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## AREA DEATHS

### Bill Isom

CHARLESTON — Bill Isom, age 89 of Charleston, passed away on Monday, March 14, 2016 at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center. The Funeral Mass, honoring and celebrating his life, will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016 at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic



Isom



Church located at 921 Madison Avenue in Charleston with Father John Titus presiding. Visitation will be held on Saturday at the church for one hour prior to the Funeral Mass. Inurnment will be in St. Catherine's Cemetery in Grand Chain, IL at a later date. It is requested that thoughtful donations in his honor be made to the American Heart Association, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or to St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Gifts may be left on the memorial table at the Visitation or Funeral Mass, or mailed to Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Drive, Charleston, IL 61920.

He was born Billy Victor Isom

on July 25, 1926 in Dongola, IL, the son of the late James and Atta (Montgomery) Isom. He married Regina Ulrich in 1953 and she survives. Bill is also survived by a daughter, Andrea Hoffman and husband Frank of Bloomington, IL; a son, Carl House and wife Bonnie of Brewster, WA; three grandchildren, Garrett Hoffman of Bloomington; Jessica (Dan) Johnson of East Wenatchee, WA and Carrie (Jeremy) Bonner of Wenatchee, WA; three great grandchildren, Michael and Kaitlyn Bonner and Riley Moser; and a nephew, Jimmy Joe (Carolyn) Isom of Grand Chain. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Kathleen (Kay) Larimer and a brother, Gilbert "Red" Isom.

Bill honorably served his country with the 61st Artillery Battalion of the 1st Calvary Division, United States Army and was a Korean War Veteran.

He received his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science in Education degrees from Southern Illinois University and a Master of Science (Library Science) degree from the University of Illinois. He pursued additional study in Higher Education at Southern. He was a member of the Illinois Library Association, Phi Delta

Kappa (an international association for educators), and Phi Kappa Tau (a national social fraternity), for over 50 years.

Bill was a faculty member in Library Services at Eastern Illinois University for thirty years, and Head of Circulation Services in Booth Library at Eastern during twenty-four of those years. He also held several other positions in different types of libraries (school, public, state and university) for a combined total of more than forty years. He retired from Eastern as Professor in Library Services.

For five years following his retirement, Bill served as a part-time faculty member in Library Services at Eastern. During his retirement, he also served as an election judge for Precinct 18 in Charleston and worked part-time in Eastern's Textbook Library.

Bill's memorial website is available at [www.adamsfuneralchapel.com](http://www.adamsfuneralchapel.com) where condolences may be sent to the family by clicking on obituaries.

To leave condolences online, visit [www.jg-tc.com](http://www.jg-tc.com), click on obituaries, select the individual's name, scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "Post a comment."