



## Mr. William R. Mead

October 10, 1919 - February 20, 2015

William R. Mead, Sr.

William Ramey (Bill) Mead of St. Louis went to be with his Lord and Savior on February 21, 2015 following a brief illness. Bill was born in Lincoln, NE on Oct. 10, 1919 to William D. and Lita Ramey Mead. He grew up in Minneapolis, MN with a brother, Art Mead and a sister, Ardelle Mead Mills.

Bill was a WW II U.S. Navy veteran serving as a PT boat commander in the Pacific. He also was a proud member of the Navy Glee Club. While in the military, Bill met Audrey J. Williams, whom he married in 1943. To this union, four children were born: Sandra, Susan, Bill, Jr., and Robert.

He was senior vice president of investments for General American Life Insurance in St. Louis prior to his retirement.

Following Audrey's death in 2003, Bill married Linda Surwillo. They lived in St. Louis along with Linda's four daughters: Shelly, Kathy, Kelly and Kim.

Bill is survived by his wife Linda and her daughters of St. Louis; his sister Ardelle Mills of Minneapolis; daughter Sandra McIntire (Dr. Ronald) of Bolivar, MO; William R. Mead, Jr. of St. Louis; Susan Wigley of Fairfield, CA; and daughter-in-law Jeri Mead of Columbia, SC, as well as numerous nieces,

nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Preceding Bill in death were his parents, wife Audrey, brother Art, and son Robert.

Bill had a wonderful tenor singing voice and was a paid soloist at several St. Louis area churches. He dearly loved singing and did so most of his adult life. His beautiful voice, hearty laugh and wonderful smile will be treasured by many.

Memorial arrangements are entrusted to Valhalla Funeral Home. A service with military honors to follow will be held at Bellerive Garden's Mausoleum Chapel on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Interment of Cremains will be at Bellerive Gardens.

# Tribute Wall

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“ It was with great sadness to learn of Bill's passing. I had the privilege of working very closely with him for seventeen years. He was a wonderful man, mentor and friend. My condolences to Linda and his family. I will miss him!

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**Kathy Spaeth** - March 03, 2015 at 10:41 AM

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“ He was a great man and have known him for many years. My prayers are with the family.



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**Sandy Schmidt** - March 02, 2015 at 01:11 PM

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“ I was saddened to learn of William's passing. I'm sure he will be missed, and was comforted by the loving support of his family and friends. Please accept my deepest condolences.

*My sympathies,*

*Charles Amen*

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**Charles Amen** - March 02, 2015 at 09:56 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. William R. Mead.*



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March 02, 2015 at 08:25 AM



“ *Kim Surwillo sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. William R. Mead*



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**Kim Surwillo** - February 28, 2015 at 03:41 PM



“ *I have to say Bill w as a did believe in God's words he understood the meeting of the words he had good morals it was a honor to know and have Bill in my life he was a joyous wonderful Man I love to called Bill Mead my Friend my step dad with love Kim Surwillo*



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**Kim Surwillo** - February 28, 2015 at 03:28 PM



“ *Sympathy Messages - Kind Notes was purchased for the family of Mr. William R. Mead.*



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February 28, 2015 at 12:40 PM



“ *Garden of Memories was purchased for the family of Mr. William R. Mead.* ”



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February 28, 2015 at 12:34 PM