



William R. "Bill" Dobberphul

May 2, 1922 - August 4, 2016

William R. "Bill" Dobberphul, 94, of Kankakee, passed away Thursday (Aug. 4, 2016) at his home.

He was born May 2, 1922, in Winona, Minn., the son of Frank and Mary Dobberphul. Bill married Janice Dahler on July 15, 1972, in Kankakee. She preceded him in death on May 29, 1988.

Bill was veteran of the U.S. Army, serving in World War II for five and a half years in the Philippines and New Guinea. He also was a member of the VFW. Bill was a police officer for Momence, and later became a patrolman for the Kankakee County Sheriff's Department. During his time at the sheriff's office, Bill became chief investigator of Kankakee County. After his retirement, he was a bailiff at the Kankakee County Courthouse until the age of 82. He enjoyed golf and playing cards. Bill was a fan of Chicago Cubs baseball.

Surviving are two sons, Ryan Dobberphul, of Gilberts, and Steven (Linda) Garrison, of Manteno; four daughters, Jodi (Timothy) Matheson, of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., Laurie (Thomas) Jatho, of Fox River Grove, Kelly Boyd, of Manteno, and Lisa Soderquist, of Manteno; four grandchildren, Cherie Chapman, Robert Metzler, Laura Rangel and Jamie Johanson; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; son, Danny Dobberphul; son-in-law, Bob Boyd; daughter-in-law, Laurie Dobberphul; five brothers; and one granddaughter, Angela.

Cremation rites have been accorded. Inurnment will be held at a later date.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. (www.hkvcares.org)

Tribute Wall

RK

“ so sorry to hear about bill loved that guy rick & gayla koziol

rick koziol - October 05, 2019 at 08:44 AM

SC

“ Sorry to hear about your Dad. I remember him as a real nice guy & neighbor.

Suellen (Cantway) Cowley

Suellen Cowley - August 09, 2016 at 06:10 AM

SC

“ My heart goes out to all. Bill was one of my father's best friends. Many rounds of golf were played with him. He was the first person at South Shore that I told I was pregnant and that was 38 years ago. I had known him for all of my life. I, too, was one of his "brats." I cherished the title. Rest in peace my dear Papa D <3

Shelly Graves Couwenhoven - August 08, 2016 at 10:29 PM

WE

“ Had many interesting, yet friendly, battles with Bill when he was chief investigator and I was a public defender.

William Eaken - August 08, 2016 at 10:52 AM

ER

“ Happy Trails Dobby, spent many days working with you at the courthouse. Say hello to Judge O'Connor for us and tell him who really took the bite out of his banana. RIP

Ernie R - August 08, 2016 at 10:28 AM

BP

“ *My deepest sympathy, prayers, and love to your entire family.*

Beverly Perkins

Beverly Perkins - August 08, 2016 at 08:31 AM

JH

“ *billy you will be missed.*

joe harrington - August 07, 2016 at 04:08 PM

JM

*Another sad day. All my memories of Bill are good memories.
Blessings to his family.*

johnfred michela - August 08, 2016 at 10:27 AM

AB

I met Dobby years ago when I was working at the courthouse. I worked there from 1998-2002. Every day he was scheduled we knew would be a fun day. Always making us laugh and always telling a joke. He will be missed greatly by many people. May he rest in peace.

Amanda Benge-Martinez - September 19, 2016 at 09:37 AM