



Lt. Commander William G. Pledger (Ret.)

January 15, 1922 - February 23, 2012

Lt. Commander William G. Pledger, U. S. Navy (Retired) died Thursday, February 23, 2012 at the age of 90. Bill was born on January 15, 1922 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas. He graduated from the U. S. Naval Academy in 1944 and served as Gunnery Officer on the U.S.S. West Virginia in the Pacific Theater during WWII. During the Korean War, he served aboard the aircraft carrier, Valley Forge, as officer in charge of the helicopter detachment and effected the rescue of several downed pilots. After his retirement from the Navy in 1964, Bill sold insurance and then owned and operated Bill's Hallmark in Lancaster. He was active in the community, serving on the boards of Lancaster Schools, First United Methodist Church, Lancaster Genealogical Society, and Lancaster Little Theater.

Bill is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Ruth Filgo Montgomery Pledger; sons William G. Pledger, Jr. and wife Barbara, Robert P. Pledger and wife Virginia, Reed G. Pledger, William Glenn Montgomery III and wife Cary; daughters Gail Montgomery Corley, Julia Montgomery Taylor and husband, Don; grandchildren Jeffrey Pledger, Stephen Pledger and wife Valerie, Kelli Pledger, Sarah Gossett, Rebekah Gossett, Katherine Corley, Kate Jesiolowski and husband A.J; a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Tribute Wall



“ We just learned of Bill's death, through reading Mary Ruth's obit. We have so many fond memories of our years together in the Little Theater. I will miss seeing Bill in Minyards Grocery Store.##imported-begin##Jack and Pat Royder##imported-end##

March 23, 2012 at 03:19 PM



“ Sending prayers for your family and sorry to hear of your loss. My Mom, enjoyed her years working for Bill.##imported-begin##Jill Lemmond##imported-end##

March 07, 2012 at 12:38 PM



“ Bill and Mary Ruth have always been a major part of our community. Bill was always engaged in and cared deeply for our city. We will miss him greatly,##imported-begin##Carol strain Burk##imported-end##

March 03, 2012 at 10:05 AM



“ Bill and Mary Ruth were the first people to befriend our family when we moved on their street in 1962. We had come from England and it took 3 mos. to receive our things. We had a 3 mo. old baby. Mary Ruth brought us a card table and chairs and a rocking chair. Bill and I have exchanged many e-mails over the past few years. Bill was one of the finest men I have ever known. We have lost a dear friend and Dr. Charlie and I already miss him vert much.##imported-begin##Margie Waldrop##imported-end##

March 02, 2012 at 02:40 PM



“ I will be thinking of all of you. I appreciate so much all that Bill did for Mary Ruth.##imported-begin##Dorothy Filgo##imported-end##

March 01, 2012 at 09:30 PM



“ Our love and prayers are with Mary Ruth and family... You and Bill were the best next door neighbors EVER :)
Fondly,
Brian, Leslie and family##imported-begin##Leslie (Childress)
Allen##imported-end##

March 01, 2012 at 04:12 PM



“ I was so sorry to hear of Bill's death. He was such a smart man, and I will always remember his cute chuckle. Bill and Mary Ruth were an important part of my time in Dallas.##imported-begin##Hal Pledger##imported-end##

February 25, 2012 at 03:50 PM