



## William "Bill" Ayers

March 19, 1923 - January 27, 2012

William Marvin "Bill" Ayers, 88, was born in Mansfield, Missouri, March 19, 1923 to George H. Ayers and Cleo Smith Ayers. The third child with two older sisters. He died January 27, 2012 in Okmulgee, Oklahoma.

Bill grew up and went to school in Hartville, Missouri, then moved to Okmulgee in 1938 and graduated from Okmulgee High School in 1941. During high school, like his father, loved making things out of wood.

After high school, during World War II Bill moved to Wichita, Kansas, where he was employed by Cessna Aircraft as an airplane woodworker. He was inducted into the Co. F 259th Infantry in 1943, and served in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Occupied Germany from April 1945 to April 1946 where he received the rank of corporal.

After the War, Bill came back to Okmulgee, and again like his father became a clerk at the U.S. Post Office.

Bill's hobby was always woodworking and he was a master craftsman. He spent many hours in his shop after retirement. Some locals may remember the beautiful boat that he built with his brother-in-law Jack Thorman, in the mid-fifties. It was the talk of Okmulgee Lake.

After caring for his ailing mother for many years, Bill met Naomi Talley from Independence, Kansas. They were married at Shepherd of the Hills Chapel, in Branson, Missouri on December 15, 1995. Bill and Naomi loved to spend winters in their motor home, and later their house in Texas' Rio Grande Valley. Bill and Naomi spent sixteen wonderful years together.

Bill was a member of the First Baptist Church for many years.

Bill was preceded in death by his mother and father, and one sister, Ruth Ayers Thorman.

His survivors include his loving wife Naomi of the home, one sister, Mazel Ayers Claxton of Kansas City, and two nephews, Dr. Jerry Thorman and wife Judy of Okmulgee, and Gary Claxton and wife Janet of Eureka Springs, Arkansas, also grandnieces Dr. Jennifer Cook and Dr. Jerilyn Thorman both of Tulsa and grandnephews Chris Claxton of Columbus, GA, and Benjamin Claxton of St. Paul, MN.

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 1. 10:00 AM (CT)

First Baptist Church of Okmulgee  
311 W. 5th Street  
Okmulgee, OK

# Tribute Wall



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