



William W. (Bill) Estes

October 21, 1927 - August 3, 2014

William Wayne “Bill” Estes, age 86 of Altoona, died Sunday, August 3, 2014 at Golden Living in Neodesha. Bill was born on October 21, 1927 in Cherryville, Kansas the son of Arthur Ray and Hazel Ardella (Lewis) Estes.

Bill was a graduate of Neodesha High School class of 1945. After high school, Bill worked on his farm. March 1951 he joined the US Army and served as a medic until his discharge in January of 1953. On December 20, 1953 he married Barbara A. Nooney in Neodesha. Bill and Barbara were married for 60 years, she survives at their home.

Bill farmed and worked as a carpenter, and built many homes. He was very active in the community, he served for more than 20 years on the Wilson County Hospital Board. He also served as a board member for the Altoona-Midway Schools, Watershed Board, Neodesha Co-op, Grace Baptist Church and was a member of Gideon’s International.

Including his wife Barbara, Bill is survived by:

2 Children:

William Kent Estes and wife Lynne of Altoona, KS

Dana Raye Culbertson and husband Max of Independence, MO

Sister:

Wilma Erbe of Altoona, KS

7 Grandchildren: Chad Estes and wife Blaine of Fredonia, Jill Costin and husband Justin of Buffalo, Brad Estes and wife Kristin of Tuttle, OK, Jessica Belden and husband Grant of Switzerland, Beth Liljequist and husband Quintcy of Davenport, IA, Kristen Bronson of Kansas City and Bethany McElroy and husband Dwight of Neodesha

13 Great Grandchildren:

Bill was preceded in death by his parents and brother Robert Estes and sister Marilyn Estes.

Cremation has been requested and a Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left at: www.countrysidefh.com Memorials have been suggested to the Wounded Warrior Project, or Gideon's International and may be left with or mailed to the funeral home. Services are entrusted to Countryside Funeral Home 420 S. 20th St., P.O. Box 247, Fredonia, KS 66736

Tribute Wall

BB

“ I have memories of the years east of Altoona. A wonderful family man and friend to many. I enjoyed and treasure our time together at Grace Baptist Church. Grace and peace. Brian Busby

Brian Busby - August 19, 2014 at 09:23 PM

AD

“ Such a treasure to have gotten to know Grandpa Bill with Beth when we were children. Deeply sad to hear the news. Sending lots of love and hugs to all of you.

Amy Reed Dewhurst - August 11, 2014 at 07:31 PM

GH

“ So sorry for your loss but we are assured we will see him again. He loved the Lord and loved his family. Enjoyed sharing holiday meals around Mother's dining room table. Gayla (Harwood) Henderson

Gayla Henderson - August 10, 2014 at 05:51 PM

WO

“ It was my honor and pleasure to serve with Bill on the hospital board for a number of years. I found him to be one of the best and most astute directors I have ever had the pleasure to serve with. More importantly, he was a truly dear and fine gentleman. I and the rest of Wilson County will miss him greatly. My condolences and prayers are with you.

Walt Olson

Walt Olson - August 08, 2014 at 08:26 AM

TC

“ I had the extreme honor of knowing Bill Estes. Bill and Barbara were my neighbors when I first got out of the Navy in 1977 and moved to Altoona, KS. His son Kent also was a neighbor, I've never known two men that worked so hard and long.

I know the family will miss Bill, but I know - and they know - that Bill loved God and lived his life as if God was always walking with him.

I pray for peace for Bill's family to get them through this time. Remember all of the good things he did and all of the good times you had.

I will miss my friend.

Tom Cash - August 06, 2014 at 06:39 PM

DD

“ Bill was one of the finest men I have ever known. He was real Christian, a hard worker, morally unsurpassed, devoted husband, father and grandfather, community leader and a friend to all. I knew Bill for decades first as a close friend of my father's then as a client, mentor and friend. I never saw him in a bad mood and never heard him say negative things about anyone. His loss leaves a huge gap in the lives of many, including myself. Thinking of Bill will always bring a smile to my face and a good thought to my mind. Rest in peace my friend. There is no doubt that he is with our maker and his pain and infirmities that came with age are now no longer with him.

Dennis D. Depew - August 06, 2014 at 03:24 PM