



## Wilfred Raymond Billmeyer

September 25, 1926 - March 16, 2018

Wilfred "Bill" Billmeyer, 91, passed away Friday, March 16, at Southeast Hospital.

He was born September 25, 1926, to Louis and Vera Billmeyer and lived in Eau Claire, Wisconsin and attended Eau Claire High School and Minneapolis Business College.

Bill enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps and served in World War II. He was honorably discharged in 1946.

On October 28, 1954, Bill married his wife of 53 years, Leona Jo-Ann Houk in St. Louis. He is the proud father of son Craig (Mary) Billmeyer of Cape Girardeau, Missouri; daughter Kathy Womack (Matthes) of Jacksonville, Florida and son Todd (Amelia) Billmeyer of St. Louis, Missouri, and grandfather of Angela Cavazos (Jose), Andrew Billmeyer, Anthony Billmeyer, Allison Billmeyer, Amy Womack and Alex Womack and great grandfather of Jack and Max Cavazos.

When Bill was in high school, he spent summers in Priest River Idaho fighting fires and Blister Rust in the Coeur d'Alene National Forest.

When Bill returned from proudly serving his country in 1946, he finished High School and graduated with his class and attended Minneapolis Business College. Bill worked as a Life Insurance agent until his retirement in May 1991, after 37 years in the insurance business.

When Bill was not at work, he spent countless hours tending to his garden with particular love of butterflies, roses and flowers. His favorite past-time was

following his beloved Green Bay Packers, Milwaukee Brewers and Wisconsin Badgers.

In 2012, Bill returned to Missouri from Jacksonville, Florida and moved to the Missouri Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau. He continued to enjoy his love for flowers and gardening at the Veteran's Home and made every effort to help new residents adjust to their new home. Bill's genuine concern for others blossomed into many new friendships with residents, volunteers and staff.

Per his wishes, his body was donated for medical research.

Visitation will be from 11 to noon Saturday April 7, 2018, at Lacroix United Methodist Church, in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. A memorial service will be held at noon with Reverend Ron Watts officiating. Burial will be at the Veteran's Cemetery in Bloomfield, Missouri, with full military honors at a later date.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Memorial contributions may be made to the Missouri Veteran's Home Foundation in Cape Girardeau or a charity of choice.

This announcement courtesy of Crain Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Cape Girardeau.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Wilfred Raymond Billmeyer*

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“ *Craig, Mary, and family, please accept my sympathy on the passing of your father, father-in-law, and grandfather, Wilfred Billmeyer. I can see that Craig shares many of his father's interests and pasttimes. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Barbara Hess** - March 22, 2018 at 09:40 PM