Bill L. George

June 27, 1935 - December 18, 2016

Billy L. George, devoted son of the late Charles Raymond and Carrie Mae (Tully) George, was born June 27, 1935 in Mossy Springs, Missouri where he lived until the family moved to Waynesville, Missouri.

Bill was a standout basketball player on the 1951 Waynesville High School basketball team, the only Waynesville team to ever make it to the State Championship game. He received a basketball scholarship and graduated from South East Missouri State in 1957 and went on to te4ach and coach while serving in the National Guard.

Bill married and raised two children, Michael George and Laurie George-Baird.

Bill started several successful businesses in Waynesville and St. Robert with his brothers Dale and Larry George. The business he became most associated with was St. Robert Auto Supply, which he ran until his retirement in 1992. He was respected for his solid business practices and known for his kindness and generosity, often opening the store late at night to get a part for a stranded traveler.

Bill married Hettie (Martin) George of Waynesville, Missouri in 1991. After Bill’s retirement they spent 15 winters in Florida fishing Lake Okeechobee

together. In Waynesville he could be found fishing, more often than not, with his dear friends Leonard King and Larry Lercher on the Gasconade River, Big and Little Piney Rivers and Lake of the Ozarks. He was a lifelong Cardinals fan and followed local and college sports. He was a member of Scottish Rite, the Masons, and was honored this year for 50 years as a member of The Shriners Aboud Ben Adhem chapter.

Bill passed away at his home December 18, 2016 at the age of eighty-one years.

Bill will be sadly missed, but lovingly remembered by his wife Hettie of the home, his daughter Laurie George-Baird and son-in-law Dan Baird of Nashville, Tennessee, daughter Tina Houston and son-in-law Michael Houston of Warrenton, Missouri, son Shawn Becker of Salem, Missouri, his brother Larry George and wife CJ of Norman, Oklahoma, his sisters-in-law Peggy George of Justin, Texas and Vivian George of Joplin, Missouri, his brother-in-law Carl Martin and wife Dana of Foristell, Missouri, grandchildren Carla, John and Kenneth, great granddaughter Nevaeh, several nieces and nephews, and so many friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his brothers Dale George of Waynesville, Missouri and Raymond Junior George of Joplin, Missouri, brother-in-law Jimmy Martin of Wright City, Missouri, in laws Reba and Virgil Martin of Dixon and lost his son Michael George in May of this year.

Services were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 22, 2016 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Rev. Danny Graves officiating. Rev. Graves also sang “The Middle Man”, soloist Becky Lercher sang “It Is Well With My Soul” and a video by BYU Noteworthy of the song “Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone” was played. Serving as escorts were Brody Helton, Bronson Helton, Jeff King, Rodney King, Layne Lercher

and Brock Lercher. Serving as honorary escorts were Terry and Steve Helton, Leonard and Carole King, Larry and Karolyn Lercher, Vic and Tom Lynch, Bob Dodds, Dwight Hensley, Kenny Foster, Doug Long, Norman Anderson and Kenneth “Frog” Long.

Burial with military honors followed in the Waynesville Memorial Park Cemetery of Waynesville. Military honors were provided by the Missouri Honors Team. Services were under the direction of Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Bill George to the Shriner’s Children’s Hospital of St. Louis, Missouri and may be left at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Waynesville Memorial Park

Waynesville, MO 65583

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **21**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville/St. Robert
202 Historic 66 W.
Waynesville, MO 65583
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Masonic Service

DEC **21**. 6:30 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill L. George

Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 21, 2016 at 12:23 PM

Bill L. George

January 28, 2023 at 06:53 AM

HB

Enjoyed reviewing the photos of a very obvious amazing life lived; wonderful memories! Thank You, Mr. George; Rest In Peace!

Harold and Brigitte Burleson - December 23, 2016 at 09:35 AM

PG

We know that your faith may feel stormy during this season of bereavement; be strong and reassured that God is a shelter in stormy times.

Pulaski County Camp Gideons - December 23, 2016 at 09:24 AM

CD

A truly nice person and a great basketball player to boot!! Our prayers are with Bill's family and friends.

Cornelia & Robert Dodds - December 22, 2016 at 08:38 AM

We miss you Captain Bill!!! Your memory we will carry on forever!

Tina Houston - December 21, 2016 at 08:34 PM

90 files added to the album LifeTributes

Memorial Chapels and Crematory - December 21, 2016 at 11:30 AM

CW

Charlotte Williams lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

charlotte williams - December 21, 2016 at 12:22 AM

FC

Hettie, may God be with you and family at this time. God Bless and Comfort you. Flo Clark

flo clark - December 20, 2016 at 11:39 PM

GG

Though I never knew him, I know his daughter. He was a great man because he was a fisherman. Godspeed Bill.....

guy goodman - December 20, 2016 at 09:01 PM

LC

Lisa And Joe Clark lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

lisa and joe clark - December 20, 2016 at 08:09 PM

PC

Pamela Cox sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill L. George

Pamela Cox - December 20, 2016 at 02:47 PM

CM

I always loved & looked up to Uncle Bill. I can hear his laugh now. Hugs & prayers for all of you. Connie Mace

Connie Mace - December 20, 2016 at 01:06 PM

NQ

Nancy Doolin Quick lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

Nancy Doolin Quick - December 20, 2016 at 11:37 AM

so sorry for your loss

Annette Hance - December 20, 2016 at 09:53 AM

NS

God Bless You Hettie. We share some fun memories of all of us together. XOXOXO

Nancy Sutton - December 20, 2016 at 09:20 AM

NS

Nancy Sutton sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill L. George

Nancy Sutton - December 20, 2016 at 09:19 AM

NS

Nancy Sutton lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

Nancy Sutton - December 20, 2016 at 09:18 AM

RW

Ronnie Wilson lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

Ronnie wilson - December 20, 2016 at 09:09 AM

LH

I send my condolences to the George family. Bill was always a gentleman and well thought of in his hometown. He leaves many good memories.
Mayor Luge Hardman
Waynesville, MO

Luge Hardman - December 20, 2016 at 09:01 AM

CM

Charlotte (Pitts) Metzger sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill L. George

Charlotte (Pitts) Metzger - December 20, 2016 at 07:16 AM

CM

My thoughts are with Hettie and the rest of Bill's family and friends. (Maiden name is Pitts)

Charlotte (Pitts) Metzger - December 20, 2016 at 07:17 AM

GW

George And Linda Wheeler lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

George and Linda Wheeler - December 20, 2016 at 06:49 AM

BA

Hettie sorry for you loss. You will be in my thought and prayers

Bill Anderson - December 20, 2016 at 05:52 AM

CN

Charlene Nalley sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill L. George

Charlene Nalley - December 20, 2016 at 02:38 AM

DH

Deanna House lit a candle in memory of Bill L. George

Deanna House - December 19, 2016 at 03:27 PM

JP

Bill "Barney" may you rest in peace.

James Pullen

James Pullen - December 19, 2016 at 02:44 PM