



Billy Jack Croswell

October 1, 1931 - August 10, 2016

Billy Jack Croswell was born the eldest of three sons of John W. and Verla Pogue Croswell on October 1, 1931 in Crossett Arkansas and grew up in Bastrop, Louisiana. He later served in the National Guard and US Air Force. He met his wife, Helga Vogl in Munich, Germany. While in service they married in Germany and later moved to the states. Bill earned both a Bachelor and Master Degree in business. He and his wife had two children. They lived in Monroe and Bastrop Louisiana, Mobile Alabama and Vicksburg, Mississippi before retiring to Sherwood, Oregon in 1993. Bill retired from International Paper Co. after 36 years. For most of his life he dedicated himself to the service of his fellowmen and women, and as a member and Vice President of Optimist, International to the needs of under privileged children. As a member of the First Christian Church he served in many capacities, deacon and chairman. Thirty-five years ago he and his wife were instrumental in the creation of the Vicksburg-Warren Humane Society to offer hope and help to abused and abandoned animals. He was truly a kind and caring man, always willing to help those in need.

On Wednesday, August 10, 2016, Bill died at St. Vincent Hospital in Portland, OR after a brief illness. He would have been 85 years old on October first.

Surviving and left to honor his life are his wife of 63 years, Helga Vogl Croswell, his son Bill Jack Croswell, Jr. wife Irene Cox Croswell and grandchildren Kirsten and Erik Croswell. Also Bill's daughter, Monica Croswell Kessler her husband Adam John Kessler and grandson Brandon M. Van Norman and his wife Sara Simmons Van Norman. Bill has one surviving brother John W. Croswell, his wife Linda Croswell and children Caron and John from Bastrop Louisiana. Also, the widow of Bill's brother Charles Croswell, Ann Croswell of Lakeland, Florida.

Bill will have a private service at Willamette National Cemetery on Wednesday, August 17th, 2016, 11:00 AM.

In lieu of flowers at Bill's request would appreciate a donation to the Vicksburg-Warren Humane Society, 6600 HWY 61 South, Vicksburg, Mississippi 39180 - in the name of Bill Croswell.

Cemetery Details

Willamette National Cemetery

11800 SE Mt. Scott Blvd.
Portland, OR 97086

Previous Events

Graveside Service

AUG 17. 11:00 AM (PT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ He was a very kind man that inspired my desire for exploration and adventure in life. He had a wonderful smile that could light up a room. He will be deeply missed.

Erik Croswell - August 24, 2016 at 09:37 PM

JC

“ Jane Hill Caruthers lit a candle in memory of Billy Jack Croswell



Jane Hill Caruthers - August 16, 2016 at 07:58 PM



“ I only met Mr. Croswell once, when he came to our office with his daughter. He was a courtly gentleman that I really enjoyed talking with. I'm so sorry for your loss.



Cynthia Morgan - August 16, 2016 at 12:03 PM

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“ Sue lit a candle in memory of Billy Jack Croswell



Sue - August 15, 2016 at 07:20 PM

KA

“ Kaitlyn lit a candle in memory of Billy Jack Croswell



Kaitlyn - August 15, 2016 at 06:36 PM