



William Keith Alkire

February 14, 1922 - August 7, 2019

William Keith Alkire passed away at home on Wednesday, August 7, 2019 at the age of 97.

Bill was born February 14, 1922 in Des Moines, Iowa, where he was raised by Glen and Sadie Alkire. In 1943 he joined the Army Air Corps to fight in WW II as a bombardier in the European theatre. His plane was shot down and he was captured, spending the remainder of the war as a prisoner of war. Afterward, Bill returned and completed his degree in Geology at the Colorado School of Mines in 1948. This led to a job with Shell Oil Company that lasted over 35 years, during which time he met and married Joan Plackemeire in 1951. They raised their family of 3 moving to various locations until settling down in Covington, Louisiana in 1968.

Bill's interest and hobbies were numerous. He spent many years after retirement at Sunny Hills Farm Washington Parish enjoying God's creation and making a wonderland for his numerous grandchildren to enjoy. Bill was a voracious reader, with history and the Bible at the top of his list. Genealogy was another passion of his, allowing him to trace his family's roots back to the first child born on the Mayflower in Cape Cod Harbor. He also followed the Stock Market on a daily basis and could give a dissertation of the markets activities over the last 60 years. Ultimately, he will be remembered for his love of God and family. His unwavering faith in God gave him peace and assurance throughout his life. Bill has joined Joan, his wife of 56 years, in heaven. His family, including three children, Chris (Debbie) Alkire, Mark (Karen) Alkire, and Leslie (Billy) Michaelis, along with his 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild will miss him dearly.

We would like to express our appreciation to his 4 wonderful caretakers and handyman for the love and care they gave to Bill.

Family and friends are invited to attend graveside services at Covington Cemetery #1 at 4:00 Saturday, August 10th.

Instead of flowers please make donations to Billy Graham, Bill's favorite charity.

Events

AUG **Graveside Service** 04:00PM

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Covington #1 Cemetery

758 N. Columbia St., Covington, LA, US, 70433

Comments



“ Boo and Karen,
Belated but sincere condolences to you and your family on Boo's dad's passing. I know where Boo got his faith after reading about Mr. William.
Hope all is well with the rest of your families.
Helene and Barry blank

Barry Gerard Blank - August 27, 2019 at 03:38 PM



“ wonderful neighbor and great citizen, HE will be missed

kay morse - August 12, 2019 at 10:15 AM



“ Your family has always had a special place in my heart. I understand that even when parents have a very long and productive life, we still miss them so much when they are gone. I was saddened to read of your dad's passing. Carolyn Pearce

Carolyn Pearce - August 10, 2019 at 02:39 PM



“ I will always remember his kind words and the wisdom he shared me! Thank you Dr. Chris, Dr. Mark and Dr. Leslie very much for allowing me to care for your father. He was a very wise man. Sending peace and love to the family!



Tashika - August 09, 2019 at 10:13 PM



“ Andree Champagne lit a candle in memory of William Keith Alkire



Andree Champagne - August 09, 2019 at 08:52 AM



“ I have thought of your family, and your dad in particular, often as I turned onto 10th Ave. to go to work. It won't be the same.....prayers for you all...!

Patti Daigle-Brown Educational Insights - August 09, 2019 at 07:04 AM



“ Chris, Mark, and Leslie, we are saddened to hear of your loss. Your dad was such a fine man, so humble, a gentleman, and a man of faith who loved the Lord and his family. Our family has many wonderful memories of both your mom and dad and will always cherish those in our hearts. It is a joyful to think of your dad in the Lord's presence. "Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere." May the Father of all comforts comfort you at this time. Jeanie Marsolan Bazer

Jeanie Marsolan Bazer - August 08, 2019 at 08:01 PM