



William W. Yeager

August 19, 1931 - February 7, 2017

William Ward Yeager of Fostoria, Ohio passed away on February 7, 2017. Bill was born August 19, 1931 in Fostoria to William Leonard Yeager and Gladys Pauline Yeager. He was preceded in death by his parents and first wife Lucille Dolores (Lonsway), sons John David and Charles Timothy, sisters Orpha Jean Schultz and Margaret Ann Davis. He is survived by wife Gloria Ann (Keefe) and sons William of Toledo, OH, David (Kathy) of Battle Creek, MI, Donald (Bonita) of Jackson, OH, daughter Melinda (Terry) Carico of Sandusky, OH. Also, stepchildren Joni (Lee) Smith-Rode of Rio Vista, CA and Douglas (Ayumi) of Ellicot, MD as well as many grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

After attending high school in Fostoria, OH, Bill joined the United States Air Force and served for over 20 years. He participated in the Korean and Vietnamese conflicts. Bill spent 6 1/2 years overseas with duty in the Far East, including Japan, the Phillipines and Vietnam while flying worldwide. He served as a communications expert on the aircraft of the Commander MACV-Thai. Bill was very proud of his over 4500 flying hours. He belonged to numerous military organizations, including the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Air Force Sergeants Association, and was a founding member of the American Air Museum in Britain.

Bill attended Fostoria High School and was an alumni of Bowling Green State University. After retirement from the Air Force, he worked briefly as an

assistant manager of a Topps Retail Store in Toledo and also as a production foreman at Excell Wire in Tiffin. He then went into education and taught history at Sandusky Perkins Middle School. In 1976, he moved to Jackson, OH where he was a high school teacher teaching social studies. He was pleased to get many of the students interested in history. Bill also coached football and track.

Bill spent the last few years of his life caring for his wife Gloria. Any remembrances or donations should be made to the Alzheimers Foundation, P.O.Box 597 Portsmouth, Ohio 45662.

Arrangements are under the direction of the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home and Southern Ohio Cremation Services, burial will be held at the convenience of the family.

Tribute Wall

LD

“ great guy to work with at JHS and dedicated teacher -always had a military story for us lisle dill JHS faculty 1975-1997

lisle dill - June 29, 2018 at 09:44 AM

SC

“ Mr. Yeager was my World History teacher. My class dodged many a ping pong ball or flying eraser following a poor answer, and often heard "Great gobs of goose flesh!" when we had a break-through moment. His passion for the class content and his booming voice stick with me to this day, as does a remarkable amount of the content itself! His stories about his extensive global travels really made the W.H. curriculum come to life. He was supremely patriotic, and his inspiring editorial rants on current events were legendary, earning him the nickname "Wild Bill." He also told a joke early in the year about three men in a boat involving the city of Wembley (England) that dealt with poor hearing. Thereafter he would simply bend his ear forward and say "Wembley?" when a soft-spoken student's answer was inaudible. My sincerest condolences to Mrs. Yeager (my favorite School Nurse) and the rest of the family. Rest In Peace, Wild Bill Yeager.SCLHS Class of 1989

Scott C. - June 29, 2018 at 09:44 AM



“ My sincere condolences are extended to the family and friends. Among his many assignments, Jesus lovingly promises "to bind up the brokenhearted" and "comfort all who mourn."-Isaiah 61:1,2. Hoping these words bring some solace to all of you.

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MS

“ Bill Yeager inspired me to become a high school social studies teachers. I loved his stories that he shared in our history classes at Jackson High School. I would eventually student teach under Mr. Yeager at Jackson. The lessons about life, school, teaching and history are carried with me to this day. I am sadden that we have lost such a great man and role model.

Mike Stevens - June 29, 2018 at 09:44 AM

RB

“ Bill was the social studies teacher at Sandusky Perkins Middle School (Briar) my first year of teaching. He was a tremendous help to me as a first year teacher and was very kind and encouraging. Have great memories of him!

Randy Bockman - June 29, 2018 at 09:44 AM

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“ You were my brother. We never got a chance to meet.

Audrey Young - June 29, 2018 at 09:44 AM