

Wilkinson, William

MAHOMET – William "Bill" Theodore Wilkinson of Mahomet died at 1:10 p.m. Monday, Jan. 26, 2009, at home.

Mr. Wilkinson was born April 3, 1935, the son of Edward and Opal Wilkinson.

He is survived by his wife, Marcia; two daughters, Amy (Chris) Roberts of Philo and Melinda (Steven) Baugh of Rantoul; stepdaughters, Heather (Darrin) Hall of Savoy and Meghan (John) Echols of Champaign; stepson, Bryan McGow of Mahomet; 12 grandchildren, Cody, Jessie, Jennifer, Jessica, Justin, Emma, Christopher, Austin, Marissa, Caden, Caleb and Caley. He is also survived by one half-sister, Pennie Waite of Dryden, N.Y. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, John, and a half-brother, Pat.

William served with the U.S. Army from 1954 through 1956. He retired from the Champaign Police Department in 1985 and from the Champaign County Coroner's Office in 1998. Bill was an avid fisherman and especially enjoyed getting together with family and friends, playing cards, gardening (especially raising tomatoes) feeding all wildlife and birds, meeting the expectations of his dog, and occasionally visiting a casino.

The family will receive friends on Friday, Jan. 30, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at Renner-Wikoff Chapel, 1900 S. Philo Road, Urbana. Color guard will be provided by the Champaign Police Department.

Memorials may be made to the Cumberland County Pet Connection, c/o Beth Barger, Box 1, Toledo, IL 62468 in memory of Bill's love of "four-legged" friends.

Condolences may be offered at www.renner-wikoffchapel.com.



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