



William Harold Dowden, Jr.

December 9, 1924 - December 20, 2017

William H. Dowden, Jr., 93, passed away Wednesday, December 20, 2017 at Advocate Condell Medical Center in Libertyville. He was born Dec. 9, 1924 in Waukegan, IL where he was a graduate of Waukegan Township High School. Bill was a graduate of the Milwaukee School of Engineering and was a manager of the IBM Corporation in Chicago for 35 years. He was a U.S. Army Air Corps veteran, having served in England during WWII and was a member in North Chicago of the Sharvin American Legion Post #397. He was a life member and past master of the Waukegan Lodge #78. Bill was a member of Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan where he served as an acolyte for 59 years and was also a member of the Vestry, Men's Club and Men's Christ Care Group. Bill was a life member of the Valley of Chicago Scottish Rite Masons, a member of Tebala Shrine Temple in Rockford, IL and was Director Emeritus of the Waukegan Motor Patrol. He is survived by his beloved wife, Norma Jane (nee Totterdell) Dowden; son, Douglas (Iris) Dowden of Naperville, IL; daughter, Linda (Brian) Nelson of Chanhassen, MN; five grandchildren, Michael (Stephanie) Collins-Dowden and Emily Dowden, and Erik, Andrew and Amy Nelson; great-grandson Rhys Collins-Dowden; sister Elizabeth (William) Potochnik of Gurnee, IL and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his sister Virginia Holt, nephew, Lawrence Holt and niece Dianne Holt Seymour. Visitation will be 11:00 a.m. until the time of service at Noon, Thursday, January 4, 2018 at Christ Episcopal Church in Waukegan, 410 Grand Ave. Waukegan, IL 60085. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *RIP WB Dowden, may you always rest in peace.*

D G - June 29, 2018 at 11:32 AM



“ *Moy sympathies to you Norma and your family. He was a good man.I am now in Vernon Hills which is near where my daughter lives.June Anderson*

April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM



“ *My sympathies to the family I will miss you Bill we always had a good time at the condo.*

Jack Simonian - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM



“ *William Harold Dowden, Jr.*

Carl Donahue - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM



“ *Jane, my sympathy to you and your family as you learn to live without Bill. Rest in peace, "good and faithful servant."Grace McFarlandPrescott, AZ*

April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM

DM

“ We are saddened by the loss you have experienced and pray you take comfort in the memories you have made. Share them with all those you love!

Debra & Mark Mountain - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM

MR

“ Dearest Dowden family, I am so sorry for the loss of Bill. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you at this time. Lovingly, Mary (Thickpenny) Ring

Mary Ring - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM

NC

“ I will always remember with a smile the Easter dinner table when Bill sneaked a handful of jellybeans at the opportune time when Jane looked away!

Nancy Collins - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM

CS

“ Mrs. Dowden, Linda and Doug. I was very sad to hear that Mr. Dowden passed away and so sorry for your loss. All my years growing up in Waukegan my best memories was of the two of us chatting over the fence as neighbors. He was always there to lend a helping hand to my family and was definitely more to me than a neighbor. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.

Cathy Sroka - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM

JM

“ THANK YOU, BILL, FOR ALL THAT YOU DID FOR OTHERS. REST IN PEACE, JOHN M. MILLER AND JOAN JOHNSTON TOMKOVICK, WAUKEGAN

John Miller - April 27, 2018 at 04:01 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to William's family. He was a good friend of my father's (William H. Johnson) at Christ Church most of their lives. May the fond memories you have of the good times sustain you. Dolores Johnson, Kathleen Johnson, and Jaret Johnson*

January 03, 2018 at 12:00 AM