



Rev. William J. Oakleaf

January 15, 1922 - July 23, 2019

Rev. William J. Oakleaf,

97, of Indianapolis, passed away July 23, 2019 in Battle Creek, MI. He was born January 15, 1922 in Jeffersonville, IN, to the late William J. and Thelma E. Oakleaf. Bill was a graduate of Arsenal Tech High School and married Mary L. Anderson, November 28, 1940 and she preceded him in death, January 21, 1995. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force in the 82nd Airborne Division fighting in the Battle of the Bulge where he received 5 Battle Stars, the European Theatre of Operations Medal, Good Conduct Medal and a Rifleman's Badge.

Bill attended Lane Engineering College and received his Bachelor's Degree in Engineering from Western Michigan University. He was employed as a foreman for Challenge Machine & Tool Co. for 15 years, Naval Avionics for three years, Lyons Machinery, Kalamazoo, MI, for 2 ½ years, Rockwell International, Battle Creek, MI, Ideal Engineering, Bay City, MI, and finally Royal Engineering, Saginaw, MI. In addition to his engineering career, Bill, a licensed minister of the United Pentecostal Church, Int., served as Pastor of Apostolic Tabernacle in Battle Creek, MI, for 26 years, retiring in 1995. He served the Michigan District of the UPCI as a Presbyter for eight years, and as the Harvestime Director for 16 years. Bill was also a professor at Nazareth College, Kalamazoo, MI. In 1995, he moved to Indianapolis, and was a member of Calvary Tabernacle, the VFW & American Legion Post #470. Visitation will be Saturday, July 27, 2019 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of

service at 12 noon at Calvary Tabernacle, 902 Fletcher Avenue. Interment will follow at Washington Park East Cemetery.

Bill is survived by his children, Terrell William Oakleaf and Cynthia Louise Clark; grandchildren, Darin Clark (Daniyel), Brett Clark (Brooke) and Mia Chapdelaine (Rev. Dwaine); and great-grandchildren, Evan Chapdelaine, Jaxon Chapdelaine, Reagan Chapdelaine, Greyson Clark, Leyton Clark, Hayden Clark and Cameren Clark.

Memorial contributions are suggested to Cornerstone Pentecostal Church, 1809 Romence Road, Portage, MI 49024.

Final care and arrangements are entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

Cemetery Details

Washington Park East

10612 E. Washington St.
Indianapolis, IN 46229

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Calvary Tabernacle
902 Fletcher Ave
Indianapolis, IN 46203-1039
(317) 262-4030

Funeral Service

JUL 27. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I thought of you often even after I was no longer delivering your mail. Always a kind word and a smile. I was scared the time you fell out front. I was so glad I looked for you everyday. Rest in peace Mr. Oakleaf. You were a kind and thoughtful person to this letter carrier.

Denise - July 30, 2019 at 06:10 PM

LH

“ Our Deepest Sympathies. Though our hearts are heavy for the family he leaves behind, our hearts also rejoice for him, that he has made it to final home. The final destination that he had striven for his whole life, was to become Heaven's gain and see his Savior face to face. Mission accomplished.

Thought's, Prayers, and much love being sent your way today and in the weeks and months to come. On July 23, 2019, Earth's Loss was certainly Heavens Gain! All of Heaven Angels Rejoiced as they witnessed his entrance home. Well done, my good and faithful servant, Welcome in!

Luke Hunt - July 27, 2019 at 10:29 AM

MG

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family. Our dear Brother Oakleaf was a Christian gentleman. We treasure our memories. He leaves a shining legacy for those he loved best.

Love and prayers.

Mark Grisham

mark grisham - July 27, 2019 at 01:21 PM

JF

“ Our deepest love and sympathy to you, Cindy, and all the family. We thought so much of your dad and will miss seeing him at camp. Keeping you in our prayers!

Jim and Wanda Fielder - July 27, 2019 at 07:25 AM

JT

“ Uncle Bill was always a kind and loving uncle to me, my husband and children. He was very knowledgeable and could do many things. Having lived a long and productive life, he was a great example of a real Christian, a good father, and a leader among men.

Jenny Teets - July 27, 2019 at 06:42 AM

PW

“ Rev. Oakleaf, was a stately man of integrity , focus, kindness and caring. A faithful mom of the gospel of Jesus Christ. I remember visiting his church for revivals and youth rallies. Our family always enjoyed the warm fellowship and welcome feeling when we attended. He had an easy smile and made you feel special in his presence. He fought a good fight. He finished his coarse, a crown of righteousness is his. It's not goodbye....it's see ya later friend.

Phyllis Woods - July 26, 2019 at 11:37 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Rev. William J. Oakleaf.



July 25, 2019 at 04:51 PM