



William Wallace Lile

March 31, 1937 - January 5, 2026

William (Bill) W. Lile, age 88, of Plymouth, Indiana, passed away on Monday, January 5, 2026.

Bill was born in Hanna, IN on March 31, 1937 to the late Darl and Elinora (Fosdyke) Lile.

Proceeding his death were his siblings Richard (Dick) Lile, Edith Cunningham, Martha Wagoner, James (Jim) Lile, “baby” Virginia Darlene, Frances (Leigh) Lile, and Virginia Bates.

In 1999, Bill married Diane (Johnson), who survives in Plymouth. Also surviving, from a previous marriage to Joyce Lile, are Shawn (Yongxian) Lile of Keego Harbor, MI, Craig (Ruth) Lile of Walkerton, Lisa (Dave) Santana of La Porte, and Billy (Toshie) Lile of Wixom, MI. Bill is also survived by his stepchildren, Kim Johnson of La Porte and Kevin (Mindy) Johnson of Arizona. Additionally, he is survived by special nieces and nephew Patti (Bob) Young of LaCrosse, IN, Connie Lile of LaPorte, and Steve Lile of Hanna, IN. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren biologically, 17 bonus grandchildren, 9 great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

After graduation from Hanna High school, Bill enlisted in the US Marine Corps, which shaped not only his character, but lifelong friendships. He remained especially close with his marine buddies – his 4 high school friends that he enlisted with -- cherishing their regular breakfasts filled with stories, laughter, and the unbreakable bond forged through shared service. These friendships were a cornerstone of his life and a source of great pride.

In 1958, following his father's death, Bill assumed responsibility of the Lile Family Farm in Hanna with land in Hanna and Hamlet. In later years, adding farmland in Plymouth, all while raising beef cattle. Bill also worked at Whirlpool until his retirement.

Bill was a regular participant in the Hanna Fest parade and could often be found enjoying spirited Euchre games with friends. Whether driving his customized USMC Kubota in the parade, playing cards, or sharing a cup of coffee or a beer at the Legion or in the parking lot at the Fairgrounds, he valued connections above all else. He made friends wherever he went and no one was a stranger for long.

Perhaps his greatest legacy was the role he played as a father figure to many. Over the years countless young people found guidance, support, advice, and acceptance in him. Bill will be remembered for his steadfast loyalty and his unwavering commitment to the people he loved. His impact lives on in the many lives he shaped and the friendships he nurtured.

He will be deeply missed and forever honored. He requested there be no Service.

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“ *Bill was a fine gentleman and I always enjoyed talking with him whenever I saw him at the Walkerton American Legion.* ”

Matthew Coon - January 10 at 01:17 AM

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“ *Ron Gouker lit a candle in memory of William Wallace Lile* ”



Ron Gouker - January 09 at 02:16 PM