



William E. Rucker

April 20, 1939 - April 22, 2017

William E. Rucker 78, of Bonita Springs, FL died Saturday, April 22, 2017 at his residence. He was born April 20, 1939 in Fort Worth, TX the son of the late Thomas M. and Margaret (née Estes) Rucker. He had been a resident of Bonita Springs since 2000 coming from Minneapolis, MN.

Bill grew up in Dallas, Texas and moved to Logansport, IN in 1961, where he met his wife, Carolyn Grube. They were married in 1963. The family spent 1967 to 2000 in Minnesota where Bill helped found CORE Resources, a hunting apparel company. In 2000, Bill and Carolyn retired and moved to the warmth of Bonita Springs, FL.

Bill had a deep passion for travel, photography, deep sea fishing, boating, warm weather and a lifelong love of Texas.

He is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Carolyn G. Rucker of Bonita Springs, FL; two daughters, Laurel S. Shuman and her husband, Mitchell of Lafayette, CO and Elizabeth R. O'Donoghue and her husband, Patrick of Wilmette, IL; two sisters, Margaret (Ray) Hill of Dallas, TX and Susan (Mark) Miller of Denton, TX and 5 grandchildren: Dillon Jensen, Calli Praner, Norah Shuman, Genevieve Shuman, Theodore O'Donoghue.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his daughter, Carrie E. Rucker on July 28, 2011 and his brother, Robert M. Rucker.

Memorial service and burial will be held in Logansport, IN on June 10, 2017.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Arthritis Foundation National Office 1355 Peachtree St NE Suite 600 Atlanta, GA 30309 or online at www.arthritis.org.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Hope Cemetery

Logansport, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *William E. Rucker*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *Bill was a great and loyal friend always. He had a special way about him that drew people to him and always with a sense of kindness and humor. We will miss him greatly!*

Our love to his cherished wife, Carolyn, and to the entire family now and always!

Jerry and Merrily Smale

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