



William "Bill" Winkler

October 14, 1921 - June 10, 2013

Dateline: Alton

William "Bill" Cleo Winkler, 91, passed away peacefully on June 10, 2013, in his home, with his loving wife of 61 years, Margie Winkler, by his side.

Bill is survived by his wife, Margie Winkler, a sister, and numerous nieces and nephews. Bill is also survived by very close friends, who each consider themselves part of the Winkler family: Shawn Lintz, Kevin Lintz, and Sharon Lintz.

Bill was born in Hamburg, Illinois on October 14, 1921- the town where he met his true love and bride-to-be. He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and when he returned, graduated from Ranken with a machinist degree. He took that degree and skills he attained and worked most of his life at Lendhardt Tool and Dye, in Alton, Illinois.

Bill was no stranger to hard work. While working numerous hours for many years, he spent his off time with his wife and doing charity work with the Masons. Bill also had a love for wood working, and in his younger years, he enjoyed shooting trap and bird hunting.

Bill always had a smile on his face and was one of the sweetest individuals anyone could have met. If he could have helped make someone's life a little bit easier, he would have in a heartbeat. He will be missed by all.

Visitation will be from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. with a Masonic Service at 9:15 and a prayer service at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at Gent Funeral Home in Alton. Father Steve Pohlman will officiate. Burial will be at Rose

Lawn Memory Gardens in Bethalto will full military honors by the East Alton American Legion. Memorials may be made to Families of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (FSMA).

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Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Winkler*

January 28, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *William "Bill" Winkler*

January 28, 2023 at 08:19 AM



“ *Dear Aunt Margie,*

My mother (Vera Mae Winkler Benson Thompson, now of Palmetto, FL) called to tell me she'd received a call notifying her of her brother Bill's death this week -- and we send you loving remembrances and hope you yourself are doing well. I always remember Mom, David, and my too few visits to see you and Bill there in Alton, usually on our way to Hamburg. I am sorry that Mom is now alone, the last of John & Lurana Winkler's 7 children. I wish you God's blessings and sweet memories of all the years you and Uncle Bill had together in this life. Love, Linda

Linda Benson Wade - June 14, 2013 at 12:00 AM

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“ *The words in the biography are correct. My Uncle Bill was a very giving man and always had a smile on his face. He and Aunt Margie's marriage was the perfect union. The Winkler men all looked alike . . . you could always tell they were family. The bird house he made us as a wedding present still hangs outside our home after 18 yrs - a tribute to his dedicated craftsmanship.*

He ill be missed.

Don Winkler - nephew

Tawnya Winkler Musial - great niece

Tamara Winkler Steckel - great niece

Tawnya Winkler Musial - June 12, 2013 at 12:00 AM