



## Willard T. "Bill" Cavanaugh

May 29, 1940 - June 29, 2021

Dateline Jasper, Indiana

Willard T. "Bill" Cavanaugh, age 81 of Jasper, Indiana, passed away of Alzheimer's disease at 9:45 p.m. on Tuesday June 29, 2021 with his wife and children by this side in Jasper, Indiana.

Bill was born on May 29, 1940 in Louisville, Kentucky to Willard and Mary (Tretter) Cavanaugh. His father sadly passed when Bill was five, and soon Bill gained a stepfather when Mary married Maury Reyling. The family expanded to include Bill's two brothers, Tom and Kent Reyling.

Bill earned his bachelor's in business from the University of Kentucky while participating in the ROTC program. After graduating in 1962 he married the love of his life, Sharon F. Jahn. They were immediately stationed at George Air Force base in southern California, where he earned the rank of a First Lieutenant in the United States Air Force before leaving the service in 1965. He then began a 40-year career with E.I. Dupont de Nemours. He earned his MBA from Ohio University before retiring in 2005. Bill and his family also lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma, Parkersburg, West Virginia, and Palm Coast, Florida before relocating back to Jasper to be with family in 2019.

Bill was a devoted husband and father. He loved to play golf whenever he

could, and rarely missed a UK basketball game. He enjoyed travel, family vacations, and taking photos or videos of their activities and the people involved. Bill also sang a rich baritone in the church choir for many years.

He is survived by his wife Sharon Jahn Cavanaugh of Jasper, daughter Shannon Donnan (Russell), Saratoga, Wyoming, his son Ross Cavanaugh (Leeah) Harrisburg, North Carolina, and his daughter Heather Cavanaugh, Chicago, IL, and a daughter-in-law, Sarah Michelle Jones Cavanaugh, Whitakers, North Carolina. He also has seven grandchildren; Marissa Donnan, Blake Donnan, Daniel Cavanaugh, Breanna Cavanaugh, Brendon Cavanaugh, McKenna Cavanaugh, and Tavian Cavanaugh. He is also survived by his brothers Tom Reyling (Theresa) and Kent Reyling (Paula), both of Jasper.

He was preceded in death by his son Barry Cavanaugh in 2009.

A Mass of Christian Burial for Willard T. "Bill" Cavanaugh will be held at 11am on Thursday, July 8, 2021 at Precious Blood Catholic Church in Jasper, Indiana, with entombment to follow at Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum in Jasper. The American Legion Post #147 will conduct military graveside rites.

A visitation will be held from 9am until the 11am Mass time at the church on Thursday.

Memorial contributions may be made to Precious Blood Catholic Church or to a favorite charity.

Condolences may be made at [www.becherkluesner.com](http://www.becherkluesner.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Fairview Cemetery Mausoleum

1020 Kundek Street  
Jasper, IN 47546

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 8. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Precious Blood Catholic Church  
1385 W 6th St  
Jasper, IN

## Mass of Christian Burial

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Willard T. "Bill" Cavanaugh*

January 01, 2023 at 10:54 AM



“ *Even though I just got to know Bill and Sharon for Bill's last months of life, it was so very evident that the life and love they shared for so many years was genuine and true! It is so very hard to see a loved one decline with Alzheimer's and to trust Gods plan for that individual! I pray that Sharon and family feel Gods love and grace and know that Bill is flying high with the angels!*

**Karen Zehr-Miller** - July 08, 2021 at 08:28 PM



“ *Rest in Peace dear classmate. Janice Shells Schenk*

**Janice Shells S** - July 06, 2021 at 09:55 PM



“ *Our Family wants to send our deepest sympathy for all of you!! We are soooo deeply sorry for your loss and any heartache you go through. May You feel the comfort of prayer and feel God's love.*

**Melinda K Weidenbenner** - July 02, 2021 at 06:56 PM



“ *My sympathy goes out to the Cavanaugh families. A special prayer for Sharron to be able to cope with such grief. Bill was a loving and hospitable person. I know he is resting in peace.*

**Rachel Jines Loeblein** - July 02, 2021 at 09:31 AM

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“ Bill was a wonderful father in law and grandpa. I will never forget his love, kindness, and support when my husband and his son Barry passed so unexpectedly. We had some great conversations while watching golf. He loved his family very much. Sharon was definitely the love of his life and they were great life time partners. Their home was a place of welcoming laughter and family gatherings. I will miss those times. I know he is at peace.

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**Sarah Michelle Cavanaugh** - July 01, 2021 at 07:27 PM

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*Even though I just got to know Bill and Sharon for Bill's last months of life, there was never any doubt that the life and love they shared for so many years was genuine and true. It is so very hard to see a loved one decline with Alzheimer's and to trust God's plan for that individual. I pray that Sharon and family feel Gods love and grace and know that Bill is flying with the angels!! Rip Bill!*

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**Karen Zehr-Miller** - July 06, 2021 at 08:36 PM