

William Richard Hill

William (Bill). Hill, 91, passed away February 16, 2018.

He was born August 25, 1926 to late William Raymond Hill and Ruby Violet Hill. He is survived by his wife Margaret Jeane Hill, son Paul Richard Hill, daughter Janet Hill Wharton and son William Robert Hill. He was preceded in death by daughter Joyce Jeane Zillinger and grandson Benjamin William Wharton. His life was blessed with eleven grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Robert Hill, David Beltz, Mike Hill, and Mark Hill.



Bill graduated from the Indianapolis Arsonel Technical High School, in June before being drafted into the US Army in 1944. He was discharged in 1946, having



served with the noted 96th Infantry division on Okinawa. When the 96th Division returned to the United States he was transferred to the 86th Division, and before leaving Manila he served as City Editor of the Daily Pacifican an Army Newspaper under USIS authority.

When he returned from the WWII in 1946 “Richard” married Margaret Jeane Bartholomew on November 9, 1946.. They were married in the Centenary Christian Church in Indianapolis. He was a devoted husband for the seventy-one years of their marriage.

He was employed briefly at Eli Lilly's Paper Package Company beginning in 1942 and then at Bowes Seal Fast Company where he met his future wife.

His Army experience is told on the www.Rememberthedeadeyes.com website maintained by his daughter Janet. He sharpened his writing skills while authoring many stories on the website. In his later years he spent hours amassing first-person stories and tributes of his wartime buddies for posting.

Returning home from the war he was employed by RCA, Coca-Cola, Roadway Trucking, and Allison, GM for 38 years as a Machine Repair tradesman. He retired in 1989 and later organized many functions with his retired friends. He enjoyed



working for Kelly Services.

He was a proud member of UAW-CIO Local 933. He was active in Democrat politics.

He was a Boy Scout Master in Roachdale for ten years and served the Cub Scout.

He was baptized into the Body of Christ in the Roachdale Indiana Christian Church where he served several

positions. At his passing he was a member of the congregation of Kingsway Christian Church. He enjoyed analyzing the scriptures.

Richard and Jeane raised their four children in Roachdale, Indiana until 1988 when they moved to Indianapolis. They each retired soon after. They spent their retirement years enjoying their family, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and many dear friends.

Bill was active in many Veteran groups, the Indy Honor Flight and the WWII Roundtable. He made WWII presentations at many schools while sharing his experiences as a young man going off to war.

Bill Hill was a gregarious man, fond of humor, delighting in writing, perfecting his calligraphy, and watching the Colts and the Pacers. He often said, "If you can make someone's day brighter by just doing one little thing – Do It!"

And he did.

Contributions to the Indiana Alzheimer's Association are requested in place of flowers.

He was truly thankful for all the support of the local Alzheimer's Association.

He would thank the doctors who assisted with his life and the Veterans Administration for the support over the years.



He would also thank the nurses and staff at the Memory Care Unit at Brownsburg Meadows for the great personal care provided for his wife.

He said, "My immediate family supported me in many ways to demise with their love, and concern for my wellbeing. I could not have received more love and care. They helped me appreciate that life is a gift. And it has been a great trip full of family love."