

**WILLIAM KENNETH HENDLEY SR. OBT.**

b. 15 October 1931, Indianapolis, IN  
d. 3 February 2011, Carmel, IN  
Marilyn Louise Hadles, md 17 February 1951  
s/o Berlin Hendley & Lettie Delmis Claspell

April 3, 2011

**William K. Hendley** 79, of Carmel, father of Karen Gray of Carmel IN, Richard Hendley of Phoenix AZ and William K. Hendley Jr. deceased, passed away February 3,



2011. He was born in Indianapolis to the parents of Berlin and Lettie Delmis (Claspell) Hendley. He was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn (Hadley) of 49 years; son, Bill Hendley; brothers, Emerson, David, Bobbie; sisters, Edna and Susie. Survivors are Karen Gray, Caitlin Gray (granddaughter), Richard; brothers and sisters, Donald (Linda), Allen, Edith Kirk, Ruth Rider, Patricia Cannon, Priscilla Hoagland, Sara Stafford and cousins, Bill and Julie Hendley.

Bill was a veteran of the Korean War, serving in the U.S. Air Force. He retired from General Motors after 38 years of working at the Chevrolet Plant and then onto Allison's Gas Turbine. He graduated from Broad Ripple High School in 1949. He received a reward from General Motors for Life Saving and was inducted into the Marion County Red Cross Hall of Fame for Heroes. He was a member of American Legion (Eli Lilly) post 374 of Indianapolis. Mr. Hendley served as VP and member of the board of directors of the Hendley Family Association at one time, and was the serving clan elder of the William Meredith Hendley clan at the time of his death. Bill's favorite hobbies included traveling, bowling and working around the house.

He was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff of River Walk Village, doctors and staff of Richard L. Roudebush VA, Advocate Hospice and Active Day North for the loving care given to their father. Bill also leaves behind two devoted pets Faith and Lilly who miss him dearly. Flanner and Buchanan Funeral Center - Oaklawn handled the arrangements.

**Notes of William "Bill" Haydon Hendley:** William Kenneth Hendley Sr. was a resident of Washington State from 1951 to 1953, while serving in the U. S. Air Force. Mr. Hendley completed his training as an aircraft mechanic specialist on the C-124 cargo aircraft at McChord Air Force Base in Washington. His assignment during the Korean War was to the 8<sup>th</sup> Troop Carrier Squadron (H), 62<sup>nd</sup> Troop Carrier Wing (H) at Larson Air Force Base in Moses Lake, Washington. Mr. Hendley completed his service on February 19, 1954 with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

Afterwards he returned to his home at Indianapolis, IN, where he was employed by the Allison Engine Division of the General Motors Corp. for 38 years. Mr. Hendley was instrumental in saving a fellow employee's life at the Allison plant when the employee was overcome by carbon dioxide. Mr. Hendley received commendations from President Jimmy Carter, Indiana Gov. Otis R. Bowen, M. D.; Indiana Lt. Gov. Robert D. Orr and Congressman E. H. Hillis for this heroic action, along with the General Motors Life Saving Award and the American Legion Heroism Medal. I therefore, Mike Lowry, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim March 5, 1996 as William K. Hendley Sr. appreciation day.

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