



William Albert Dowden

January 28, 1932 - October 6, 2023

“I thank the Lord for the wonderful lives that have intersected with mine over the years.”

On Friday, October 6, 2023, William Albert Dowden, loving husband and father of four children, passed away at the age of 91. Bill was born on January 28, 1932, in Bloomfield, Indiana to Charles and Freeda (Swango) Dowden. He graduated from Bloomfield High School in 1949 and moved to Indianapolis where he resided for the next 62 years. Bill married Rowena (George) Dowden on August 31, 1957 and recently celebrated 66 years of marriage.

Bill served in the US Marine Corps during the Korean War. He and his brother Bob (a fellow Marine) spent many years running Dowden and Company Livestock Agency. After the closing of the Indianapolis Stockyards, Bill finished off his career with Golden Rule Insurance Company as a Public Policy Specialist. Bill and Rowena retired to Maineville, Ohio in 2011.

A graduate of Butler University, Bill was a fan of the Bulldogs and enjoyed taking his children to the Hinkle Fieldhouse. Bill and his sons were involved in the Fall Creek Little League and the Boy Scouts of America. Bill served as the 4th District Councilman for 32 years on the Indianapolis-Marion County City-Council. He was an active member of E. 49th Street Christian Church/E. 91st Street Christian Church and a 33° Scottish Rite Mason. After moving to

Maineville, Bill again got involved in his community with the Warren County Republicans and Mason Christian Village.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, six brothers, and one sister. He is survived by his beloved wife, Rowena, four children whom he loved dearly: Paul Dowden, Nathan (Kim) Dowden, Elizabeth (David) Straley, and Andrew (Erika) Dowden, his younger sister Judy (Jim) Miller, 13 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are being handled by Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home in Bloomfield, Indiana with calling at the funeral home on Saturday, October 14, 2023 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm followed by a 12 pm service presided over by Rev. Scott Chastain. A graveside committal will follow immediately after the service. In lieu of flowers, it was Bill's suggestion that any memorial tributes be made in the form of charitable donations to Wheeler Mission in Indianapolis or Faith Christian Church in Bloomfield, IN.

Cemetery Details

Grandview Cemetery

N. Washington Street
Bloomfield, IN 47424

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

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Service

OCT **14**. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ I worked with Bill for several years on the board of a non profit organization He never lost his ability to think through difficult problems. He will be missed.

Paul Carlson - October 25, 2023 at 06:08 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Albert Dowden.



October 13, 2023 at 09:46 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Albert Dowden.



October 12, 2023 at 04:03 PM



“ Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Albert Dowden.



October 11, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William Albert Dowden.

October 11, 2023 at 12:03 PM



“ May you have calm seas and prevailing winds on this your final deployment, Marine. "Here's to us and those like us; Damned few left", Old Friend. God speed and Semper Fi, Bill.
- COL Stephen F. Ritz (USA,Ret)

COL S. F. RITZ - October 10, 2023 at 09:14 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of William Albert Dowden.



October 09, 2023 at 05:55 PM



“ Mr. Dowden was always a joy to talk to. His visits to Loveland Christian Church and to the Christian Restoration Association were encouraging and educational. He will be missed but I am so happy for him.

Kristina Rickert - October 09, 2023 at 07:36 AM



“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of William Albert Dowden.



October 08, 2023 at 07:48 PM



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“ 20 or so years ago my wife, Margie, and I met Bill in Indianapolis at a meeting concerning the NRA.

*Instantly we both new he would be a lifelong friend. He became more than a friend; he became a beloved Comrade forever.
Senator Jim and Margie Tomes*

Jim Tomes - October 08, 2023 at 05:47 PM



He loved you like a brother Senator tomes.

rowena dowden - November 05, 2023 at 10:42 PM



“ Mr. Dowden was such a sweet person to me. I know my parents liked him so much. My prayers are with you all as you celebrate his earthly life and rejoice in his eternal life.

Kerry (Wright) Hinksman - October 08, 2023 at 10:37 AM



“ *Bill was a wonderful person. A man of faith. He will be missed by all.
Wanda Smith-coworker GR.*

Wanda Smith - October 07, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *1 file added to the album William Dowden*



Lester Jenkins and Sons Funeral Home Inc. - October 07, 2023 at 04:49 PM