

William Francis Freije, Jr. (Bill)

William Francis Freije Jr., 94, co-founder of the Indianapolis based mechanical engineering and contracting firm Wm. F Freije, Inc. passed peacefully at home on January 19th. Bill, a man full of integrity and wisdom, strived to live a life that reflected his strong Christian values.

As an active member of Northminster Presbyterian Church, he held leadership roles as a Deacon and Elder and served many years on the Building and Grounds Committee. Bill graduated from the School of Engineering at Purdue University in 1949 and worked as a Professional Engineer in several states. He married the love of his life, Patricia, in 1950 and enlisted and served in the U.S. Air Force as an officer during the Korean War.

Bill was CEO of William F Freije Inc. and a member of the Lyndhurst Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, and Murat Shrine. In addition, he served as president of the Mechanical Contractors Association of Indiana, and president and board member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers.

Famous for his Caesar salad, storytelling, and pithy sayings, Bill loved and enjoyed life. He was proud of his children and grandchildren and their accomplishments. Bill traveled extensively with his wife Pat, was an avid fisherman, enjoyed hosting family and friends at the lake cottage, and was a great bridge player, golfer, bowler and water skier.

Bill was an excellent role model for his family and a devoted husband. He is survived by his loving wife Patricia to whom he was married 72 years, sister, Barbara Berting, brother, Richard Freije, and children: Deborah (Tom), William (Sandy), Julie (Scot), and Matthew. He leaves 18 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren (with 2 more on the way). Bill was truly loved and will be sorely missed.

We give our heartfelt thanks to Toni, Carl, and Chester, who lovingly provided excellent care for Dad during the past three years.



William Francis Freije, Jr.

February 7, 1928 - January 19, 2023

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection

In Celebration of the Life of

William Francis Freije, Jr. (Bill)

Monday, January 30, 2023 - 11:30 a.m.

Prelude

"Ah, Holy Jesus" | *Johannes Brahms; Marko Petričić, Organist*

Welcome and Call to Worship

Psalm 118:24 | *Brian Shivers*

***Hymn No. 839**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

Prayer

Carol McDonald

First Reading

Psalm 23

Remembrances by Grandchildren

Thomas Fisher Jr., Vanessa Freije, Andrea Dill, Victoria Zumpano

***Hymn No. 649**

"Amazing Grace"

Remembrances by Children

Matthew Freije, William F. Freije III

Second Reading

Romans 8: 31-35, 37-39

Homily

Prayer of Thanksgiving and The Lord's Prayer

***Hymn No. 39**

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

***Commendation and Blessing**

Postlude

"Fugue in E Flat Major" | *J.S. Bach; Marko Petričić, Organist*

(Please remain seated as the family exits the Sanctuary)

Participants:

The Rev. Brian Shivers, Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church

The Rev. Carol McDonald, Parish Associate, Northminster Presbyterian Church

Marko Petričić, Music Associate/Organist, Northminster Presbyterian Church

The family requests that gifts in memory and celebration of Bill's life be directed to:

Northminster Presbyterian Church

1660 Kessler Blvd, East Drive

Indianapolis, IN 46220

(please indicate "Building and Grounds-Bill Freije" on the Memo line)

Following the service, a luncheon will be served in Calvin Hall. All are welcome.

