



William (Bill) Schirmer

November 18, 1928 - March 4, 2019

William (Bill) Reinhold Schirmer, age 90, of Rowlett, TX, passed away March 4, 2019. He was born November 18, 1928, in Denison, TX, to Reinhold Schirmer and Viola Mae Allen. Bill retired honorably, a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force. During his distinguished career, he traveled the world to Germany, Korea, Philippines, and Taiwan among many other countries. While stateside, he was stationed at bases in SC, TX, NM, FL, and OK.

Retiring from the Air Force in 1972, he accepted a position with Texas Instruments in Dallas, TX as an Electronics Technician, specializing in Video Radio equipment, where he worked until his second retirement in 1993. Realizing he still enjoyed staying busy, he worked seven more years in Rowlett, TX.

Education was very important to Bill, and he attended Texas A&M in the early 1950's for three years. Although he didn't achieve his degree, he always considered himself an Aggie at heart. He enjoyed watching football, which he played in high school, and also the Aggie band. Later he earned his associates at Richland College in Electronics.

Bill always enjoyed being physically fit and his favorite exercise was walking. From his days as a youth in Denison, TX where he walked East Texas Street to high school and back, his passion for walking never ended. At 90 years old he continued to have the desire to walk, insisting on using his walker to check the mail daily.

When the Rowlett Community Center opened in the early 1990's, Bill was one of the first members. He would walk 6-8 miles a day, many times twice a day, continuing this until he could no longer drive in 2018. Over the years he logged thousands of miles, even one summer winning a most miles logged challenge. On vacations, he enjoyed hiking and majestic views. When his wife of sixty nine years Louise, was by his side, they enjoyed their trips together to the casinos, where she would play games and he would spend time in the gym on the treadmill. Bill was a type 2 diabetic and attributed exercise and diet to his good health.

When he wasn't working or walking, he enjoyed yard work, reading technical and political commentary books, and sitting outside on the porch with his wife and dogs, enjoying the weather, birds, squirrels, and landscape. Having been raised on a farm, he appreciated life's simple gifts and always maintained a humble attitude towards life; hard work, healthy living, and honesty. He enjoyed people and they enjoyed him. In his final months, he met many people, and everyone who met him loved his smile and his approach to life. He will be deeply missed.

William is survived by his daughters: Edith Lee Schirmer; Marcella Marie Lowe and husband Michael Perry; son: Dwight Douglas Schirmer and wife Regina; brother: Robert David Schirmer and wife Sherry; grandchildren: Farrah Lee Clayton, Cassey Marie Knetsch, Cody Matthew Haak and wife Whitney, Michelle Marie Lowe, Michael Joseph Lowe and wife Chie Gau, Thomas William Lowe, Andrew Reinhold Schirmer and wife Leanne and Jake August Schirmer; great grandchildren: Cadence Chalee Haak, Cyrlea Cheyenne Haak, Alithia Lorraine Haak, Gabrielle Rain Clayton, Skyler Marie Kaercher, Canaan River Wright, Elena Gau Lowe and Evelyn Rose Schirmer. Nephew: Michael Schirmer; Niece: Alice Stratton; and numerous cousins. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife: Louise Fransiska Schirmer; his parents: Reinhold and Viola Schirmer; (half-brother): Theodore (Ted) Schirmer.

Graveside services will be held 10:15am, Tuesday March 19, 2019, in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

Events

MAR **Graveside Service** 10:15AM

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DFW National Cemetery

2000 Mountain Creek Pkwy, Dallas, TX, US, 75211

Comments



“ Happy 91st birthday to my Dear Dad. Today is your birthday, as well as, Mickey Mouse's birthday. You always thought it was so special that you and Mickey shared the same birthday. I remember buying you your first Mickey Mouse watch on your 50th birthday and how proud you were of that gift. I know you and Mom are together in Heaven now and at peace. I just wanted you to know how much we love and miss you and Mom. Happy birthday, Dad. Your daughter Mar"Cella", Mike, your grandchildren Michelle Marie, Thomas "William" and Michael Joseph, Chie, and great-grandchildren Elena and Leo and Miss Pipa

MarCella Lowe - November 18 at 07:42 AM



“ Dearest Dad and Mom,

Happy Anniversary in Heaven to both of you. I know my parents are now together in Heaven, on their special day, "dancing with the angels." One day, we will all see you again, but until then we each hold you both, in a special place tucked away in our hearts and fondest, most enjoyable memories we all shared together. I so miss getting to talk with you both and treasure all the pictures you saved for me of us together. Dad, I have each conversation we shared together stored within my memories and on tape as to never forget. Did you ask Mom yet that one question I asked you to do for me??? I smile when I think of your response. You said, " What is that Cella?" Then you said, "I will try, but you know your Mom. She never listens to me." I know she was so heartbroken with all that went on so unnecessarily, but know she will straighten those two out. Now you believe me when I told you, "You know, Dad, one day you will join Mom again in Heaven." I said " You know, Dad, how I know that?" You asked, "How do you know that, Cella?" I said, "Because, Dad, you both have always been good people." Like Mom always said, "Always do the right thing in life or it will come seven fold back to you." I have always loved you both, always will forever, Miss you both dearly. Love, kisses and hugs on your Anniversary.

Your daughter and her family,
Marcella, Mike, Shelly, Tom, Mikey, Chie, Elena, Leo and Pipa

MarCella Schirmer Lowe (daughter) - October 28 at 11:58 AM



“ Happy Father's Day to our Dad in Heaven. There isn't a day that goes by where we don't think about you and our Mom. As I reflect on the conversation I had with you, before your passing, that one day you would be joining Mom in Heaven, I know you are now once again happy with Mom and at peace. You once again have your smile you were born with when you entered into this world. Your final days here in that nursing home, where they placed you, was not good for you. Sadly, Mom never wanted you to be in such a place. That is why you had lost your smile. However, now

you are in a place where you have found total peace, serenity and happiness with your wife, soulmate and my Mom. Happy Father's Day, Dad. The last words I told you, " I love you, always have and always will." Thank you for being the best Dad and Opa to our children. Sending love and heartfelt hugs, your daughter Cella, your son Mike and grandchildren and great-grandchildren Shelly, Mikey, Tom, Chie, Elena and Leo. Smile now, Dad, and cast your radiance and warmth upon us.

Marcella Lowe daughter - June 16 at 06:22 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He and his dear Louise were like second parents to me. I will always cherish the memories I have of them both. Bill and Louise are together again dancing to the "Schnee Walzer". My love and condolences to the family.

Christine

Christine Phillips - March 19 at 08:53 AM



“ Edie, Cella and Dwight,
Condolences to you and your families. I have such fond memories of your father. I'll always remember the holidays we spent together and the parties our families had. I'm so thankful that Bill and Lousie were a part of my family's life. Your families are in our thoughts and prayers.

Christl Kronbergs

Christl - March 07 at 04:57 PM



“ Thank you, Christl, for your kind, thoughtful words. Our two families go back many years with treasured memories we hold in our hearts. Much love always, Mike, Cella, Shelly, Tom, Mikey, Chie, Elena and Leo and Pipa

Marcella Schirmer Lowe - March 08 at 06:21 PM