

High Flight

*Oh! I have slipped the surly bonds of Earth
And danced the skies on laughter-silvered wings.
Sunward I've climbed, and joined the tumbling mirth
Of sun-split clouds and done a hundred things
You have not dreamed of wheeled and soared and
swung.*

High in the sunlit silence, hov'ring there
I've chased the shouting winds along and flung
My eager craft through footless halls of air.
Up, up the long delirious burning blue
I've topped the wind-swept heights with easy grace
Where never lark nor ever eagle flew
And, while with silent, lifting mind I've trod
The high untrespassed sanctity of space,
Put out my hand and touch the face of God.

-John Gillespie Magee, Jr.

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He married Jane C. Williams on November 24, 1962 and celebrated 60 wonderful years of marriage.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Arthur Warren and Dorothy Warren. Bill is survived by his wife, Jane Warren of Shawnee; son, Larry Warren and wife Janna of Shawnee; daughter, Melissa Warren of Shawnee; two brothers, Steve Warren and wife Kaye of Lenoir, NC and Theron Smith and wife Christi of Edmond; as well as many nieces and nephews. Bill's most prized possessions were his granddaughters Grace and Faith Warren of Shawnee.

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Two O'clock in the Afternoon
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Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Officiant

Larry Sparks

Final Resting Place

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Shawnee, Oklahoma*

Casketbearers

*Melissa Warren
Larry Warren
Theron Smith
Jay Benton
Jason Warren
Farrell Lewis*

Honorary Casketbearers

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