



William Joseph Dickerson

March 20, 1927 - December 4, 2012

William J. Dickerson

William Joseph (Bill) Dickerson of Bartlesville died peacefully Tuesday morning

December 4, 2012. Bill was born March 20, 1927 in Flint, Michigan to Alexander

Sparks (formerly Alexandros Spatharis) and Amy Funk Sparks. At the age of three

months he was adopted by Frank and Hazel Dickerson. Bill was raised in Ogden, Ks

and attended Manhattan High School. In 1943, at age 16, he enlisted in the U.S.

Marine Corps. He was stationed at San Diego for his basic training and then saw

extensive action in the South Pacific. After the end of WWII, he served in China for 11

months during the repatriation of the Chinese.

Upon his discharge from the Marine Corps in 1946 he returned to Manhattan High School

and graduated with the class of 1947. He received his BS degree in 1955 from Kansas

State University and began his banking career, which took him to California, Missouri,

Kansas and finally Oklahoma, where he retired in 1998.

Bill was always an involved member of the communities in which he lived. In Bartlesville

he was a volunteer at Mary Martha Outreach, a member of the China, Burma, India Association

of Bartlesville, a member of the American Legion Honor Guard Funeral Detail and a life member

of the American Legion Post in Ogden, Ks. He was very proud to have been an instrumental part

of the design and creation of the Wall of Honor at Washington Park Mall in Bartlesville. The four

years he spent working on the memorial to veterans who had served in all branches of the military

were very important to him.

Bill was married to Marianne Pierce in 1951. They divorced. He and the former

Ardene Heim were married in 1979. Bill was preceded in death by his parents, one brother,

three sisters and an infant daughter, Erin Rae Dickerson in 1970.

He is survived by his wife, Ardene, of the home, one son, William Dickerson II and his wife Kristi of Lenexa, Ks,

three daughters, Jerolyn Noble (Charles) of Tulsa, Angelique Morrison (William) of Leawood, Ks,

Dawn Yarnell (Lyndall) of Topeka, Ks. Nine grandchildren, Jamie Casper, Christopher Noble,

Shane Morrison, Eric Morrison, Kristi Lefler, Cara Dickerson, Taryn Dickerson, Bret Dickerson,

Kailey Yarnell and one step-grandson, Deigan Burns. Seven great-grandchildren, Ava and Kellen

Casper, Jack Noble, Ella and Olivia Morrison, and Nicholas and Jace Lefler, as well as many

nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 12:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday and 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Thursday. A Rosary will be held at 7:00 P.M., Thursday in the Stumpff Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral Mass is scheduled at St. James Catholic Church , 5500 SE Douglas Lane, Bartlesville at 10:00 a.m. Friday. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Mary's, Ks at 1:00 p.m. Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in Bill's memory to Mary Martha Outreach,

1845 SW 4th St., Bartlesville, Ok 74005 or to the Autism Society-The Heartland, PO Box 860984, Shawnee, Ks 66286-0984. Friends who wish may sign the online guest book and leave condolences at www.stumpff.org

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Joseph Dickerson*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *William Joseph Dickerson*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Ardene....I worked with you way back when @ Capital City Bank in Topeka. I just lost my Mom 10 days ago. My thoughts & prayers are with you at this difficult time.*

Marilee Casarona-Orton - December 07, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ *Although I did not have the honor of meeting Mr. Dickerson, Jeri has always spoken about him with great affection. He was most assuredly a wonderful honorable man because his daughter Jeri is a absolute jewel. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Love, Martha Dickman*

Martha Dickman - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Ardene,

I am so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. It has always been a real pleasure to spend time with you and Bill and listen to him reminisce about the Marine Corps and his days at K-State. We all will truly miss Bill. Our family's thoughts and prayers go out to you. May God's love surround you at this time.

Skip Francis - December 06, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Angie, Jeri, Dawn & Billy - On behalf of our whole 'family' here at SIG and Lori & myself, we send our most heartfelt sympathy and condolence on the passing of your father. I know you've all been in our thoughts these last few says and will remain there. May God Bless you all.

John & Lori Spain - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ My Great uncle Bill was a wonderful, kind, and loving person. He was always there for me when I was little. I remember when my brother and my uncle would make visits to Oklahoma to see Bill and Ardene. He will be truly missed, but now I have an amazing guardian angel looking over me.

Cecilia Bryan - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

MD

“ All of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this sad time. Bill has always been considered a part of my family since he moved to Ogden as a child and my Grandma Ruth became his godmother. I appreciate so much the time he spent with Mom before she died; she truly cherished the time she had with him remembering the good old days. She loved him as a brother and he teased her like a sister! Remember the good times you shared with Bill and know that he is at peace surrounded by those who love him.

Mary Ann Dickerson - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

KA

“ Ardene, Our thoughts and prayer's are with you. Your friend's. Keith & Lila

Keith and Lila Aitken - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Cindy and I are praying for strength as you go through this time.

Jonathan Deal - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

JW

“ Ardene, Jeri, Angie, Bill, Dawn and families: Bill will be dearly missed by all. Mom always enjoyed his visits and when we were there we too enjoyed the stories they shared. He always took time to visit Mom when he was in town and that meant alot to her and us. Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Joe and Susie (Kramer) Winkler - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ We are deeply saddened for the family of William as they go through this time of loss. May the memories of love and laughter bring comfort during these times.

Staff at Stumpff Funeral Home - December 05, 2012 at 12:00 AM