



## William Edward Kerr

January 25, 1929 - October 26, 2025

William “Bill” Edward Kerr, age 96, of Saline, Michigan, and longtime resident of Cincinnati, Ohio, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 26, 2025, with his daughter by his side.

Bill was born on January 25, 1929, in Dalhart, Texas, and grew up in Tucumcari, New Mexico, the son of the late William E. Kerr Sr. and Norma Lucretia Kerr (Wightman).

He married the love of his life, Margaret E. Kerr (née Dahlbo), on August 15, 1953. The two met while teaching high school in Los Alamos, New Mexico, and shared 70 wonderful years together. Bill’s career in textbook sales took them to Denver, Colorado, where they began their family and welcomed son Richard (Rick) T. Kerr and daughter Kendra L. Kerr. The family later settled in Cincinnati, Ohio, where Bill and Margaret lived for more than 60 years.

Bill spent over 40 years with Southwest Publishing Company, serving as Director of Educational Media. He took great pride in his work, but was also happy to retire when given a gold handshake.

A man of many interests, Bill enjoyed a wide variety of activities from stamp collecting, fly fishing, watching the grandchild play sports to traveling the world with Margaret. He was also a dedicated member of Anderson Hills United

Methodist Church in Cincinnati, where he was a trustee for 30 years.

To his grandchildren, he was affectionately known as Poppa, and to his daughter, simply Poppy—titles that perfectly reflected his warmth, humor, and boundless love for his family.

In 2022, Bill and Margaret relocated to Saline, Michigan, to be closer to their daughter, who lovingly cared for them in their later years.

Bill is survived by his daughter Kendra Kerr; daughter-in-law Lisa Kerr; grandchildren Carena Townsend, Brittne Gray (Mike), and Brandon Kerr; and great-granddaughter Scarlett Gray. He is also remembered fondly by several nieces, great-nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Margaret and his son, Rick.

A Celebration of Life will be held on Friday, November 7, 2025, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at StoryPoint of Saline, 6230 State Road, Saline, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Nations Development Institute at [firstnations.org](http://firstnations.org). Bill was deeply respectful of Native American culture and supported their causes throughout his life.

To leave a memory you have of Bill, to sign his online guestbook, or for directions, please visit [www.rbfhsaline.com](http://www.rbfhsaline.com) Arrangements entrusted to the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline.

# Cemetery Details

## Oakwood Cemetery

227 West Michigan Ave  
Saline, MI 48176

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

NOV 7. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

StoryPoint Senior Living  
6230 South State Rd  
Saline, MI 48176  
<https://www.storypoint.com/community/saline-mi/>