



William "Bill" R. Toller

March 15, 1936 - September 26, 2022

William "Bill" R. Toller, age 86, died peacefully after a long illness, with his wife and children at his side. He was born in Ashland, Kentucky and grew up in New Castle, Indiana, with his parents Van and Bertie Toller, sister Anna and brothers Paul and Jerry. He proudly served in the United States Army and was posted at USAREUR in Heidelberg, Germany, where he met his soulmate Gisela. They were married for 65 years.

Bill and Gisela moved to Indianapolis, Indiana where he worked for a building materials company which led to a career building houses, apartments in Indiana and Florida, and finally developing land, with partners and on his own. He was a strong supporter of affordable housing. He also had investments in hotels and restaurants. He was very successful as a businessman. Admired by his colleagues, Bill was elected President of the Bloomington, Indiana Builders Association. He also volunteered for Habitat for Humanity and delivered Meals on Wheels for many years. He was a faithful member of the United Methodist church his entire adult life.

Bill was a builder, a builder of houses, a builder of family, a builder of experiences, and a builder of lasting memories.

Bill's favorite pastimes were golf, boating and fishing. Bill and his wife traveled extensively and explored the world. He and his family also went on numerous

cruises, especially to mark occasions such as birthdays, anniversaries and graduations.

Bill and Gisela spent many years as “snowbirds” between Indianapolis and Sarasota, Florida and settled in their Sarasota home permanently six years ago.

Bill is survived by his wife Gisela Toller, daughter Denise (husband Munir) Mallal, son Steven (wife Katy) Toller, sister Anna Bussell, and brother Jerry (wife Alice) Toller. Also five grandsons, Jeffrey (wife Bethy) Mallal, Justin Toller, Michael (wife Liz) Mallal, Kristopher Toller, Daniel Mallal, and twin great-granddaughters soon to be born.

A memorial service for Bill will be held at 11:00 Saturday, January 7, 2023, at St. John’s United Methodist Church, 6611 Proctor Road, Sarasota, FL.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Habitat for Humanity <https://www.habitat.org/support/honor-memorial-gifts> or Meals on Wheels <https://give.mealsonwheelsamerica.org>.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 7. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. John's United Methodist Church
6611 Proctor Road
Sarasota, FL 34241

Tribute Wall

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“ *Such an extraordinary man. My favorite memories with grandpa were spent as a child at driving ranges, fishing the many ponds near their house, going for long walks around Indianapolis, delivering Meals-On-Wheels together, and the many holidays of warmth and love spent in Indiana and Florida. I will always cherish the memories of our singing and laughing - especially his booming 'good-morning' song. I will spend the rest of my life working to live up to the legacy he leaves behind as a world traveller, entrepreneur and beacon for selflessness compassion.*



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