



WILLIAM A “Bill” SCHEIN, 1933 - 2015

Former Milan Band Director William A. “Bill” Schein. 81 of Milan passed away Friday January 30, 2015 at Dearborn County Hospital at Lawrenceburg. Bill was born Tuesday September 12, 1933 at Batesville the son of Irvin and Augusta (Kaiser) Schein. He married Janice (Rumph) Schein June 5, 1965 and she survives.

Bill is a graduate of Batesville High School and Indiana University, Bloomington where he earned his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Music Education. He taught music in English, Indiana for one year before entering the U.S. Army in which he served as the Chaplain’s Aid to Chaplain Richard Hager. Together they held services along the Iron Curtain during which Bill often played the organ. After his tour of duty, Bill took the position of Director of Music at Milan, a position he held for almost forty years. During this time he taught instrumental music beginning with grade 5 students. During his tenure he had several choirs and served as the junior high and high school band director. He enjoyed taking his students on Goodwill Band Tours on which the students learned about the joy of sharing one’s talents for the enjoyment of others. It was very important to Bill that students acquire and appreciate the joy of giving to others. His students participated in solo and ensemble contests, as well as full band contests. His bands were known for the rich, fullness of their sound. Bill has served as organist for St John’s Church of Christ and St. Mark’s Lutheran Church where he also directed the choir.

For years he played piano in the Fritz Turner Band. He particularly loved Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra concerts. Bill was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Milan, the Batesville F&AM Masonic Lodge, and the Indiana Retired Teachers Association. He is a Past President of ISSMA and a member of several music honoraries including Phi Beta Mu. Bill was often called upon to play the organ or piano for marriage ceremonies and funerals. Music filled Bill with joy. Funeral services will be at 11Am Wednesday February 4, at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 7124 N. St. Rd. 101, Milan 47031 with Pastors Susan Socha and Vicki Garber officiating. Bill will be laid to

rest very close to his home in the German Lutheran Cemetery, with full military honors provided by Milan Legion Post #235. Visitation will be 5-8PM Tuesday at Laws-Carr-Moore Funeral Home, Milan. Memorials may be given to the Milan Scholarship Fund, St. Paul Lutheran Church, the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, the Milan Library Fund or the Donor's choice. Laws-Carr-Moore Funeral Home is honored to be handling Bill's services. PO box 243, 707 S. Main St, 47031 (812)654-2141. Go to www.lawscarrmoore.com to leave an online condolence message.