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Obituary of Willis Joseph Peacock Please share a memory of Willis to include in a keepsake book for family and friends. [View Tribute Book Willis "Bill" Joseph Peacock](#), age 90, passed away peacefully surrounded by family on Sunday, December 1, 2024. He was born on May 11, 1934 to Delbert and Elsie (DeBerry) Peacock in Scott County, Indiana. He honorably served in the United States Navy from August of 1952 through August of 1960. During this time, he met his beautiful wife Marjorie Marie (Botts) Peacock in Indio, California and they were married on June 9, 1956 in Phoenix, Arizona. He graduated in 1960 from Tri-State College in Angola, Indiana (currently known as Trine University). The following year, he moved to Ewa Beach in Oahu, Hawaii, where he worked for NASU (Naval Air Support Unit) for a year and a half. In 1966 he moved the family to La Porte, Texas. He spent most of his career as an engineer contractor for the space program for NASA's JSC Aircraft Operations Division, training astronauts to land on the moon and serving in over 400 projects before retirement in 1998 after 32 years of dedicated service. During his career, he earned the Silver Snoopy Award two times, as well as the Space Flight Awareness Honoree Award, which are two of NASA's highest awards. He lived life to the fullest and delighted in the simple things; such as his devotion to his family, success in his career, contributing to science and the continuation of space exploration, living a life of integrity, and showing a readiness to generously help anyone in need. Some of his hobbies included traveling, spending time outdoors, observing wildlife, coaching family sports, visiting car museums, gardening, and watching old western TV shows. His greatest joy was found in spending time with his family and serving the Lord. He is loved beyond words and will be deeply missed. He is preceded in death by his wife and parents; brothers Cloyd, Carl, Ralph, and Ronald Peacock; sisters Wilma (Peacock) Johnson, Irene (Peacock Hall) Swanson; and grandson Michael Holt. He is survived by his children,



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Joseph and Dianna (Hokanson) Peacock, Deborah (Peacock) Holt, Bob and Anne (Peacock) Hunter; grandchildren Tara (Peacock) Garcia, Tracy and Christina (Holt) Ezell, Micah and Lauren (Lumley) Peacock, Adam and Charity (Ratliff) Hunter, Daniel and Laura (Hunter) Weedon; great-grandchildren Jacob Crawford, Jensen Ezell, Raphael Peacock, Clara Peacock, Ada Peacock, and a treasured great-grandson on the way. Arrangements have been entrusted to Clayton Funeral Home, located at 201 South 3rd Street in La Porte, Texas. Visitation hours will be 6:00- 8:00 PM on the evening of Friday, December 6, 2024. In remembrance of his life and love, a memorial service will take place there at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 7, 2024. A graveside service will follow at the La Porte Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, those who wish to remember him in a special way may make a charitable donation to the MD Anderson Cancer Center.



Sandy Peacock Everett posted:

Uncle Bill was a joy and inspiration as I was growing up in the 1960s. As kids we were always thrilled to have his children (Joe, Debbie, and Anne) come to Indiana for a visit. Eventually we also learned that Uncle Bill worked at NASA in Houston TX, and worked on the Apollo space program which we were familiar with from watching the Mercury and Gemini launches at school. He knew the Apollo astronauts, and helped to train them and build the systems they would need to go to the Moon. On a visit to their family in Houston (LaPorte, TX,) around 1968 Uncle Bill arranged for us to meet him at the "back fence" at the Johnson Space Center to watch the Apollo 11 astronauts train on the "Flying Bedstead" for lunar landing. We were impressed when "Pedro" - the security helicopter - swooped in to check us out. Uncle Bill scaled the chain link fence and held up his badge to reassure the men in the chopper that we were A-OK. Aunt Marge's comment was "if they don't shoot him I will!". Apparently all was well and we got to watch Mike Collins practice landing the trainer. Only years later as an adult did I realize what a special moment this was. But that was Uncle Bill. He had so many amazing stories of his time at NASA, and generously shared them with anyone interested. My children were thrilled to see his memorabilia and awards, and hear his memories of the space program. But they also treasure the time they spent with Aunt Marge and their children: Joe was my daughter's 7th grade choir director, his wife Diana taught at their elementary school, and they visited and played with their Texas cousins growing up. Our family moved around a lot as the girls were growing up, and the years spent living close to Bill, Marge and their family were a special treat that we all enjoyed. We are honored to have these wonderful memories, and treasure the times we spent with Uncle Bill and his family.

December 2 at 7:00 PM



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Join us in honoring Willis by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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