



William N. Barber

June 16, 1924 - March 1, 2011

William N. Barber, age 86 of Hobart passed away March 1, 2011. Bill received a Bachelors Degree in Sociology from Marshall College in Huntington, WV and a Masters Degree in Criminology from Indiana State University. He served in the United States Marine Corps during World War II and the Korean Conflict. He participated in the War Games at Camp Pendleton prior to the Silver-Wing Air Lift Operation to Viet Nam in 1965. Bill retired from the military as a Lt. Colonel. He was a member of the Lake Station American Legion Post 100, Hobart VFW Post 5365 and the Marine Corps League Howlin Mad Detachment. He was an avid cross-country bicyclist and a member of the Calumet Crank Club and a charter member of the Hobart Kiwanis Club. Bill was a Social Case Worker for the Federal Bureau of Prisons, retiring in 1975. He then worked as a Parole Officer for the Department of Corrections in Northwest Indiana from 1975 to 1992. He was preceded in death by his parents Junius and Elizabeth Barber; sisters Helen McGee, June Ganas and Ruth Parker; 1 brother Junius Barber. Bill is survived by his wife of 62 years, Norma Barber; children Charlotte Barber of Hobart, Diana Barber-Zeitz (John Zeitz) of Louisville, KY, Marshall (Renee) Barber of Hobart and grandchildren Sarah, Brian (Angie)and Chelsea Barber and Harper Zeitz; and sister Mary Ann (Raymond) Mitchell of West Severna Park, MD. Funeral Service will be Saturday, March 5, 2011 at 10 a.m. at Burns Funeral Home, 701 E. 7th St., Hobart. Marine Corps League officiating. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Portage. Friends may visit with the family on Friday from 3 to 7 p.m. at Burns

Funeral Home (Hobart). A Hobart Kiwanis service will be at 6:15 p.m. Friday and a combined veteran memorial service by the Marine Corps League, Hobart VFW Post 5365 and the Lake Station American Legion Post 100 will be at 6:30 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of your choice. www.burnsfuneral.com

Tribute Wall



“ Norma, It was always a joy to bike ride with Bill. He had so many stories to tell us. Also, we enjoyed seeing you two and your family at the yearly bike banquets. He was always such a gentleman. So very sorry to hear of his passing. God Bless you and your family. We are now in Fla. and won't be able to attend his services. Rich and Loretta Johann##imported-begin##Rich and Loretta Johann##imported-end##

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“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. May the many wonderful memories of Bill give you peace. He will be greatly missed by all of us who biked with him and enjoyed his wonderful stories. Fellow CCC member and friend, Frank Erfurth##imported-begin##Frank Erfurth##imported-end##

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“ I am Honored to have known such a Great and Couragious man. Peace be with you. Our Sympathys to You.##imported-begin##Vanessa Breese##imported-end##

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“ *Bill will be very missed by those of us who bicycled with him. He was one of my first mentors when I began riding 20 years ago and I always enjoyed riding beside him. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you during this time of loss.*
Jean, a Calumet Crank Club member##imported-begin##Jean Hayes##imported-end##

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