



## Billy J. ('Bill') Sams

December 18, 2016

Sams, Billy J. (Bill) of Mtka., MN and Parkersburg, WV. Preceded in death by parents Everett and Goldie, brothers Harold and Powell and twin sister JoAnn. Survived by wife Mary, son John (Linda), brother Everett, sister Virginia, grandchildren, Kelly and Andrew; and many nieces and nephews. A graduate of Parkersburg HS, Bill joined the USAF and become a Radar Operator. There, his talent for drawing was discovered and switched to drafting and poster making. While stationed in Minnesota, he met his bride of 65 years, and settled in Minnesota after his term. With the combined talents of artistic drawing and mechanical know-how, Bill had a successful career as a mechanical and patent draftsman. Bill's work can be found on thousands of patents filed in the US Patent Office, and was proud of his work on "The Electric Brain" early computers. The last of the pen and ink draftsmen, he was still called on by patent attorneys to do work into his 86th year. Bill was a wonderful artist whose works were primarily landscapes and churches. His drawings documenting dozens churches of Minnesota are works of historical significance. Bill loved to sing; performing with the Minnetonka Choral Society he toured Europe. He sang in church Choir and competed in numerous international competitions with the Minneapolis Commodores Barbershop Chorus. Bill will best be remembered as a loving Father, Husband and Grandfather who was happiest when with his family. He was the number one Laker's fan (son John's hockey club) and his happy smile will be greatly missed. Memorial services at Aldersgate UMC, 3801 Wooddale Ave S, St Louis Park MN 55416 Sat., 12/31/16, visitation 10:00 AM, service at 11:00 AM. Memorials to Aldersgate UMC or Minnetonka Choral Society. Washburn-McReavy.com Strobeck Johnson 952-938-9020

# Comments

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“ Aunt Mary, John & family, Our hearts will be with you as you lay to rest dear Uncle Bill. My mother loved him immensely and told me many stories of his childhood antics. She always said he loved to tease her and once got in trouble for trying to pop the head off her baby doll. Oh how she loved to hear him sing in church when he would be in Parkersburg. He drew her a beautiful picture of their church, and it is hanging on her wall in her room. He was such an amazing and talented man. I wish she could be there, but I know in her heart and mind he will always be her precocious and cherished big brother. May God bless your family and give you strength, comfort, and peace. Love, Kay

Kay Belcastro - December 30, 2016 at 09:53 AM

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“ Dlorah B. purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Billy J. ('Bill') Sams.



Dlorah B. - December 28, 2016 at 09:52 AM

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“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Billy J. ('Bill') Sams.



December 28, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy J. ('Bill') Sams.



December 27, 2016 at 12:41 PM