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Reverend William "Bill" R. King III

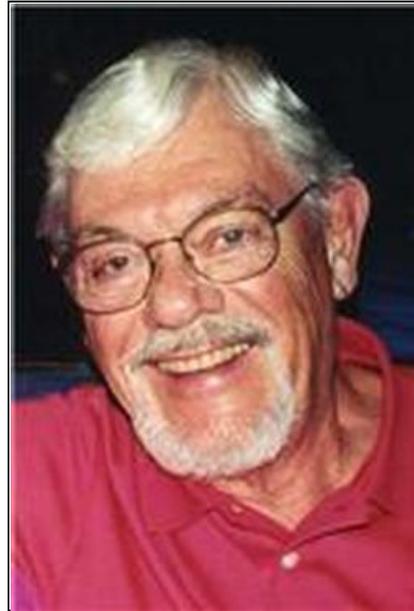
(September 08, 1923 - April 09, 2014)

Rev. William R. "Bill" King III

1923 - 2014

Beloved husband, father, grandfather, minister and missionary, died at his residence April 9, 2014. He was 90.

Bill was born to William Robert and Marjorie (Scott) King II on September 8, 1923 in Champaign, IL and married Rosemary Susan "Sue" Robinson in Gardner, Illinois.



He was preceded in death by his wife, his three parents (1step-father), one son, William Robert King IV (at 17 years old in an accident), brother-in-law Lewis Robison, Aunt Margaret, Uncle Foley and 1 cousin.

Surviving are his daughter Karen (Ford) Droegemueller of Minneapolis; son, John King of Redding; and daughter Martha King of Santa Rosa; grandchildren Don Droegemueller (Heidi), Amy Allenson (Nate); six great-grandsons; brother Scott King, two sister-in-laws, Evelyn and Beverly; three nieces, three nephews and their families; 2 grand nieces and 2 grand nephews plus two great-grand nieces; and four cousins.

Bill graduated high school in Monmouth 1941. He started college in Peoria at Bradley, transferring to the school of architecture at the University of Illinois in 1942. In 1943 he joined the Navy. While in service, Bill was aboard a transport ship that was part of the D-Day Normandy Invasion. The LST 137 made 100 trips across the English Channel, carrying troops and supplies. After his naval service during WWII he completed his degree/ licensure. In 1948 he married Sue and began a career as an architect in a small office with his Uncle Foley's firm as a Jr. Partner in Peoria. They had two children.

In 1951, Bill heard the call of ministry. He attended McCormick seminary being ordained in 1954. He then took a small church on the border of Chicago doubling its membership in addition to designing a new church building. A third child was born in 1955. The family was called in 1959 to go to the Philippines. There they worked with

college students from six major islands for five years. In 1962 Bill wrote a book on Church Design. His fourth child was born while there. They lived in Cebu City, Cebu.

Bill, Sue and children returned home in 1963 by way of a trip through Asia and Europe. They spent a week in each city they visited - HongKong, Bangkok, Rome, Geneva, Paris, London and Copenhagen. While in Paris they traveled to Normandy , where Bill showed his family his landing place on D-Day.

He then worked with a church in Chicago until joining the staff for the Presbyterian Church in Cincinnati. He had an executive position there and then in the San Francisco Presbytery. Sue finished seminary, was ordained and took a position as pastor in Burney, CA with Bill helping out. In 1992 Bill won Rotarian of the Year in Burney. He and Sue retired to Redding where he again was Rotarian of the year in 2000.

He enjoyed painting, photography, flowers, golf, fishing, the ocean and family vacations at lake cottages. Swimming (college swim team) remained his favorite way to stay fit.

One of Bill's greatest joys was being married to the same wonderful woman 64 years. He enjoyed life with family and friends wherever he was living/traveling throughout his life. He will be greatly missed.

All are invited to both services for Bill to be held on Monday, April 21 at 9:30 in the Chapel at Northern CA Veterans Cemetery, Igo and at 3:00 First United Methodist Church 1825 East Street, Redding, 96001. 2pm visitation. A light lunch will be at the church following the service. Pastor Rod Brayfindley will officiate. Interment will be at the Gardner Cemetery in IL.

Please consider a donation to American Heart Association in lieu of flowers.

Please sign the guestbook.

Arrangements handled through Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel in Redding (243-1525).