

Wilmer "Bill" Purvis

TRINITY — Memorial services for Wilmer "Bill" Purvis, 76, of Trinity were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Jan. 4, 2002 in the First United Methodist Church of Trinity with the Rev. Kevin King and the Rev. Everett McCollum officiating.

Mr. Purvis died Sunday, Dec. 30, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 5, 1925 in Savannah, Mo., son of the late Edward and Leona Purvis. He was a graduate of the University of Missouri in Columbia with a degree in journalism.

Mr. Purvis was a U.S. Navy veteran of both World War II and the Korean War. After working for Chek-Chart for 33 years, he retired in 1972 and moved to Trinity.

Most of his spare time was spent working with wood and computers. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church. He earned the nickname "Soundman" because he handled the audio equipment and narrated many special functions for church and community events.

He was a member of the Methodist Men's Club and a member of the Trinity Memorial Hospital District's board of directors.

Survivors include his wife of 56 years, Kathleen Purvis; two daughters and sons-in-law, Connie and Larry Podesta and Viki and Mike Sanderson; a brother and sister-in-law, R.K. and Doris Purvis; a brother-in-law and spouse, Jim and Helen Sandage; three grandchildren, Nicole and her husband, Chris Mann, Marcie Podesta and Kelly Sanderson; two great-grandchildren, Jamie Mann and Erin Mann; and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Phase II Building Fund of the First United Methodist Church.

Waller-Thornton Funeral Home of Trinity directed the arrangements.