

William Guth



Guth, William "Bill" 89, of Drummond, WI and formerly of the Aurora/Chicago, IL area, died on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 at the Ashland Health and Rehabilitation Center in Ashland, WI. William S. Guth was born August 20, 1921 in Aurora, IL to William T. and Eugenie (Schneiter) Guth. On May 2, 1942 he was united in marriage to Louise Peterson in Aurora, IL. Bill proudly served as a Bombardier in the US Army Air Corps in the 7th Air Force, 11th Bomb Group, and 42nd Squadron in the Pacific arena from September 1944 to January 1946, retiring from the Air Force Reserves as a Captain. Prior to his service during WWII, Bill was employed by the Electromotive Division of General Motors as Engineer of Tests, and resumed his position once honorably discharged from the US Army Air Corps. In 1958, he went to work for the Ashland Oil & Refining Company as a Sales Manager in the Railway Sales Department, retiring in 1986. Bill and Louise lived in the Chicago/Aurora IL area until 1965, when they moved to Elburn, IL and finally, moved to Drummond, WI in 1986. Bill was active in the Lions Club in Elburn as well as the American Legion in both Elburn and Cable. He was also an active member of the United Church of Christ in Cable. He liked to hunt and fish, and enjoyed watching sports on TV, especially his beloved Packers. Bill is survived by his two sons, Kenneth of South Elgin, IL and Charles (Barbara) of Richmond, IL; grandchildren, James of Hebron, IL and Laura (Eric) Hanson of Waukegan, IA; and many nieces and nephews. He was not only a father to his sons, but was a "father" and mentor to many others as well. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Louise in 2010; and a brother Samuel. A memorial service for Bill will be held Saturday, September 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the Congregational United Church of Christ in Cable, WI with Pastors Lynn Larson and Deb Pyne officiating. A time of gathering with family and friends will be held after the service. Interment will be at a later date in the River Hill Cemetery in Batavia, IL.