



## William "Bill" Charles Wissner

September 14, 1924 - December 29, 2021

William "Bill" Charles Wissner -Bradenton, Florida, passed away at age 97 at Tidewell Hospice House in Lakewood Ranch on December 29, 2021. Bill was born in Ridgewood, NY on September 14, 1924. He joins his beautiful wife, Grace Wissner, who left this life in August 2016. Bill is survived by his three daughters Barbara Wissner (Michael Sokol), Jeanne (Paul) Gartenberg, and Anne Wissner (Tony Hudzik); and grandchildren Anna Sokol (Mehdi Irhzal), Benjamin Sokol, Lauren (Michael) Latta, and Emily Gartenberg; and great grandson Ethan Irhzal.

Bill served in the U.S. Army during WW2 as a TEC 5. He was part of the 741st Field Artillery Battallion that landed in Normandy on D-Day. He was responsible for setting up communication lines and spent time in lower France.

After the war, Bill married Grace, the love of his life. They were married for 68 years prior to her passing. Both being from New York they enjoyed boating, fishing and swimming in Long Island Sound off Mastic, Long Island. In 1957, they moved to the beautiful suburbs of Sandy Hook, CT. They lived in the same house for 58 years until Grace's passing. They were snowbirds for many years enjoying the beautiful Florida weather.

Bill worked for Gristede Brothers, where he started as a butcher and then was

afforded the opportunity to become a district manager in New York and then in Connecticut. After 26 years with Gristede Brothers, he decided to leave the grocery business and work at Beacon Reel, where he became head sales manager selling wire, cable and spools. His position required an enormous amount of traveling throughout the east and midwest which prompted him to retire at age 70.

Bill's favorite pastime was golf. He was a member of Newtown Country Club for over 40 years. Through snow, sleet, rain and gusty winds, he would be at the club bundled up and playing a round. If he wasn't at home, he was at the club. He had a great sense of humor and loved to entertain family and friends at his backyard barbeques. They would go on all day and into the night.

A private service will be held at Sarasota National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Tidewell Hospice, Sarasota, FL. `