



Sketch of Life

William Thomas Reid Senior was known by friends, family and coworkers as Bill. He was born on October 10, 1921 in Atlanta Georgia. At the age of 3 his parents placed him on a train bound for Xenia, Ohio where he would live with his grandmother. After being reunited with his parents and moving to Dayton, Bill attended Washington School on Springfield Street, Edison School and Garfield School. He entered the 8th grade at Dunbar High School. After completing the 10th grade Bill left school to work with his father unloading coal cars. As a young man, he worked various jobs, from parking attendant at the First Street Garage, dishwasher at Neil's Café on Jefferson Street to Stock Clerk at Wright Field (Wright Patterson Air Force Base).

Bill was drafted into the Army in 1943. While in the service he was a Special Vehicle Operator, assigned to operate semi-trailer trucks, diesel powered straight body trucks as well as servicing, cleaning, lubricating and total maintenance of these vehicles. In 1946 Bill was hired at Inland Manufacturing a Division of General Motors. While there he became a Group Leader within the Ball joint and steering wheel department. In 1948, Bill married Eleanor Patton. Bill and Eleanor had three children together: Teresa Renee, William Thomas Jr., and Victoria Marie. The oldest of the siblings was Bill's stepdaughter, Barbara Ann Harris Reid. While working at Inland Manufacturing, Bill began to pursue his interest in baseball and bowling. In baseball he played first base and center field. As a bowler, Bill was honored by the American Bowling Congress for repeatedly achieving a perfect score of 300. The Dayton Bowling Association honored Bill in 1987 and 1988 for a game average of 298. In 1995 during the Dayton / Western Ohio Regional Games for Senior Olympics, Bill was recognized for out performing the competition in the men's singles for those aged 70 to 74.

His love for bowling would remain with him until bladder cancer prevented him from participating in the sport. But he still maintained a presence in the bowling community by providing tips when asked by members of a younger generation. Bill's home displayed a multitude of trophies awarded to him for his success in bowling.

Bill left this earth on March 22, 2020 and was preceded in death by his children's mother Eleanor L. Reid, his granddaughter Kelly Moore, his parents Charles and Mamie Reid, all of his siblings, Charles Jr., Eugene, Nellie, James, and Frances, along with nephews, Jimmie, Larry, Ricky and Anthony. Bill is survived by his son William Thomas Reid Jr. (Joyce), daughter Teresa Renee Van Atta (Phillip), daughter Victoria Marie Green, and step-daughter Barbara Ann Harris Smith (Grant). He is survived by his grandson Aaron Thomas Reid, his granddaughters Tamara Renee Reid McIntosh, Andrea Marie Green, Kimberlyn Nicole Osborne (Rueben), Ashley Victoria Armstrong (Cameron). He is survived by two great grandsons and three great granddaughters.

Order of Service

- Processional.....Clergy and Family
- Musical Prelude..... “ In the Garden ”
- Scripture..... Old/New Testament..... Clergy
- Prayer..... Philip Van Atta
- Obituary Reading.....Andrea Green
- Remarks (Please limit to 2 minutes) Family members
- Musical Selection..... “I’m going to Be Ready”
- Eulogy..... Chaplain Peter Lane
- Recessional..... Clergy and Family
- Interment..... West Memory Gardens

Repast - gathering for family immediately following the Interment



Psalm 23 - At Psalm of David (Wkip)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil, my cup runs over. Surely, goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Peace Be Thine

~ Author Unknown

God saw the road was getting rough;
the hill was hard to climb.
He gently closed those loving eyes,
And whispered, "Peace be Thine."
The weary hours, the days of pain,
the sleepless nights are past.
The ever patient, worn-out frame
has found sweet rest at last.
God saw you getting weary,
so He did what He knew was best.
He came and stood beside you
and whispered, "Come and rest."
You bade no one a last farewell;
Not even a last good-bye.
You were gone before we knew it,
and only God knows why.
Sleep on, Dear Bill and take your rest.
We loved you, but God loves you best.



Remembering Bill with Love



Acknowledgements

Thank you from the family of William Thomas Reid Senior: During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends mean to us... Your kind expressions of sympathy will always be remembered.

Place your wants, your joys, your sorrows, your cares and your fears before God. You cannot burden him, you cannot weary him. He is not indifferent to the wants and needs of his children.

Dallbearers / Flower Bearers Family Members and Friends

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Celebration of Life
for

William Thomas Reid, Sr.



October 10, 1921 - March 22, 2020

Funeral Service 11:00 a. m.
Saturday, March 28, 2020

Thomas Funeral Home
4520 Salem Ave., Trotwood, OH
Chaplain Peter Lane, Officiating