



William W. "Bill" Wilson

April 17, 1930 - April 28, 2013

William W "Bill" Wilson, 83 of Zanesville, died Sunday, April 28, 2013, at his vacation home in Port Clinton, Ohio. He was born Thursday, April 17, 1930 in Zanesville, son of the late William M. Wilson and Marcia I. (Chalfant) Wilson. He married Nancy (Mast) Wilson on Saturday, November 4, 1995 and was Catholic by faith.

Bill had a passion for life and learning and helping people. He started as a photo developer in his very early years and photography became a life-long interest and hobby, as well as part of his many entrepreneurial businesses. He had a love of chemistry which developed into many business enterprises. In the 1950's he began experimenting with candles and scents in basement, which led to the Lumi-Lite Candle Company of Norwich, Ohio, best known worldwide for its Original Cake Candle. He retired from the company in 1995 as owner and operator. Along the way, he also owned Celebration Fireworks Company which provided many firework exhibitions around Ohio, including the dedication of the new Y-Bridge in 1984. Fireworks were a great love and his personal 4th of July fireworks displays for his many friends and family were a thrill and a source of many wonderful memories. Despite facing many health problems in his later years, his desire for learning and developing new things never slowed down. He loved entertaining people and event-planning at their winter-home park in Bradenton, Florida as well as making and selling great chocolate candies, jewelry and beautiful photos on canvas. Bill made

deep friendships wherever he went and influenced lives in many quietly profound ways. He will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his wife of the home; one son: Michael (Yvonne) Wilson of San Diego, CA; four daughters: Mickey (John) Skarr of Bradenton, FL., Marti (Kent Schrock) Downey of Poway, CA., Jan Wilson of Bradenton, FL and Jody (Carl) Christinsen of Bradenton, FL; one step-daughter: Tina Bales & Mike Nelson of Norwich; five grandchildren and two great-granddaughters; a brother: Thomas (Charlene) Wilson of Nacogdoches, TX; several nieces, nephews, sisters & brothers-in-law and many close friends including: Mark Englehart of Zanesville.

Friends may call 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Thursday May 2, 2013 at The Hillis, Combs & Nestor Funeral Home, 935 Forest Avenue and one prior hour to services from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Friday. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM Friday at the funeral home with Fr. Martin J. Ralko officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ's Table, 28 South Sixth Street, PO Box 233, Zanesville, Ohio 43702-0233 or The Salvation Army, Women's Auxiliary, 515 Putnam Avenue, Zanesville, Ohio 43701 in Bill's memory. To sign the online register book or to send a personal condolence note please visit www.hilliscombsnestor.com

Cemetery Details

Mount Olive Cemetery

2057 East Pike
Zanesville, OH 43701

Tribute Wall



“ *William W. "Bill" Wilson*

October 06, 2023 at 04:22 AM



“ *Tina,
I'm so sorry for your lose. Sorry I didn't make the connection @ first.
You & your family is in my thoughts & prayers @ this very hard time.
Teresa (Huffman) Caw*

teresa huffman caw - May 06, 2013 at 08:35 PM



“ *Tina, sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.*

Ann Moorehead

Ann Moorehead - May 03, 2013 at 09:47 AM



“ *Nancy and family i am truly sorry for your loss. I was so surprised to
here Bill had passed especially since i just talked to you last Wed.
Thoughts and prayers are with you all.*

Pat Spencer - May 02, 2013 at 02:13 PM



“ *Tina,
I'm so very for your loss of your dad, My thought and prayers are
with during this time of loss.*

Ann Anderson

Ann Anderson - May 01, 2013 at 08:14 PM

CG

“ Dear Nancy,
Sending condolences to you. I have fond memories of playing dominoes and great parties at the Admiralty. I remember too, the fantastic fireworks Bill designed and executed so beautifully. You are in my prayers.
Love,
Chris Galvin

Chris Galvin - May 01, 2013 at 04:06 PM

DT

“ Dear Nancy, Holding you in prayer as you navigate this loss. May your memories be a comfort to you now and always. We have fond memories of you and Bill and wish to express our sympathy to you at this time. Chuck and Diane Thorn

Diane Thorn - May 01, 2013 at 02:29 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William W. "Bill" Wilson.



May 01, 2013 at 12:35 PM



“ Basket of Memories was purchased for the family of William W. "Bill" Wilson.



May 01, 2013 at 12:29 PM

CS

“ Clifford S. purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of William W. "Bill" Wilson.



Clifford S. - May 01, 2013 at 10:47 AM

BS

“ Dear Nancy - My thoughts and prayers are with you at this very sad time and always will be - I have and will always cherish the many wonderful times the four of us shared together especially those in Port Clinton, parties, vacations, dinners, and of course the many dominoe and card games wish we could do it all over again. Love You Barbara



Barbara Siwa - May 01, 2013 at 10:17 AM

LF

“ Sincere condolences to you & your family at this sad time. May your many friends and memories bring you comfort.

Margaret Pring

Lisa Ferenc - May 01, 2013 at 08:42 AM

TA

“ Tina and family, I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Tom Armbrust - May 01, 2013 at 07:06 AM

TA

“ Tom Armbrust lit a candle in memory of William W. "Bill" Wilson



Tom Armbrust - May 01, 2013 at 07:04 AM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William W. "Bill" Wilson.



April 30, 2013 at 12:19 PM

GI

“ To Tina, Nancy & the family - I'm so sorry for your loss. I have memories of Bill from a very young age. He was always very kind and giving as well as a true entrepreneur. I remember stopping to see him when Dad would bring me to the factory when I was young. He would always stop what he was doing to talk. I remember I used to call him "Mr. Bill". I also remember his fireworks shows which set the bar in my mind. Everytime I see fireworks they seem to pale in to comparison to the shows Bill would put on; even those little shows (which weren't really all that little) that he would put on at his house on Miller's Lane. I remember spending time together working on music for the Port Clinton show, working on his website, or trying to hook yet one more printer up to his computer! My thoughts are with you all.



George Pappas II - April 29, 2013 at 05:52 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William W. "Bill" Wilson.*



April 29, 2013 at 01:23 PM



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Becky Haynes Warren - April 29, 2013 at 09:01 AM



“ *Dear Uncle Mr. Bill, What a fun life. All the fireworks, explosions, fun and laughter. The 4th of July cookouts, dinners in Georgia. Thank you for all the wonderful memories. I will miss you so much.*

Becky Warren - April 29, 2013 at 08:59 AM



“ *Becky Haynes Warren lit a candle in memory of William W. "Bill" Wilson*



Becky Haynes Warren - April 29, 2013 at 08:39 AM

MW

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Michele Wilson-Skarr - April 28, 2013 at 05:05 PM

JW

Tina and family:What a super man! My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Judy Wofter - April 30, 2013 at 11:19 AM