



Richard H. Bess

(January 16, 1930 – November 19, 2018)

Relationship to St. Andrew United Methodist Church: Richard and his wife Eleanor became members in 1998.

Family: Four children, 13 grandchildren and 9 great-grandsons survive him.

Children: Lucy (Doug) Ryan  
Janet (Mike) Williams  
Scott (Robin) Bess  
Todd (Tonya) Bess

Recognitions, Activities, Special Interests: Richard was a United States Army Veteran and farmer in his early years. He retired from the State of Indiana as an appraiser for real estate taxes. He was a gifted singer and sang at weddings and in church choirs. He was a performer in the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and performed at Carnegie Hall and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. He enjoyed the outdoors, whether it be playing golf, hiking, camping or traveling. He enjoyed woodworking and built tables that were used in services in former church. He and Eleanor celebrated 66 years of marriage.

### Use of Funds:



Funds were applied toward the improvement of the sound system in the Great Room and a new soundboard was purchased.

### Obituary:



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Richard Herschel Bess, 88, of West Lafayette, son of the late Evert and Lou Bess, born January 16, 1930 died Monday, November 19, 2018 at his home after battling cancer related issues. He spent his last week at home on hospice surrounded by his family.

Richard was a graduate of Monon High School. On May 17, 1952, he married the love of his life Eleanor (Stiller) Bess in Monon. Richard and Eleanor celebrated 66 years of marriage this past May. Richard was a United States Army Veteran and was a farmer in his earlier years. He retired from the State of Indiana as an appraiser for real estate taxes.

He was very active and enjoyed reading, woodworking, and playing golf. He also liked to travel, camp, and go hiking. He enjoyed the outdoors and would drive his camper and 5th wheel whenever they would travel, even driving the whole way to Alaska. Richard was a very gifted singer and would sing at weddings and in church choirs. He was a performer in the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir and performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City and the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts in Washington DC. He also was involved with Habitat for Humanity and Meals on Wheels.

Along with his wife Eleanor, he is survived by his 4 children, Lucy (Doug) Ryan, Janet (Mike) Williams, Scott (Robin) Bess, Todd (Tonya) Bess; 13 grandchildren; 9 great-grandsons.

He was preceded in death by his parents; 1 brother; and 1 sister.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Richard's name may be given to the West Lafayette Public Library, 208 W Columbia St, West Lafayette, IN 47906. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

Memorial visitation will be from 2:00 pm until time of service at 4:00 pm, Thursday, December 6, 2018 at Soller-Baker Funeral Home, West Lafayette Chapel with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating.