



Merl Leon Willen

October 17, 1929 - December 13, 2017

Merl L. Willen,

88, of Indianapolis, passed away December 13, 2017. He was born October 17, 1929 in Owen Co., IN, to the late Loy and Esther Willen. Merl was a graduate of Patricksburg High School. He received his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Education from Indiana State University. Merl married Gayle Marie Walls in 1951 and proudly served his country in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He was a teacher and coach for Warren Township schools for over 30 years, retiring in 1986. Merl was member of Old Bethel United Methodist Church for over 50 years. He was an avid sports fan, and loved woodworking.

Visitation will be Saturday, December 16, 2017 from 12 noon until the time of service at 2:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St.

Merl is survived by his loving wife of 66 years, Gayle Willen; children, Stan Willen (Debbie), Mark Willen and Linda Willen; and sister, Rosemary Query (Clyde, Jr.). He was preceded in death by three brothers and one sister.

Memorial contributions may be made to Indy Honor Flight, P.O. Box 10, Plainfield, IN 46168.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 16. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel
9606 E. Washington Street
Indianapolis, IN 46229
(317) 897-9606
<https://shirleybrothers.com/>

Funeral Service

DEC 16. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *From Cathy, Terry, Kaye, and Sarah purchased the Heavenly Light for the family of Merl Leon Willen.*



From Cathy, Terry, Kaye, and Sarah - December 16, 2017 at 03:04 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Merl Leon Willen.*



December 15, 2017 at 02:50 PM

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“ *My condolence to the family. Merl was always such an easy guy to talk to at school in the old days. He gave me advice on more than one occasion when dealing with the youth of today. I also had the privilege to talk and watch him work in his wood working shop after his retirement. As you know, he really loved you guys. Gene Nesbit*

Gene Nesbit - December 15, 2017 at 02:36 PM



“ Thomas Moore lit a candle in memory of Merl
Leon Willen



Thomas Moore - December 15, 2017 at 12:54 PM