



William R. Rackley

June 6, 1934 - September 14, 2016

William R. Rackley of Carthage died on Wednesday, September 14, 2016 with family at his side.

Bill was born in Pulaski on June 6, 1934 to parents Joseph M. Rackley and Jane Zuccarello Rackley. He graduated from Giles County High School. He attended Vanderbilt University on a full Craig Scholarship and graduated cum laude with a degree in Civil Engineering.

After a few years in Houston with Armco Steel Company, he joined the Chris Fields Roofing Company in Memphis where he rose to the position of Vice President. In 1974, he moved to Carthage and formed Rackley Roofing Company, specializing in commercial and industrial roofing. He served as president of the Tennessee Association of Roofing Contractors for several years.

He was married in 1957 to the former Salter Neal and their 59 years of marriage were filled with many joys and adventures. They circled the Eastern U. S. in their boat, they skied with friends in Colorado and Europe; and traveled to many parts of the world.

In addition to his parents, Bill is preceded in death by his brother Joseph M. Rackley, Jr. He is survived by his wife, Salter, his nephews Matt Rackley and wife Connie, David Rackley, Bill Rackley II and wife Traci, Sam Neal and wife Lacey, John K. Neal and wife Archer, niece Kathryn Neal Toomajian and husband Phillip, brother-in-law Ken Neal and sister-in-law Diane Rackley.

Visitation will be on Sunday, September 18, 2016 from 2 - 4 at Fellowship Hall

of Carthage United Methodist Church, with service to follow, conducted by dear friend, Reverend Bedford Transou.

There will be a visitation at Bennett May Funeral Home in Pulaski on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 1:00 p.m. with private burial at 2 p.m. at Fogg Cemetery in Giles County.

In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests memorials to Carthage United Methodist Church or Fogg Cemetery Fund %Connie Rackley, 355 Hicks Cut Road, Pulaski, TN 38478.

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill was a very fine person, engineer, contractor and businessman. I enjoyed working him and send my best regards to Salter and his family.*

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“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Jason D. Lowder and everyone at RK Hydro-Vac*

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