



Bill Allshouse

February 2, 1925 - April 16, 2020

William “Bill” Allshouse passed away peacefully on April 16, 2020 with his wife Donna, and children Douglas, David, and Patty Soto at his side. He entered this world on Groundhog Day, February 2, 1925, the son of Marlin J. and Marian (Hess) Allshouse in Youngstown, Ohio. He was always very independent and an adventurer. His childhood was accented by solo trips to see his grandparents in Newcastle, PA. He covered the 22 miles once on roller-skates at age 12 and twice on bicycle. He used that same bicycle on his first job, delivering the Vindicator on his paper route.

Bill attended The Rayen School. While there, he found joy in playing trumpet in the band. It was at a school dance at the Stambaugh Auditorium that he first saw the love of his life, Donna Mackey, across the ballroom. He told his date, “ I am going to marry that girl.” One month later, they had their first date. That was 78 years ago and he was smitten with her to the end. One month after graduating in June 1943, he left to serve our country in WWII.

On June 24, 1944 at age 19, he drove his Army jeep onto the sand at Utah Beach in Normandy, France as a soldier in the 23rd Headquarters Special Troops “Ghost Army”. Tasked with deceiving the enemy, they carried out many missions across Europe, traveling to 5 countries. Returning home following VE Day, he was awaiting assignment to the Pacific when the war ended.

He and Donna wed on May 29, 1946 and they welcomed Douglas (1947), David (1949) and Patty (1954) into their life. As Bill was developing a great reputation as owner of Allshouse Carburetor and Ignition Service in Youngstown, the family moved to Hubbard, Ohio. There they were active members of the First Methodist Church where Bill and Donna sang in the choir. Bill was also a member of the Western Star Lodge No. 21 of the Masonic Order in Boardman, Ohio.

Following a family vacation to California in 1960, Bill decided to move west. In 1964 the family moved to Santa Clara, California. He worked at Olinger Auto Repair and Friendly Motors before becoming a Service Writer at the Hewlett-Packard vehicle maintenance

garage in Sunnyvale.

One of the responsibilities that he most enjoyed at HP was being trusted to chauffeur Mr. Hewlett and Mr. Packard on various trips. Whether it was to or from the airport or for a local business meeting, Bill enjoyed this part of his job. One of his most memorable assignments was to escort former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger while visiting HP. Bill said that Mr. Kissinger was a delightful gentleman that treated him with the utmost respect.

Retirement brought many adventures in their motorhome. Their first major excursion lasted 72 day, visiting every state in the Union, except Delaware. Canada and Nova Scotia were also on the list of places they explored in their "Little House".

Bill always enjoyed family gatherings, especially holidays. He was happiest surrounded by loved ones, enjoying the presence of his 3 children and 4 grandsons with their spouses, as well as 10 great-grandchildren. When gathered there were 26 in all. He felt truly blessed.

A private family gathering will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Lucile Packard Children's Hospital in memory of William.

To ensure the health and safety of our community, we are following all guidelines set by local, state and CDC officials. If you are planning on attending a service, please contact the funeral home in advance, so that we can plan accordingly.

Cemetery

Skylawn Funeral Home & Memorial Park

100 Lifemark Rd

San Mateo, CA, 94062-4592

Comments



“ Dear Allshouse Family ~

I do not know your father or your family, but I felt I must write and tell you what a beautiful tribute you wrote for the Youngstown Vindicator. His senior high school graduation photo was a classic and compelled me to read the obituary. I shared his story with my family and we researched the Ghost Army. How fascinating and how proud you must be that your father was a part of it as such a young man.

It surely sounds like you have wonderful family memories to help you through this time.

Sincerely,
Sharon Roncone
Canfield, Ohio

Sharon Roncone Velasquez - May 25, 2020 at 10:36 AM



“ I'm Debbie Ray Collender Bumm... This picture was taken just a few years ago. Bill Allshouse and his wife Donna were my parents (Dick and Jean Ray's) best friends from as long as I can remember. Bill and Donna even helped my parents build their home in Hubbard, Ohio, when I was very little and they all went to church together back there. When they moved out here to join us in California we became even closer. They were like my second parents and family! They especially set a wonderful example to me (any many others..) of what 73 years of marriage should look like! He was a wonderful, caring, loving (and sometimes funny..) man. I was very blessed to know him. I will miss him very, very much, but are confident that he is with both of my parents in Heaven right now!



Debbie Ray Collender Bumm - May 19, 2020 at 02:16 PM



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Ryan Allshouse - May 18, 2020 at 08:44 PM



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Douglas Allshouse - April 29, 2020 at 07:13 PM



“ Mom and Dad at lunch with Doug

Douglas - April 29, 2020 at 07:24 PM



“ Here's the post that I shared to all of my friends and family on April 17th.

Today we celebrate the life of my amazing grandpa, William (Bill) Allshouse who passed away late yesterday at the age of 95. What an amazing man. Like many his age, he was in WWII. He came back, married my grandma and was part of the most amazing and enduring love story of all time.

As kids, we were all so excited to go their house to spend the night because it was always an amazing adventure. Nothing was better than going to their house for a holiday. Or while in college, they would show up to the central coast in their RV and we would go hang out and have lunch.

Grandpa, your legacy will live on in the Allshouse boys. We love you and are blessed by your life and the example you have set.

Ryan Allshouse - May 18, 2020 at 08:42 PM