



William E. (Bill) Macke

October 26, 1925 - January 25, 2018

William E. (Bill) Macke, 92, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, January 25, 2018 at his home surrounded by family.

Bill was born October 26, 1925 in Evansville to the late Edward and Elizabeth (Erbacher) Macke. He was married to the love of his life, Margaret (Hirsch) Macke for 56 years. Together, they raised six children and shared many wonderful memories. Bill enjoyed being with his family and talking to them every day. He rarely missed a ceremony, event, or game his children and grandchildren were in. Besides his family, Bill's next greatest love was traveling with his wife, family and their long-time card club. They have traveled to all 50 states and every national park in the continental United States. It was often said that he was a walking atlas. Bill worked for Whirlpool Corporation for over 40 years and was a member of Local #808. He was a 1944 graduate of Memorial High School and a veteran of the United States Army serving in World War II. While serving in the Army he was part of the American Forces that crossed the Rhine River at the Remagen Bridge. He was shot on March 25, 1945 and was awarded a Purple Heart. Bill was a member of VFW Post #1114, American Legion Funkhouser Post #8 and the DAV. He was an active member of Resurrection Catholic Church and the Mater Dei Men's Club; a member of the Knights of Columbus and a founding member of the Mater Dei Booster Club, serving as their first treasurer. For 45 years, Bill sold tickets at various Mater Dei athletic events. Bill was also a member of the Riverbend

Association and the Owls.

Surviving Bill are three daughters, Joyce Macke of Indianapolis, Linda Denstorff and Sarah (Mark) Seng, both of Evansville; three sons, Glenn (Norwanda) Macke, Dan (Jan) Macke and David Macke, all of Evansville; grandchildren, Amanda (Nick) Herrenbruck, Jessica (Craig) Elliott, Lucas (Laura) Macke, Jeff Macke, Cliff Macke, Craig (Rachele) Macke, Ben (Natalie) Macke, Hallie (Ryan) Scheu, Jenna Denstorff, Wyatt, Elizabeth, Audrey and Evan Seng and great grandchildren, Joel, Parker, Payton, Erin, Emma, Elliot, Eve, Margaret, Daisy, Evelyn, Stella, Liam, Shelby and Patrick.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret (Hirsch) Macke in 2003; by sisters, Marie Bumb, Anna Mae Wilson, Josephine Folz and Doris Doshier and by a brother, Edwin Macke.

Bill will be remembered by the love, laughter, and wisdom he shared with all who knew him. He touched many lives and will truly be missed. As has been said, the true meaning of a successful life is whether the people close to you are happy and love you. Bill was a most successful man.

There will be a Mass of Christian Burial held at 11:00 A.M. on Monday, January 29, 2018 at Resurrection Catholic Church, Rev. Phil Kreilein officiating. Burial will follow in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club will conduct military rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 7:00 P.M. on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street, where there will be a memorial service held at 5:00 P.M. Friends may also visit with the family from 10:30 A.M. until service time on Monday at Resurrection Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Mater Dei Men's Club or to Resurrection Catholic Church.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery

2500 Mesker Park Drive
Evansville, IN

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 28. 1:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

JAN 29. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Resurrection Catholic Church
5301 New Harmony Road
Evansville, IN

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Tribute Wall



“ *William E. (Bill) Macke*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *Dear Sarah, Mark and family.
We are truly sorry for the loss of your Dad and grandfather.
We are so sorry we did not make it to the services. We did not realize it until it was too late. May God comfort you all, Love, the Hofmann Family, Curly, Becky, Sara, Becca and Devin*

Becky Hofmann - January 31, 2018 at 11:08 AM



“ *Glenn Norwanda Amanda Jessica Linda Jenna Hallie and rest of family,
So sorry for your loss — Dave and I have fond memories of your dad and his great sense of humor— may his love and life be a continued inspiration for you—
Sincerely
Linda and Dave Koressel*

Linda Koressel - January 29, 2018 at 10:31 AM

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“ Dear Macke family, Bill, Margaret and I took long morning walks together years ago. We enjoyed each other very much. I may not make it to the funeral home. I am getting a cold and Dick has Parkinson,'s Disease and on a walker. We don't go out much. But I just want you to know that this was a special neighbor for many years. and I know all of you will miss him so much. I am praying that you can grieve your loss and he is certainly in heaven taking care of all of you. God bless you in your sorrow. Patti Grannan

Patti Grannan - January 28, 2018 at 12:30 PM

JH

“ David, we are so sorry for you and your families loss, let us know if you need anything.
Jerry & MaryJane

jerry I hammer - January 27, 2018 at 12:51 PM

SS

“ I wish to offer my sympathy and prayers to the Macke family. I taught at Resurrection, so I know several family members.
Sister Laura Marie Schmitt

Sister Laura Marie Schmitt - January 27, 2018 at 10:14 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William E. (Bill) Macke.



January 27, 2018 at 10:02 AM

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“ *Friends of Dan Macke, U.S. Army purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William E. (Bill) Macke.*



Friends of Dan Macke, U.S. Army - January 27, 2018 at 04:15 AM

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“ *Uncle Bill will certainly be missed. Will always remember the times when the families got together for family events or holidays it was always fun. Or herring about their travels and camping trips. Enjoyed meeting him and Joyce and Herman and Norma for lunch and just talking about the family. I am so glad that I got to be in this wonderful family. To all the cousins you have my deepest sympathy and know that he is so happy to be back with your Mom.with all my love Kathy*

Kathy Doshier - January 26, 2018 at 04:36 PM

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“ *Bill was the most caring and kindhearted man. I had so much fun when we would all get together for picnics and parties. I was very fortunate to be able to be a part of your family, too. He will be deeply missed. You have my deepest Sympathy.*



*Love,
Becky Doshier*

Becky Doshier - January 26, 2018 at 01:11 PM

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*He was a man you could bet he would be at MD in his fAavorite place .
Cheering those grandkids on and great grandkids . He was a fine man
. Fun to be around . I remember when David wrestled he was cheering
that team on . Glad I knew him*

bud - January 27, 2018 at 12:02 AM