



Edwin J. Hill

December 3, 1928 - January 24, 2021

Edwin J. Hill, age 92, passed away on Sunday, January 24, 2021 due to COVID-19 complications. Born to William and Marguerrie Hill on December 3, 1928, in Toledo, Ohio, he was known by many as “Wimp,” nicknamed after the Wimpy character from the Popeye cartoon (due to his love of hamburgers in his youth). Wimp was a 1946 graduate of Libbey High School, where he played baseball and football. He attended the University of Toledo for one year, then worked at Di-Salle Plating for four years.

In 1950, Ed married Helen Dorothy Bowers on August 26, at Augsburg Lutheran Church. He joined the United States Air Force in 1951, serving honorably until 1955 as a radio technician.

In 1958, Ed joined the Toledo Fire Department, serving 28 years at Stations 15 and 25, until his retirement in 1986.

After retirement, Ed worked part-time at Bedford Hills Golf Course. His love of sports led him to be a coach for various youth baseball and football teams in West Toledo. Ed and Helen were members of the Start Sideliners Booster group. Ed and Helen were long time season ticket holders of Ohio State football, where they attended many bowl and national championship games. Ed was a 32nd Degree Mason, earning his 50 year pin from the Grand Lodge of Ohio, and was a member of the Zenobia Shrine

Ed was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Helen in 2013; and his brothers, Charles and Jerry. He is survived by sons, Jeff (Cindy), of Luckey, Ohio and Doug (Mary) of Clayton, Ohio, four grandchildren, Leah Hollyday, Mike (Adrienne), Kristin and Shannon Hill, and four great-grandchildren. Ed is also survived by his brother, Don (Kathy), of Old Fort, North Carolina, and sister-in-law, Jean Hill of Venice, Florida.

Private services will be held for the family. Contributions may be made in Ed’s memory to Toledo Firefighter’s Museum, 918 West Sylvania Avenue, Toledo, OH 43612. The family would like to thank the staff at Alexis Gardens for giving Dad a safe, comfortable and caring home for the last eight years. The family like to also thank Senior Helpers and Kay from Legacy. Ansberg-West Funeral Home, (419) 472-7633, is assisting the family with arrangements.

Cemetery

Private

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Comments



“ The final bell has sounded and Edwin is responding to the call. Godspeed Edwin.

Rest Edwin, until you hear at dawn,
the low, clear reveille of God.

Thank you for your service to this nation. U.S. Air Force.



Harry Simpson - September 21 at 04:39 PM



“ My sympathy to the family. I volunteered with Ed at Bedford Hills for years. What a nice guy!

Jerry Merickel - February 02 at 09:07 AM



“ My sympathy and prayers on the passing of your father, He worked with my dad at station 25, and I remember him from the many times my mom would take us to visit at the station. It was a great group of guys that worked together there back in the 70's and early 80's. May special memories bring you comfort and peace.

Barb Blank - February 01 at 08:02 PM



“ It was my privilege to know and cut Wimpy's hair for over 25 years. The laughs and talks we had were many! Even when the shop was busy, he would patiently wait for me or Claude so we could get caught up with what's happening in each others lives and of course solve all the problems of the world.

Though he had a nice long life, he will be missed and I am very sorry for your loss. Wimp was truly one of the 'good guys'.

Dick Dietsch

Friendly Service Barber Shop

Dick Dietsch - February 01 at 04:52 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. i was a rookie firefighter when I met him in the Fire bowling league. He made me feel welcome and I loved bowling with him in the league and state tournaments. He will be joining a lot of great guys in heaven.

Otis Frye - January 28 at 10:41 AM



“ So sorry to lose Wimp - he was one of the remaining patriarchs in our family. Our sympathies to Don & Kathy, and Jeff, Doug and their families.

Kimberly Ormsby Nagy, Donna Nagy, Amanda Nagy Owens

Kimberly Nagy - January 27 at 08:35 PM



“ I bowled with Wimpy on the Ansberg West team in the Firefighters league. I also enjoyed many State Bowling Tournaments with Ed! Golf with the TFF retirees league was a special time with him as well. May He RIP Brother!

Bill Brown

Bill Brown - January 27 at 03:59 PM



“ I am sadden to hear of the passing of Wimpy. He was a great guy and I really enjoyed seeing him and playing golf with him. Even the short time that we worked on the department, he was great to be around. God bless him and his family.

Bob Klever - January 27 at 03:35 PM



“ So sorry to hear about Wimpy. I have many good memories of bowling and golfing with him. Prayers for the family.

Jim Krause - January 29 at 08:42 AM



“ Dear Jeff and Doug (and families), I was so saddened to hear about Wimpy's passing, but know that he is in a better place with your Mom and my parents along with all their other friends going to dinner on a regular basis. Your parents were always so sweet and kind to us Draheim children and very good friends to our parents! I know losing a parent is hard because, I'm still having a hard time with Mom's passing 4 1/2yrs ago and miss my Daddy like crazy even after all these years! Please take care and send hugs and kisses to all of you!

Lisa Draheim Jacobs - January 31 at 01:43 PM



“ Jeff, Very sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. I remember how active he and your Mom were in the Booster Parent group at Start High School.

I know your Dad and Mom were extremely Proud of the many accomplishments that you and Doug have achieved. You were blessed with two Great Parents.

Cherish the Numerous Memories that you shared as a family. We have you in our thoughts and prayers.

God Bless,
John & Judy Maxey

John Maxey - February 05 at 06:03 PM