



Aledo High School
1951

In Memory of
William Charles Ives

Born

February 5, 1933

Entered Into Eternal Rest

May 30, 2020

Services

11:00 a.m. Saturday

June 6, 2020

Fippinger Funeral Home

Aledo, Illinois

Officiating

Reverend Harry Losey

Interment

Aledo Cemetery

Military Rites

American Legion Falloran's Post # 121 Aledo, Illinois

Pallbearers

David William Ives

Daniel Winston Ives

William Connor Ives

Daniel Winston Ives, Jr.

Jeremy Robert Ives

Thomas Charles Ives

Madeleine Marie Ives

Honorary Pallbearers

Andrew John Davis

Matthew David Ives (In Spirit)

Alison Jane Davis

Alexander Toncray Long



Dan, Carol and David in New Boston 2000



Germany 1999



Oak View Country Club
Aledo, Illinois 2007



Alison, Danny, Will, Andrew, Thomas,
Madeleine, Matt and Jeremy
New Boston 2000

William Charles Ives, age 87, a native of Aledo, IL, formerly of Hinsdale, IL, and residing in Chapel Hill, NC, died peacefully on May 30, 2020. He left with great reluctance following Dylan Thomas' advice, "Do not go gentle into that good night." With him at the end were Virginia, his beloved wife and soulmate, and family.

Born on February 5, 1933, in Galesburg, IL to Dale Gilbert and Anna Grace Ives, Bill was educated in the Aledo schools where he excelled academically and won nine varsity letters in football, basketball and track. He received his BA degree from Knox College, graduating cum laude, was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and played on three Midwest Conference Championship golf teams. He graduated from Harvard Law School in 1960.

While at Knox and with his lifelong friend, the late Craig E. Lovitt of Galesburg, he took a then unprecedented five-week trip to Russia in 1954, a journey that received wide national media coverage and about which they both wrote and spoke extensively.

Bill served in the U. S. Army from 1955 to 1957. Although trained as an infantry officer, he joined the US Army's Counter Intelligence Corps as a Special Agent and a Field Office Commander in Giesen, Germany. He was always proud of his military service and the many lessons he learned from it.

Bill practiced law for almost 60 years, with Keck, Mahin and Cate in Chicago (1960 - 1996), where he rose to become Chairman of its Management Committee and then as a partner with Michael, Best and Friedrich (1997 - 2003.) He was in solo practice in Chapel Hill from 2004 - 2019. Bill was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court and other federal courts and was a member of The Law Club. He gave numerous speeches on legal subjects.

Government positions included the Chairmanship of the Illinois Fair Employment Practices Commission, Special Assistant Illinois Attorney General and Du Page County, Illinois Assistant State's Attorney. He also served as a member of the Secretary of State's Advisory Committee on International Law.

Although deeply involved in Republican politics, he never sought public office. He was a member of the

Illinois Republican State Central Committee for 12 years and was a Vice Chairman. Bill was elected to the Illinois College of Presidential Electors in 1968, 1972 and 1976 and twice served as its Chairman. He was a delegate to and Credentials Committee Member of the 1976 GOP National Convention.

Bill's civic involvement included the Executive Committee of the 1992 Chicago World's Fair, long time board member and President of the International Churchill Center, Board of Governors of the Association of Churchill Fellows at the National Churchill Museum and member of the Illinois State Historical Society's Advisory Board.

His hobbies were collecting, traveling and golf. Bill and Virginia visited more than 200 countries. He was an avid golfer and won two Oakview Country Club Championships.

An avid sports fan, Bill's sun rose and set on the fortunes of the Chicago White Sox. He rooted strenuously for the Chicago Bears and Bulls. Illinois and Duke were his favorite college basketball teams. Throughout his life, he remained a stalwart booster of Aledo and its teams even though their superb mascot, "Green Dragon," had been dropped years before.

Bill is survived by his wife, Virginia Ruth Lowry Ives of Chapel Hill, with whom he shared 40 happy and eventful years and his sister-in-law, Lois Lumbach Ives. He was immensely proud of his three children by his first wife, Jane Peterson Schroeder, David William (Jeanne), Carol Elaine Ives Davis and Dr. Daniel Winston (Joy); and his eight grandchildren, Matthew Ives, Andrew Davis, William Ives, Alison Davis, Jeremy Ives, Daniel Ives, Jr., Madeleine Ives and Thomas Ives. They all, except Matthew, survive him as well as six "Grand-dogs", *Jade, Winnie, Kane, Itsy, Bubbles and Bella*. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Robert, nephew Rob Ives and grandson Matthew. Services will be in his hometown of Aledo, IL, on Saturday, June 6, 2020, at 11 AM at Fippinger Funeral Home. Burial will be in the Aledo Cemetery with Military Honors. A Memorial Service will be held in Chapel Hill at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a Food Bank of your choice.



In Loving Memory of



William Charles Ives

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