



Mr. William Lee Jr.

November 21, 1934 - January 18, 2024

On November 21, 1934, William “Bill” Warren Lee Jr., affectionately known as “Poppy,” was born in Augusta, Georgia to Marietta and William Lee Sr; and his Aunt Edna made a significant impact on Bill’s formative and teen years. Bill was a remarkable man who served the Lord, with a multifaceted legacy woven with threads of service, skill, a unique sense of humor, and a deep commitment to family. His journey began at Mt. Clemens High School, where he emerged as a celebrated athlete in football and track, showcasing not only physical strength but also a determination that would become a hallmark of his character. He was also a family historian who would provide the family with a book filled with generational timelines.

His professional journey began while in the Army, where he selflessly served his country, embodying principles of honor and duty that he carried throughout his life. While in the Army, Bill demonstrated exceptional skills as a sharpshooter, exemplifying his commitment to duty, precision, and leadership. These experiences further shaped Bill's character, instilling in him values of discipline, responsibility, and trust.

He then continued to serve at Army Tank Automotive Command for 35 years, where he held a managerial position. Bill was trained as a skilled electrician, mechanic, and carpenter. His versatility and expertise in these trades added to the richness of his character and the contributions he made to both his family and his community. His commitment to excellence and leadership extended beyond the military as he also contributed to the automotive and air

force industry, working at Chrysler and Selfridge.

Beyond his military achievements and athletic prowess, Bill was an avid bowler, finding joy and camaraderie in the lanes. His passion for bowling extended beyond personal enjoyment; he bowled three perfect 300 games, a remarkable feat that highlighted his skill and dedication to the sport. As he excelled on the lanes, he also took pride in showcasing his bowling rings as symbols of his achievements. Bill also took on the role of treasurer of the Motor City Bowlers Guild, where he played a pivotal role in giving out scholarships, embodying a spirit of generosity and support for the educational pursuits of aspiring college students.

Bill and Myrtle's home became the cherished meeting place for every holiday, a hub of warmth and festivity where relatives gathered to celebrate and create lasting traditions. Their home was not just a physical space but a sanctuary of love, laughter, shared moments, and intense card games that brought the family together in friendly competition and camaraderie.

Today, as we bid farewell to William Lee, we reflect on a life that was a rich tapestry of duty, craftsmanship, laughter, familial love, athletic achievement, military service, and his community involvement. May his legacy continue to spark light in our lives, just as he did during his time among us. Rest in peace, dear Bill/Poppy. As we remember you, may the verse from Numbers 6:25 be a source of comfort for those you've left behind: "May the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; may he turn his face toward you and give you peace." Your memory will forever be a source of inspiration and warmth for all who were fortunate enough to know you.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, Jan. **26**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
info@pyefuneralhome.com

Family Hour

Saturday, Jan. **27**. 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Word of Faith International Christian Center
20000 W. Nine Mile Road
Southfield, MI 48075

Funeral Service

Saturday, Jan. **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

AA

“ *Angela Anderson lit a candle in memory of William Lee*



Angela Henderson Anderson - January 27, 2024 at 02:22 PM

PS

“ *We pray that God will hold your loved one in His hands just as we know that He is keeping your family in His hands. Please know that we understand and feel your loss, but may memories of past good times sustain you. God bless you all.*



*Love,
Patricia Scotland, Erica Hayes & Alvin Lewis, Jr*

Patricia Scotland - January 27, 2024 at 12:46 PM

ED

“ *Uncle Bill your bright smile, hilarious stories, and caring heart will always be remembered. Love you. Love, The Dennis Family (Ereaka, Mark, Carter, & Oliver)*



Ereaka Dennis - January 26, 2024 at 09:18 AM

LF

“ Love, The Binns and Dennis Family purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of Mr. William Lee Jr..



Love, The Binns and Dennis Family - January 26, 2024 at 07:06 AM

MG

“ From the members of the Motor City Bowlers Guild for which Bill was a member for many years. Bill's work with the guild played an integral part of keeping the guild going. We send our sincere condolences to his family for your loss.

Motor City Bowlers Guild - January 25, 2024 at 04:28 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Lee Jr..



January 24, 2024 at 07:13 PM

LW

“ LaTonya Wesley Ward & Miles Ward purchased the *Vivid Recollections* for the family of Mr. William Lee Jr..



LaTonya Wesley Ward & Miles Ward - January 23, 2024 at 10:45 PM

ST

“ *R.i.p Mr. Lee from your Rite aid Family*

Stephanie - January 23, 2024 at 08:29 PM

DS

“ *Uncle Bill you were a rock to our family. You always greeted us with a smile and supported our efforts. You were there when no one else was. You were a blessing to us and we are so grateful for your life and memory. Love Ricky, Narketta, Julian and Cheyanne*

Dr. Narketta Sparkman-Key - January 23, 2024 at 08:19 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. William Lee Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 08:17 PM

ED

“ *Ebony L. Dixon purchased the Simply Elegant Sp athiphyllum for the family of Mr. William Lee Jr..*



Ebony L. Dixon - January 23, 2024 at 07:01 PM

TE

“ *Tracey Eady lit a candle in memory of William Lee*



Tracey Eady - January 23, 2024 at 04:33 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William Lee Jr..*



January 23, 2024 at 02:56 PM