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## Bill Bleyer

Dec 28, 2016



Bleyer

CARTERVILLE — William “Bill” Charles Bleyer, 90, passed away Monday, Dec. 26, 2016, in Memorial Hospital in Carbondale, surrounded by his family.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 29, in Grand Avenue Baptist Church in Carterville, with the Rev. Richard Reed officiating. Burial will be in Willowrest Cemetery in Carterville, with military rites conducted by the Navy Honors Funeral Detail and the Carterville American Legion Post Honor Guard. Visitation will be from 9 to 11 a.m. Thursday, at the church.

Riggin-Pillatsch and Burke Funeral Home in Carterville is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be made to William and Dorothy Bleyer Scholarship at Southern Illinois University Foundation, Carbondale; or to Grand Avenue Baptist Church. Envelopes will be available at the church.

Bill was born May 27, 1926, in Carterville, to Albert and Margaret Mae (Tregoning) Bleyer.

He was united in marriage to Dorothy Rushing, on March 22, 1946, in Carterville.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his loving wife of 70 years, Dorothy Bleyer of Carterville; sons and daughters-in-law, Mark and Kay Bleyer, Tim and Sheryl Bleyer, Brad and Valeri Bleyer, and Eric and Lorie Bleyer; grandchildren, Andrew, Gregory, Rebecca, Benjamin, Sarah, Dan, Jacob, Luke, and Elizabeth; great-grandchildren, Gavin, Abbot, Mary, William, Jane, and Hobart; brothers, Jim, Frank and Tom Bleyer; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends.

He honorably served our country in the U.S. Navy during World War II serving overseas in the South Pacific.

Bill worked for several years as a Recreational Specialist in the Veterans Administration. He taught and coached at Carterville High School and at SIU. Later, for 30 years, he held various positions at SIUC within Student Affairs. He retired as the Director of Recreational and Intramural Sports in 1986.

Bill was an active participant in the community and church. He was a 70-year member of Grand Avenue Baptist Church where he served as a deacon.

He was also a member of numerous boards and committees throughout Southern Illinois. He enjoyed traveling with Dorothy and all sports including golfing, fishing and, in particular, baseball. He played for a minor league club affiliated with the Chicago Cubs. His greatest joy, however, was his time spent with his family and friends.

To view this obituary and sign the guest register, visit [www.rigginpillatschburkefh.com](http://www.rigginpillatschburkefh.com).

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