



William James Ashworth

March 8, 1939 - June 9, 2026

William “Bill” James Ashworth passed away in Riverside, California on June 9, 2026, from

complications of recently diagnosed lung cancer.

Bill was born in Akron, Ohio on March 8, 1939. He attended grade school through high school in

Akron graduating from East High School in 1957. During his youth he was a standout pitcher on

a number of City baseball teams, notably helping his Pony team win a state championship, and

East High School to win City and District championships between 1955-1957.

He went on to

letter for four years at the College of Wooster, and was inducted into the Greater Akron Baseball

Hall of Fame in 1998. Bill obtained a bachelor’s degree in chemistry, later receiving an MBA

from Cornell University in 1965.

Bill married his high school sweetheart, Lynn in 1962 and they had four children Jeff (1966), Jim

(1967), David (1970) and Bob (1973).

Bill began his career with Owens-Illinois as a Controller in 1965. He eventually became a plant

manager and then an operations manager for the company managing the

manufacture of various paper and plastic container products at facilities in California, several eastern states and Puerto Rico.

Bill retired from Owens-Illinois in 1999 and moved back to Riverside California with Lynn to be close to their children. In retirement Bill was a member of the Victoria Club where he played golf several times a week for nearly 10 years. He was also an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Riverside where he regularly attended with Lynn and, served in multiple roles involving business and finance.

Bill was predeceased by his parents Kermit and Frena Ashworth, sister Joann, and son David. He is survived by sons Jeff (Alissa), Jim (Debra) and Bob (Erin) as well as many grandchildren, great grandchildren and cousins.

Memorial services will be on Monday June 22 at 11:00 am at First United Methodist Church of Riverside: 4845 Brockton Ave., Riverside, CA 92506. In lieu of flowers the family suggests donations to the American Cancer Society.

Upcoming Events

Memorial Service

JUN **22**. 11:00 AM (PT)

First United Methodist Church of Riverside
4845 Brockton Ave
Riverside, CA 92506