served his country from December 6, 1943 to May 3, 1946 in the U.S. Army's 75th Infantry Division in England, France, Belgium and Germany. Billy was in the Battle of the Bulge, and later he was wounded in the Colmar Pocket. He was taken to the 2nd General Hospital in Nancy, France and later to Warwickshire, England to recuperate. For his service to our nation in World War II, Bill was the recipient of a Purple Heart, two Bronze Stars, and numerous other medals. In 2007 and as lasting gratitude by the government of France, Billy received the distinguished Knight of the French Legion of Honour Medal for his help in liberating France from German occupation. As a veteran, Billy was recognized as the 75th Division World War II Man of the Year Award in 2011. He was always proud of his service and reflected that for a "backward country kid from a small town in Indiana" that he "had enough good times, made a lot of friends (American and foreign), saw a lot of cities, countries, and country-sides to make up for the bad times."

Billy was the consummate fisherman throughout his life but also enjoyed

exploring America by car and travel trailer with Sherrill, especially the American West and its related history. He was a dedicated family historian, spending countless hours tracing the roots of the Hatfield and Wells families.

Billy is survived by his wife, Sherrill, and the following children: Stephen (Bethany) Wells of Socorro, New Mexico; Claudia Susan (Jeremiah) Young of Bloomington, Indiana; Lauri Wells of Woodbridge, Virginia; and Cindy (Kevin) Pedigo of Bedford, Indiana. He was step-father to: Debra (Brian) Potter of Akron, Indiana; Peggy (Donald) Roberts of Sarasota, Florida; David Clodfelder of Punta Gorda, Florida; and Dan Clodfelder (deceased). Billy is survived by 4 grandchildren, Christopher Wells, Caitlin (Austin) Petring, Nicole Young, and Zachery Young as well as 5 step-grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his sisters, Helen Gregory, Lorene Minella, Thelma Wright and Nora Shepherd.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 21, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at the Lester Jenkins & Sons Funeral Home in Lyons, Indiana. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am, July 22 at the Lester Jenkins & Sons Funeral Home in Lyons. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made either to the NJROTC Bloomfield, Indiana; the Greene County Historical Society; or the American Heart Association. Online condolences may be made sent to www.jenkinsfuneralhomes.com.

Cemetery Details

Prairie Chapel Cemetery

Lyons, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 21. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - Lyons
110 South Walnut Street
Lyons, IN 47443
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Service

JUL 22. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MM

“ I can't tell you how perfectly wonderful of man we all thought Bill was. You are one blessed lady. From the very first time I ever met him, Bil acted as if he had known me my entire life. That speaks volume as to his character.

Monica McKim-Ramirez - July 30, 2016 at 09:34 PM

CM

“ Sherrill, We will always remember how generous and outgoing Bill was at our Tarvin reunions. He livened up more than one auction, especially one where you were buying several items. He carried Imogene's fancy tissue box cover up and down the aisle saying, "Please, please, bid; somebody, bid!" (against you) And all the while he was pulling out a tissue or two to dab his eyes. He was always fun to be around. Calvin and Sharon McBride



Calvin McBride - July 27, 2016 at 01:39 PM

CT

“ Aunt Sherrill,
Never easy to know those we loved have been taken from us. However, we rejoice in the knowledge that Bill is now in the presence of the Lord! Lisa and I and the girls all loved Bill so much. He always had plenty of smiles to give away and his kind words will be treasured for ever. All our love to you.

Chris & Lisa Tarvin and Family

Christopher Tarvin - July 20, 2016 at 12:36 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Billy G. Wells.*



July 19, 2016 at 09:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Billy G. Wells.*



July 18, 2016 at 01:38 PM



“ *Sherrill, so very sorry for your loss. Will miss that smile.*

jan ellis - July 16, 2016 at 09:55 PM



“ *Sherrill, I'm so sad to hear of Bill's passing. My prayers are with you and the family.*

Cindy Jarrett Schade

Cindy Schade - July 15, 2016 at 06:25 PM



“ *With Sympathy Organic Fruit and Cheese Tower was purchased for the family of Billy G. Wells.*



July 15, 2016 at 03:38 PM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to Sherrill and the Wells Family. Bill was a great friend and we always be grateful for the sacrifices he made during his military career. Our prayers are with the family. Rest in Peace comrade. Bill and Vicki Dunn*

Bill Dunn - July 15, 2016 at 03:32 PM



“ *Sherrill: with all our Love: The Roberts Families purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of Billy G. Wells.*



Sherrill: with all our Love: The Roberts Families - July 15, 2016 at 02:29 PM