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## William Albert “Bill” Watkins

AAFA #1042

Charter Member

April 22, 1915 – September 21, 2007

Birth	22 Apr 1915 Burnside, Pulaski County, Kentucky, USA
Death	21 Sep 2007 (aged 92) Muncie, Delaware County, Indiana, USA
Burial	<a href="#">South Mound Cemetery</a> New Castle, Henry County, Indiana, USA
Memorial ID	145612778

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Billy A. Watkins, 92, of Muncie, formerly of New Castle, died September 21 in Muncie.

He was born April 22, 1915, in Burnside, Ky., a son of the late Albert and Norma (Carter) Watkins.

Mr. Watkins spent most of his life in the New Castle area and attended New Castle schools. In his younger years, he worked at Ingersoll Steel in New Castle, his farm in Carthage and his job as weigh-master at the Indianapolis Stockyards. A residence hall was named after him at Camp Atterbury, where he was a hall director with the Job Corps. Mr. Watkins retired in 1977 as head of security and special deputy at Dogpatch in Jasper, Ark. He served as director of REMC for six years while living in Brown County and he was a lifelong member of Disabled American Veterans. He was also a member of the New Castle American Legion. Mr. Watkins was also a 32nd degree Mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. He married his wife, Kitty, on Dec. 21, 1935, in Indianapolis.

Mr. Watkins served as a paratrooper in the 511th P.I.R., attached to the 11th Airborne during World War II. He was known as the youngest professional boxer to hold a license in Indiana. A well-known boxer in this state, he boxed all over the Midwest. He enjoyed talking about one of his fights, which the late Jack Dempsey officiated in Richmond in 1932. He also enjoyed tell stories about his days of “riding the rails” during the depression.

He visited every state west of the Mississippi River before he was 16. He was known as a fun loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, son, brother and pal.

#### Family Members

- Spouse: Catherine Margaret Huffman Watkins, 1916–2013

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