



William Asaph Blanchard

January 7, 1923 - May 31, 2020

Blanchard, William A. 97, of Bloomington, MN passed away May 31, 2020. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Inga (Chilson); son Dennis; brothers Joseph and Edwin Blanchard. Survived by his wife of 72 years, Maxine; daughter, Vicki McDonald (Tom); granddaughters Kiera Peterson, Alicia and Jessica Blanchard; 3 great-granddaughters; sister-in-law, Myrtle Harben; and many nieces and nephews. William was born on a ranch in Sacramento, CA. His father was killed in an accident when he was a young child and his mother moved the family to his grandparents' farm in rural South Dakota. He spent his school years on his grandparents' farm and as a teen he spent two years at a C.C. Camp in the Black Hills of South Dakota. William was drafted into the Army during World War II and was in The Battle of the Bulge. Upon his discharge from the Army he attended electrical school in Kansas City. After graduation, William worked on the construction of nuclear power plants across the United States. In the mid 1950's he moved his family to Bloomington, MN and continued his career in the electrical field. Upon retirement, he split his time between Scottsdale/ Mesa, AZ and Bloomington, MN. During his retirement he enjoyed traveling in his motorhome to all parts of the United States, Canada and Mexico. He took a special trip to Europe commemorating the 60-year anniversary of the end of World War II, visiting the memorial to the Battle of the Bulge and other historic World War II locations. Due to Covid-19, a private funeral service will be held on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at Washburn-McReavy Werness Brothers Chapel in Bloomington, MN. Interment at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. The funeral service will be viewable on the Washburn-McReavy website under William's name. Memorials may be directed to the Shriners Children's Hospital, DAV or donor's choice. The family would like to thank The Geneva Suites of Edina, the nurses and health care aides with Allina Hospice for the wonderful care and the love they gave to William in his final days. Washburn-McReavy.com Werness Brothers 952-884-8145

Cemetery

Fort Snelling National Cemetery

7601 34th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN, 55450

Events

JUN **Visitation** 09:00AM - 09:30AM

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Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington, MN, US,
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JUN **Chapel Service** 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Washburn-McReavy - June 08 at 09:28 AM



“ Maxine & family,
Was sad to hear that Bill had passed away. But how wonderful to have lived such a long & great life. I just discovered today this site to write on. Hadn't sent a card because not sure if you had moved from Ruasell apartment. We will donate to Shriners Children's Hospital in memory of Bill. I'm so glad we had the family reunions & got acquainted with you. Our sympathy goes out to all of your & Bill's loved ones.

Phyllis & Roger Gunderson
Sisseton SD

Phyllis Gunderson - August 06 at 12:31 PM



“ We are so sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We lived across the hall from them at Applewood and always enjoyed visiting with both he and Maxine. Bill was always a man of few words, but was always very well respected and friendly. We moved away a year ago and missed them a lot. Our sincere sympathy to Maxine and the family.
Jim & Donna Spangberg

Jim & Donna Spangberg - June 07 at 02:31 PM