



William "Bill" Basden

December 13, 1918 - July 16, 2012

William F. "Bill" Basden left this world peacefully at 4:55 am, July 16 2012 surrounded by his loving wife, Marge and children, Anne Marie and William David.

Bill was born December 13, 1918 and raised on a fruit farm in Kell Illinois, son of Arthur and Rose (Simmons) Basden.

In his youth he was proud to have taken a job driving a new model 'A' Ford taxi, although that was short lived. Once World War II broke out he came to Evansville to work at Republic Aviation building aircraft for the War effort. He eventually joined the Navy and served in the South Pacific on an LST. He was honorably discharged from the military January 1946. Bill worked for Automobile Shipper for a number of years. He became one of the original "Dodge Boys" of Evansville. After many years of working for others he opened his first service station on the Westside of Evansville. Eventually, Bill and his wife Margaret transitioned the small Marathon service station into Basden RV Center of which at the age of 75 he finally retired from in 1992.

Bill was a volunteer for many years with the Westside Improvement Organization serving as an officer. He was an active member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church and a life time member of the Westside Nut Club.

Bill is preceded in death by his first wife, Lucille (Roell). He is the last of his

sibling being preceded by his brothers John and Rolland, sisters Alice and Loretta.

Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years, Margaret (Nunning) Basden; his children of whom he was so very proud of, son William David "Bill" Basden of Santa Barbara California, Senior Vice President of Warren and Selbert, daughter Dr. Anne Marie Basden of Evansville, Manager of Prorehab Indiana St, daughter Sandra Sonnenberg of Littleton Colorado, retired. He is also survived by three grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday, July 19, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, Rev. Jim Blessinger and Rev. David Nunning 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 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street and from 9:30 A.M. until service time on Thursday at Corpus Christi.

Bill's family would like to thank all of our friends and family for all of their loving support in the final months of Bill's life. We would like to say a special thank you to staff at the VNA Charlier Hospice Center.

Memorial contributions may be made to the VNA Charlier Hospice Center PO Box 3487 Evansville IN 47734, Westside Nut Club Foundation PO Box 6032 Wabash Station Evansville IN 47719 or Corpus Christi Catholic Church 5525 Hogue Road Evansville IN 47712

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 18. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Visitation

JUL 19. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (CT)

Corpus Christi Catholic Church
5528 Hogue Road
Evansville, IN

Service

JUL 19. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Pierre Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Basden



Pierre Funeral Home - July 16, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ William "Bill" Basden

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ Wenn Neptun sein Ffcllhorn ausschfcttet .23. Oktober 2011. Wir feahrn zum Tauchplatz Malcolm bei recht bewegter See. In etwa 20 Meter Tiefe begrfsst uns eine grosse Schildkrf6te, die mit Weichkorallenfressen besche4ftigt ist und bei ihrem Aufstieg wird sie von einer schf6nen Gruppe Fledermausfische begleitet. Ein grosser Napoleon beobachtet uns und beachtliche Schwe4rme von Ffcsilieren ziehen auf und abwe4rts vor einer schf6n bewachsenen Wand.Und dann haben wir fast vergessen zu atmen. Aus der Tiefe zieht ein kreisrunder Koloss auf, beinahe unbeweglich und ffer uns doch zu schnell um ihm zu folgen. Ich habe meinen ersten Mondfisch gesehen und erst noch ein riesengrosses Exemplar. Wir gucken einander an und wir wissen sofort, es hat alle gleich beeindruckt und wir sind nicht nur wegen dem Atemregler sprachlos. Wir machen den Tauchgang mehr oder weniger konzentriert fertig und auf dem Schiff haben wir unglaublich viel zu erze4hlen und zu fragen. Als dann noch ein Dugong neben dem Schiff auftaucht und Luft holt und uns eine Schule Delfine ein Stf6ck auf dem Heimweg begleitet, war es dann bald des Guten zuviel ffer einen einzigen Tauchgang. Einer von vielen unvergesslichen Tauchge4ngen auf dieser Reise.##imported-begin##Juan##imported-end##

August 09, 2012 at 09:08 PM



“ Dear Marge & family,

You have my deapest sympathy at this time. I am so sorry about Bill. You & your family are in prayers.

Lori Elpers

***You my not remember me, I know your brother Fr. Dave & I was married to Bob & Velva's son**###imported-begin##Lori Taylor Elpers##imported-end##*

July 23, 2012 at 12:14 PM



“ Please accept our deepest condolences. Although we cannot attend the service, our hearts and prayers are with you all.###imported-begin##The Nelson Family (Tom, Kim, Vicki, and Josh)##imported-end##

July 18, 2012 at 08:20 PM



“ Bill,

I am very sorry for your loss. My memories of your dad were good ones.

Mike###imported-begin##Michael Locklar##imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 09:52 PM



“ Marge, we sorry for your loss but know that Bill is in a better place. Our prayers are with you. Love, Ed & Mitzi###imported-begin##Ed & Mitzi Dick###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 01:59 PM



“ Thinking of you all during this time. Wish I could be there with you. Sending loving thoughts and prayers for peace your way.

- Lauren Basden-Taylor & Family###imported-begin##Lauren Basden-Taylor###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 12:28 PM



“ So very sorry for your loss. May your memories give you needed comfort at this time. Praying for you all.###imported-begin##lisa glahn###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 09:09 AM



“ Anne, I am so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. May you and your family experience God's love and peace during this time of mourning. Sister Rosa Lee Koch###imported-begin##Sister Rosa Lee Koch###imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 08:57 AM



“ Anne, Marge and Bill,

I am thankful to have known Bill for the short time I did. I loved his smile and how that smile could light up a whole room...

Anne - I know how close you were to your father and what an influence he had on your life.

His love and all the wonderful memories will be a great source of comfort.

Heart felt sympathies to all of you.

Lori##imported-begin##Lori Kane##imported-end##

July 17, 2012 at 08:30 AM