



William L. Dickinson

August 25, 1928 - February 27, 2012

William L “Bill” Dickinson, of Port Richey, FL, formerly of Zanesville, died unexpectedly, Feb 27, 2012, as a result of a stroke, while visiting his daughter in Surprise, Arizona. A native of Zanesville, Ohio, Mr. Dickinson had lived in Port Richey, Florida the past 22 years. He was born in Zanesville, August 25, 1928, the son of William A. Dickinson and Agnes Zimba Dickinson. He was a 1946 graduate of St Nicholas High School and briefly attended seminary with the intention of entering the priesthood. However, his calling changed and he joined The United States Air Force in November of 1950. He served as a turret system mechanic and technical instructor while stationed in Japan during the Korean Conflict. He received The Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie #302 Zanesville for 44 years, Veterans Of Foreign Wars and Knights of Columbus. He retired from Cooper Industries the former Line Material in 1990 as an electrical systems inspector.

He married Madeline (Young) Wagner on August 2, 1958, on that wonderful day he also became a father to two little girls: Jane and Rebecca. He loved to play golf and table tennis and watch The Ohio State Buckeyes play basketball and football. He enjoyed baseball and looked forward every year to attending Spring Training baseball games both in Florida and Arizona. As a former co-owner of racehorses, he still liked to go to Tampa Bay Downs in Florida.

He is survived by his daughters and sons-in law: Jane and Ralph Mitchell of

Zanesville and Becky and Mike Brucato of Surprise, Arizona. The grandchildren who will so miss him: Lori Brucato Alexander, and her husband, Trevor, of Lewis Center, Ben Brucato and Charmon Tenney, of Troy, New York, Travis and Monica Mitchell, of West Monroe, LA, and Troy and Veronica Mitchell of Arkadelphia, AR. He was also blessed to have spent much time with his great grandchildren in the past few years. They are Madison, Tyler and Timmy Mitchell, Juniper Brucato, Michael, Reagan, and Evelyn Alexander, and Daphne Willis.

He is survived by one sister: Carol Cummings of Cincinnati, and one brother, Phillip of Omaha, Nebraska, and many nieces and nephews. He had a very special friendship with niece Karen Caw and her husband Terry, of Port Richey, FL.

In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his wife: Madeline; his brothers: Joseph and Richard Dickinson; sisters: Katherine, Rita, Mary and baby Agnes.

Friends may call from 5-8 PM, Friday, March 23, 2012 at Hillis Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue, where Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie 302 will conduct funeral rites at 7:00 PM and a Christian Vigil will be held at 7:45 PM. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10:30 AM, Saturday, March 24, 2012 at St. Nicholas Catholic Church with Fr. Martin Ralko as celebrant. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Cemetery with VFW Post 1058 conducting Full Military Honors.

Memorial Contribution may be made to Hospice of Arizona, 19702 N.

Routzahn Way, Sun City West, AZ 85375 or the Eagles Ohio State Auxiliary Diabetes Fund, F.O.E., 404 Kennison Ave. - New Carlisle, Ohio 45344-1311 in William's memory. To leave a personal note of condolence or sign the online guestbook visit the link at the top of this page.

Tribute Wall



“ *William L. Dickinson*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Dear Mike & Becky, Bill was a very sweet man and it was my privilege to have known him for the brief period I did. I pray for your peace of mind and heart. He is already missed here.*

Scott Napier - March 23, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.CHUCK & GWEN STRAHL*

March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *My sympathies to you Jane and Ralph, so sorry for your loss. May God grant you comfort. Love, cousins, Darlene, Brian, Kristin and families.*

Darlene Murphy - March 21, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MA

“ Mike & Becky and Family, Our heartfelt sympathies go out to each of you. Words seem so inadequate at a time like this, and I'm sure none of us can truly understand the tremendous loss you all must be feeling. We feel so fortunate to have known Bill, even though for a relatively short time. He was so very warm and engaging, and we gals just loved to hug him and drag him (but it really didn't take much "dragging") into our party mode here in Sun City Grand. We too shall miss him, and so appreciate the fun times we shared with him and our "Grand" family of friends! May God bless him and the family. Love to all of you,

Mike and Dorothy Anderson - March 19, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BB

“ Grandpa Bill always made us feel at home when we came to visit every Christmas and Easter in Florida. I'm so grateful for all the times the whole family was together throughout my childhood. I'm thrilled that he got to know Juniper; he was the only one of my grandparents she got to meet. I know how much Grandpa means to my mom and Aunt Jane, having been such a loving father to them and so good to Grandma Madeline. I'll always remember him for his serenity, his infectious smile, and, of course, his corny jokes.

Ben Brucato - March 17, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ March 12, 2012 Papaw, Tyler and Timmy really enjoyed spending this past Christmas with you. They loved their special time just with you. I will never forget how Tyler's eyes lit up and that precious smile of his when he was showing you how to play his game. We love you and miss you! Tell GG to behave up there. ;)~ West Monroe, Louisiana

Monica Mitchell - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ March 09, 2012Becky and Mike,"Life is what happens when we're busy making other plans." This is so true and we are so sorry for your loss. We were truly blessed to have had the opportunity to meet your wonderful Dad, Bill. The wonderful memories you have will be with you forever, whether you are smiling or having some tears. They are all apart of healing. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. Continue to celebrate your Dad's life as he would want you to. Take care and be good to yourselves.God Bless You and Peace Be With You,Jill & Bill Whitener~ Niwot, Colorado

Jill and Bill - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CH

“ March 04, 2012Becky, Jane and all of your family members: I am so sincerely sorry for your loss. I was so glad to have seen Uncle Bill and his lovely daughters so recently and will always remember your kindness in making that happen. His obituary was a great tribute to a wonderful man. May your memories keep him close in your hearts. Love, your cousin, Christy (Dickinson) Dowdy

Christy - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MI

“ March 04, 2012Becky and Mike,Our hearts go out to you in the loss of your dad. We were so pleased to have had a chance to meet him, and get to know him, even if just a little bit. What a wonderful obituary. He indeed led a full life and contributed a lot to so many others. What a blessing to have had him in your life! God bless, ~ Mike & Carole Baker, Surprise, Arizona

Mike - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ March 03, 2012 Our thoughts and prayers go out to you, Becky and Mike as well as your entire family as you grieve the loss of your dad. How wonderful that he had some time with you before he left to be with your mom. We love the photo gallery - treasure your photos and memories as they will keep him forever close in your hearts. Love, Jim and Barb

Jim and Barb Chandler - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BE

“ March 03, 2012 I know you are with Mom now and that gives me a sense of peace. It does not make me less sad because of all the fun things we had planned for this spring and summer that cannot happen now. Thank you for teaching me so many things...how to dance, how to start a car with a hand choke, how to give to others so selflessly, and mostly how to be a supportive and loving parent. You sacrificed a lot for us and never complained. I will miss you so much. Your loving daughter Becky~ Becky Brucato, Surprise, Arizona

Becky - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

BV

“ Becky and Jane, May God give you comfort and guidance in this time of sorrow. Thank you for all you did for Uncle Bill. He was blessed to have married your wonderful mother and add you two to his family. He had such a nice smile (grin). He will be missed by many. Your cousin, Beth Vaughn

Beth Vaughn - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

DJ

“ Becky & Jane Sorry to hear about your Dad, may God Bless all of you.

Donna Jean - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ *Becky, Mike and Family. We are so saddened by the loss of your precious father, Bill. We know you mourn the loss of such a very special, loving, fun, gentle and happy man, father, grandfather and friend. We also know you mourn the loss of the dream you had for his new happiness in Arizona. We were so blessed to be able to be so much of a part of his recent time here in Arizona. We know just how special he was. He and your mom are once again reunited in their heavenly home. They both look down on you with such pride and thank you for the wonderful, loving care you extended to both of them over their life time here on earth. May it help bring comfort and peace to you all that we extend our love and friendship during this difficult time of healing. Your friendship is a treasure and your abilities to care are an example to us all. With our love and our deepest sympathy at your loss, we hold you close in our hearts.*

Linda And Bill Autrey - March 14, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *I worked with Bill and Madeline for many years We also went to races in Columbus played golf together and was a loyal member of The Groundhog Club No one may remember this It was a group of friends looking for a party and every Ground hog day was celebrated back in the 60's Our condolences to the Family I Concidered Bill and Madeline as good friends Tom Wilson*

Tom Wilson - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM

TM

“ March 13, 2012 Not long ago I was talking with my Aunt Becky explaining to her how fortunate that Lori, Ben, Travis and I were to really get to know all four of our grandparents. Often, children grow up without even knowing their grandparents. The four of us have shared several special moments with our grandparents. Grandma and Grandpa loved to dance. They were no Ginger Rodgers or Fred Astaire, but they had their own unique style of dancing and they were usually the first ones on the dance floor. When I got in trouble with my parents, I would run away from home. I didn't go far, as I would go to my grandparents who lived just a couple blocks away. Of course they were there to comfort me, but also explain what I did wrong and try to make things better. That is what grandparents do, show unconditional love and help give us direction. Even as a child, I was amazed at Grandpa Bill. When I wasn't hiding my Aunt Becky's cigarettes, I would follow Grandpa around helping him fix things. There was nothing he couldn't fix, or at least try. When I began my career in sports information, I would send some of my written works back home and along with copies of my awards. I would often use my full name TROY WILLIAM MITCHELL in my stores and when I received awards. My grandmother told me that it made grandpa so proud that I used my full name. I told my grandmother that it shows respect for the man's name I carry, and how much he has influenced me. Grandpa Bill would often crack these crazy jokes or come up with quick one-liners. They weren't the most humorous, but you just could help not cracking a smile. Love You Grandpa Bismarck, Arkansas

Troy Mitchell - March 13, 2012 at 12:00 AM