



William R. "Bill" Edwards

February 22, 1932 - November 8, 2022

William R. "Bill" Edwards, 90 of Rushville, passed away on November 8, 2022 in Rushville. He was born on February 22, 1932 to the late Russell and Ellen (Warfield) Edwards. Bill lived much of his life in Rushville before his retirement from the Rushville National Bank in 1989. He was a graduate of Rushville High School in 1950 and attended Indiana University before serving in the United States Navy from 1952-1960. Where he attended airman school and entered ATU-700, where he served as a member of an air crew in PBM squadron. For a brief time after his naval service ended, he worked in motion pictures as a Script Revisionist and Synopsis Writer. Bill is the author of more than 30 books, primarily about collectible glass and was inducted into the Corning Glass of Hall of Fame in 1991 as one of 15 people so honored. Over the years he belonged to many glass and collecting organizations and was honored worldwide for his contributions to the glass collecting world.

When he returned to Rushville he worked at Frank Wilson, Clothier as salesman and eventually managed until 1970 when he became associated with the Rushville National Bank in several positions before becoming Bank Auditor. He married Diane Cordray on January 23, 1954 and she precedes him in death also by an infant son, Michael Lee Edwards.

Bill loved I.U. Basketball, NASCAR and frequently visited his favorite city, Natchez, Mississippi. He was a strong conservative and worked in the Barry Goldwater Presidential Campaign as the chairman of "Young Hoosiers for Goldwater."

Bill is survived by his sister-in-law, Lorraine Edwards; 2 nieces, Kimberly D. Gorman and Pamela Leisure Svaranowic and nephew, Michael Ray Edwards. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, son and brother, Milford Edwards.

Moster Mortuary is entrusted to the arrangements for Bill. A private memorial service will be held at late date. Memorial contributions may be made to Rushville Public Library.

Tribute Wall



“ *William R. "Bill" Edwards*

January 28, 2023 at 12:19 PM



“ *Many memories from a true friend. My family and I had some great times coming up to visit in Madison and having you go on glassware hunting trips with us, but most of all, thank you for allowing me to write many great books on glassware with you over the years. You were a super mentor to me. RIP my friend. Mike Carwile*

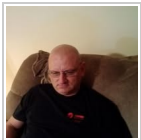
Mike Carwile - November 13, 2022 at 01:22 AM



“ *RIP Bill. Remember you well from your bank days. I had know idea about your art in glass. Quite amazing.*



Greg Raike - November 10, 2022 at 07:22 PM



“ *Jim Walker lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Edwards*



Jim Walker - November 10, 2022 at 07:10 PM

SH

“ Bill was my first cousin. I would visit him whenever we returned to Rushville. I'm so glad we saw him when we were there in 2018. I enjoyed talking to him about the family history and carnival glass.
Shelley Edwards Hilbert

Shelley J Hilbert - November 10, 2022 at 02:03 PM

LW

“ Bill was a very nice guy. I worked with him while I was in high school at Frank Wilson's. Bill told me he had actually met Liz Taylor when he was in Hollywood. Good memories. *Larry Wilson*

larry wilson - November 10, 2022 at 01:17 PM

RC

“ Ron D Cameron lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Edwards



Ron D Cameron - November 10, 2022 at 11:08 AM



“ I'm the proud nephew. Michael R Edwards. Love you uncle Bill.

Mike Edwards - November 09, 2022 at 06:56 PM

JB

“ Janet (Safewright) Bolan lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Edwards



Janet (Safewright) Bolan - November 09, 2022 at 05:50 PM

MD

“ *Mary Dickson lit a candle in memory of William R. "Bill" Edwards*



Mary Dickson - November 09, 2022 at 04:46 PM