



## William H. Davies

June 26, 1923 - January 14, 2011

William H. Davies, Jr., Mount Dora, Florida passed away peacefully on Friday, January 14, 2011.

Mr. Davies was born June 26, 1923 in Hawesville, KY to I. D. Mae Emrich and William H. Davies, Sr.

At his graduation from Beechmont High School in 1941 he delivered the Salutatorian speech about how with "definite purpose" and "hard work" you can "bring anything worthwhile to pass". Time and again throughout his life he would demonstrate his honor and commitment to these values.

His education at Bryant Stratton College, Louisville, KY., was interrupted by WWII in which he served his country as an officer and pilot in the Air Force.

He returned from the Air Force in 1946 and always joked that all the commercial pilot jobs were gone!

As a gifted salesperson, his second career choice was the insurance industry and like with everything else he did in life, he approached this opportunity with definite purpose and hard work and he achieved great success. Starting as an agent with Commonwealth Life Insurance in 1949, he was named their Chairman of the Board and CEO in 1979.

After his retirement from Commonwealth Life in 1984, Bill moved to Florida and became CEO of American Sun Life Insurance Company.

Mr. Davies was active in every community where he lived. He was a member and served as President of various local clubs including the Frankfort Rotary, Lions, Optimist clubs, YMCA of Louisville and two terms as President of the Frankfort Chamber of Commerce. He served on the Board of Directors of numerous non-profit organizations and commercial businesses.

Bill was an avid fisherman, enjoying many trips with friends and family. He was a gifted storyteller who could describe everyday events and have you laughing in tears by the end of the tale. He never forgot anyone he met and always greeted them by name and remembered something personal about them.

He was well known for his love of Christmas decorations and his house was always the highlight of the neighborhood. He was upbeat and always had a smile on his face. He possessed a wonderful sense of humor and a quick wit. He loved to travel, watch UK sports, and woodworking. He was especially proud of being a Kentucky Colonel.

He was a devoted father and doting grandfather.

He married the former Cleo Douglas, the mother of his 4 children, in 1943 and she predeceased him in 1995 after 51 years together. After Cleo's death he married Pauline Lewis and they were together for 14 years.

He is survived by his wife Pauline Davies; children, William H. Davies, III, Frankfort, KY, Doug (Rachel) Davies, Louisville, KY, Duane (Carol) Davies, Baltimore, MD, and Kim Kubicina, Eustis, FL; grandchildren Brad Davies,

Brian Davies, Jennifer Davies, Emory Davies, and Ashley Allen; step-grandchildren Mary Beth Lambert, Franklin, TN and John Davis, Lawrenceburg, KY; great-grandchildren Alex and Austin Davies. Also surviving are two brothers Charles E. Davies, Sr., Eustis, FL and Dr. James (Martha) Davies, Bend, OR and many nieces and nephews.

Services will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home in Frankfort, KY at 11 AM Thursday, January 20, 2011. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 between 4 PM and 8 PM.

Memorial donations may be made to Cornerstone Hospice, Tavares, FL or Crusade for Children, Louisville, KY.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William H. Davies*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Bill has been my next door neighbor for the past 14 years and I could not have asked for a nicer gentlemen to live next to. I would see Bill most every morning - riding his bicycle, sweeping up the acorns from his huge oak tree or just outside looking over his property. He has been such a blessing since my husband passed away, helping me with various yard & house jobs, helping with the Christmas decorations, reviewing my insurance papers, etc. Just where ever and when ever he could be of help, he was always willing to help. He is missed and will be for years. My deepest sympathy to his entire family.*

**Vera Knapp** - January 20, 2011 at 07:50 PM



“ *We were so saddened of your loss. We will always cherish the memories of Bill. We are keeping you in our prayers  
Lacy and Anna Belle Puckett*

**Lacy E. Puckett** - January 19, 2011 at 11:08 PM



“ *Mr. Davies was a great friend and a wonderful boss. Mr. D. you will be missed.*

**Marcella Harrod** - January 19, 2011 at 01:28 PM

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“ With admiration. Kathy, Rose, Danny, Richard and Ann

The Hunt Family - January 19, 2011 at 09:48 AM

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“ It was a pleasure to get to know Bill and to have such a gracious and kind person in our home. Our condolences to his family.

Kathy and Ronnie Robinson - January 19, 2011 at 09:37 AM

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“ I have lived across the street from Bill for many years. He was a kind and gentleman. He would do anything for his neighbors. Every morning he would ride his bicycle and then sweep his sidewalk. I will miss him so much. Geraldine (Jerry) Boese, Mt. Dora, Fl.

Geraldine (Jerry) Boese - January 18, 2011 at 11:31 PM

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“ Bill was a great friend and Boss.  
He will be missed not only by us but many!  
Bill expressed compassion and emotion when it was warranted however he was a strong leader an inspired many through out his life and career.

Herb & Glenna Barker  
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Herbert H & Glenna Barker - January 18, 2011 at 06:18 PM