



William George Wolber, Sr.
Feb. 19, 1927-May 30, 2008

Bill passed peacefully Thursday morning, May 30th, in the physical company of his son Paul and daughter Terri, and the electronic company of granddaughter Whitney and sons Bill, Jr. and Andrew. He is also survived by son Robert, older brother Joe, grandchildren Elizabeth, Whitney, Beth, Ian, Cameron, Ross, Rachael, Amanda, Becca and Matthew and great-grandchild Colton. Bill was the widower of Velma Faye Campbell Wolber, his beloved wife for 48 years. A native of Detroit MI, Bill was a veteran of WW II, serving in the U.S. Navy where he taught sailors to repair radios. Bill graduated from the University of Michigan with a BS in Chemical Engineering and an MS in Physics; he was also admitted to the Tau Beta Pi Engineering Honor Society. Professionally, Bill was an electronics engineer and applied physicist for Uniroyal (Detroit, MI, 1950-1954), Bendix Corporation (Southfield, MI,

1954-1981) and Cummins Engines (Columbus, IN, 1981-1995), with multiple inventions to his credit. While at Bendix, Bill was program manager for one component of the Apollo Lunar Surface Experiments Package (ALSEP); he signed the inside of the instrument case with the rest of his team and, as a result, his name is on the moon. Bill also designed the dual imaging photomultiplier tube used by Pioneer 10 to take the first close-up photos of Jupiter. While at Cummins, Bill led the team that designed the CELENT system of diesel engine sensors, actuators and controls. For 10 years following his retirement from Cummins, Bill continued to live in Columbus, IN, where he worked as an engineering consultant. He was an active member of St. Bartholomew's Parish, contributing as a lector and participated in the Offerings Committee and the church choir. Since 2006, Bill has lived near his eldest son in California, at Bridgepoint at Los Altos, where he became Treasurer of the Residents' Association and a regular feature at the afternoon bridge table. To the end, he was passionate about music, football and his family. His easy smile and thoughtful voice will be missed by all.

Visitation services for Bill will be held at Myers Funeral Service, 3729 25th Street, Columbus, IN, from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Friday, June 20th. Bill's funeral will take place at 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 21st, at St. Bartholomew's Catholic Church, 1306 27th Street, Columbus, IN. Bill will be laid to rest next to his wife, Velma, at Garland Brook Cemetery, Columbus, immediately following the funeral.