



## William "Bill" Franklin Meeks Obituary

William "Bill" Franklin Meeks, 80, of Evansville, Indiana, passed away on Wednesday, March 20, 2024 at Ascension St. Vincent Evansville with his family by his bedside.

Bill was born in Evansville, Indiana on November 8, 1943 to the late Leroy and Mary (Klueg) Meeks. He attended St. Joseph Grade School in the county, St. Boniface, and Rex Mundi High School. Bill was a member of the National Guard. He worked as a truck driver for Milan "Mac" at McCutchan Trucking. It was through his job at McCutchan Trucking that Bill met his wife, Mickie, who was Milan's niece. He also worked for his father-in-law Ralph at R.E. Sensmeier Trucking. Bill later went on to be self employed driving his Kenworth Truck and then worked at Rose Brothers Trucking. He was hired at Industrial Contractors by his classmate Alan Braun, who was an honor to work for and retired from there after 30 years of service. Bill was a member of the Teamster Local 215. He looked forward to attending truck shows and seeing the Frog Follies. Bill was happiest at his home. He liked to watch the game show, Family Feud and loved the good old country music. Bill could often be found outdoors mowing grass or riding his golf cart. He had an appreciation for wildlife and observed the birds, squirrels and deer. His children and grandchildren were his greatest joy in life. Bill will be deeply missed and remain forever in our hearts.

Bill is survived by the love of his life, wife, and best friend of 55 wonderful years, Mickie (Sensmeier) Meeks of Evansville, IN; son, Rodney W. Meeks (Marva) of Evansville, IN; daughter, Rachel Meeks of Evansville, IN; sister, Suzie Campbell; sister-in-law, June Meeks; brother-in-law, Bill Sensmeier (Jolene); sister-in-law, Suzy Fuchs (Greg); aunt, Vera McCutchan; his wonderful grandchildren, Andrew, Joseph and Matthew Caldemeyer; and his precious grand fur babies, Tigger and Leroy Ralph William; and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. Bill is also survived by his "adopted" little sisters who called him, "Bubbi", Faye Clements and Kathy Leak; and "adopted nieces", Debra and Edrice; and many dear friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, George and Jerry Meeks; brother-in-law, John Campbell; nephew, Jerry "Bub" Campbell; son-in-law, Gary "Stick" Ogura; dear friend, Mike Herr; mother and father-in-law, Ralph and Madine Sensmeier.

A celebration of Bill's life will be held at 1:00 pm on Friday, March 29, 2024 at Browning Funeral Home, 738 Diamond Ave., Evansville, IN 47711 with Pastor Russell Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at McCutchanville Cemetery.

Friends may visit from 9:00 am until service time on Friday, March 29, 2024 at Browning Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions may be made to McCutchanville Cemetery Association, Inc, 9501-9521 Erskine Ln., Evansville, IN 47725, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105, It takes A Village, 1417 Stockwell Rd., Evansville, IN 47715, or McCutchanville Community Church, 9505 Petersburg Rd., Evansville, IN 47725.

Special thanks to the friendly staff at The Hornet's Nest. Bill so enjoyed going through the drive-thru.

The family would like to thank North River, Heart to heart Hospice and Ascension Comfort Care for their compassionate care. The family would also like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the Browning Funeral Home staff who are truly special people. Browning Funeral home is a place where you feel like family the minute you walk through the doors. They have the biggest, caring, and loving hearts for the deceased and living.

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