



August "Bud" Heineman

July 30, 1929 - March 13, 2015

August "Bud" Heineman, age 85, of Jefferson City, passed away Friday, March 13, 2015, at his home. He was born July 30, 1929, in Versailles, the son of the late August O. and Lillie Mae (Hunter) Heineman.

Bud was a graduate of Versailles High School and received his Bachelors and Masters degrees from the University of Missouri where he played basketball and baseball and was a three year letterman and co-captain of the basketball team. As a forward for the Missouri Tigers basketball team from 1950-1952, he was titled the "little leftie with the radar jump shot" and was the top scorer for the team in 1950'51.

After college, he worked for 38 years at the Department of Education with Vocational Rehabilitation. He was coordinator of Vocational Rehabilitation when he retired. He received the MRA Stevenson Award and was a lifetime member of the Missouri Rehabilitation Association and the National Rehabilitation Association.

Bud loved all sports and continued to support the Missouri Tigers, attending basketball and football games for over 50 years after he graduated. He loved playing golf, travelling abroad, fishing, and boating at the Lake of the Ozarks. He also loved spending time with his children and grandchildren and visiting with family and friends.

Bud was a lifetime member of the MU Alumni Association and QUEBH Honorary Society. He volunteered with Meals on Wheels and Habitat for Humanity and served in the United States Air Force serving in the Korean Conflict. He was a member and ordained Elder and Deacon of the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City.

On November 23, 1962, he was united in marriage to his surviving wife, Florene (Baumgartner) Heineman.

In addition to his wife, Florene, he is survived by his children, Brian Heineman and wife Rachel of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Cindy Brya and husband Ted of Champaign, Illinois; four grandchildren, Tom Brya, Heidi Brya, Steven Heineman and Elijah Heineman; his sister, Dorothy Williams and husband Bill of Versailles and many other relatives and friends.

A celebration of Bud's life will be held at 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, March 17th, at the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City with Dr. Rob Erickson and Dr. David Henry officiating. The family will receive friends from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., Tuesday, at the church. Graveside services and interment will be held at 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, at the Versailles Cemetery. Memorial contributions are suggested to the First Presbyterian Church in Jefferson City, Hospice Compassus or the Parkinson's Foundation.

Arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Funeral Home of Versailles.

Cemetery Details

Versailles Cemetery

550 Clay Road
Versailles, MO 65084

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
324 Madison St.
Jefferson City, MO 65101

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

ED

“ Dear Florene: I went to Versailles High School with Buddy. I want to extend my sympathy to you and the family in his loss. I was afraid something was wrong when my Christmas card was returned. I have fond memories of Bud (we called him Buddy) in high school of him riding his bicycle to school and watching him play basketball and following his career through college. I remember watching a game against Kansas when this big guy knocked him down and then stepped on him. I can't remember his name , but he ended up as a sheriff in Virginia someplace. Buddy was a good friend to everyone and you and all the family have been in my thoughts and prayers.

Sincerest wishes, Eugene DeCocq

Eugene DeCocq - March 27, 2015 at 11:32 AM

LH

“ FLORENE AND I WERE CLASSMATES AT VERSAILLES HIGH AND BUD AND I SHARED A GRANDFATHER, WHICH MADE US HALF FIRST COUSINS. AS A NINE YEAR OLD FAN OF BASKETBALL AND PARTICULARLY THE 1947 TEAM, I SAW MANY OF THEIR GAMES. BUD MOTIVATED ME TO PRACTICE LONG HOURS ON A GOAL AGAINST OUR BARN. BUD WAS THE ONLY COUNSEL I HAD ON WHERE TO PLAY COLLEGE BALL. HE TOLD ME IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR SOMEONE MY SIZE TO MAKE IT AT MIZZOU IN THE WILT CHAMBERLAN ERA OF THE BIG EIGHT. HE WAS RIGHT, BUT I WAS HARDHEADED ABOUT FOLLOWING IN HIS FOOTSTEPS, SO I TOLD ALL OTHER SCHOOLS RECRUITING ME THAT I WAS ONLY INTERESTED IN MIZZOU. I WAS VERY SURPRISED AND SORRY TO HEAR OF HIS PASSING. I HAD NOT SEEN HIM FOR SEVERAL YEARS, BUT THE LAST TIME THAT I REMEMBER HE TOLD ME OF TAKING PART IN AN ALUMNA BASEBALL GAME AT MIZZOU AND HE SAID HE COULDN'T BELIEVE HOW FAST THEY PITCHED. HE HAD TO BE IN HIS 70'S AT THE TIME, BUT THAT WAS BUD HE JUST LOVED TO PLAY. HE WAS A GREAT ATHLETE AND A GREAT GENTLEMAN WHO WILL BE GREATLY MISSED. MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYS ARE WITH FLORENE AND HER FAMILY, AS WELL AS BUD'S SIBLINGS. I'M VERY SURE BUD IS IN A BETTER PLACE.

LARRY HUNTER - March 24, 2015 at 04:41 PM

MD

“ *Mary Ellen Dunnaway lit a candle in memory of August "Bud" Heineman*



Mary Ellen Dunnaway - March 19, 2015 at 06:34 PM

CB

“ On behalf of the Heineman family, I'd like to thank everyone for the kind words and memories. Our dad was a special guy and he will be missed. We appreciate all the friends, co-workers, teammates, church family, neighbors, and more who came to the visitation, memorial service, and graveside service or left tributes such as these for us to enjoy. We are truly blessed.

Cindy (Heineman) Brya - March 19, 2015 at 02:34 PM

TK

“ Since 1947, Versailles High School has had a rich tradition in basketball. Versailles, led by Bud Heineman, took second place in the State of Missouri in 1947 before classes based on size existed. That mean the smallest of schools had to defeat the largest of schools to be the state champion. As Mrs. Kerr and I have traveled around the state, the person from Versailles we hear most often mentioned, when I say my hometown is Versailles, is Bud Heineman. As I see it, Bud Heineman began the tradition of Versailles being a strong basketball school. Undoubtedly many VHS basketttball coaches have reminded VHS players to keep this rich tradition alive that began with Bud Heineman.



Tom Kerr - March 15, 2015 at 02:03 PM

SG

“ So very sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Bud reached out to me after my car accident and encouraged me to utilize vocational rehab for my education..I was so grateful as I would not have been able to go to college otherwise. After I began my career in VR, he became a mentor and I admired him so much for his kindness, intellect and values. He was one of my heroes. My thoughts are with you, Floene and family.

Sue Nelson Gunn - March 15, 2015 at 11:42 AM

SD

“ Dear Florene and family, I am so sorry to hear about Bud's passing. Know that you are in my thoughts and prayers through this difficult time. Love to you all.

Suzanne Dennison

Suzanne Dennison - March 15, 2015 at 11:16 AM

TG

“ I met Bud in 1978 when I began my career with Vocational Rehabilitation. He was always so friendly, supportive and helpful to me. He was a great mentor, teacher and a friend. He was a legend in the field of rehabilitation and had the highest respect from his co-workers and colleagues around Missouri and the country. Bud and Florene were also my parent's best friends and were such a huge and positive part of their lives. Bud will be missed but never forgotten. Rest in peace my friend.

Tim Gaines

Tim Gaines - March 15, 2015 at 09:38 AM

JN

“ Bud was a sports hero of mine from the time he was in high school there in Versailles until he graduated from the University of Missouri in 1952. My family moved to Nebraska in 1942 when my dad took a defense job during World War II. I was in junior high school when Bud was on that outstanding 1947/1948 Versailles High School Basketball Team. I kept up with Bud's basketball and baseball activities at that time through my relatives still in Missouri and our subscription to the Versailles Statesman.

When he married Florene, I couldn't believe our good fortune. Unfortunately, we never moved back to Missouri after World War II, and were never able to visit with Bud and Florene on a regular basis. Every time I had the chance, it was always a pleasure to be with Bud and Florene and share their company.

We will miss Bud, but will forever be glad that we had the chance to know Bud and have him as part of our Hofstetter/Baumgartner family. Our thoughts and prayers go out to Florene and her family on the loss of Bud.

Jim & Marcia Hofstetter - Omaha, Nebr. - March 14, 2015 at 04:02 PM

RU

Florene, I played with Bud at MU in 52' and still admire his work ethic and ability to play at the highest level, to say I admired him would be a poor adjective, but he made a lot of us his idol. Yes, his loss is a great one, but am happy he is in heaven with the Big Guy and know he is looking down on all of you and all of us. As others have said, he will not be forgotten and we will continue to keep all of you in our prayers. God be with all of you. Ray Uriarte teammate MU baseball

Ray Uriarte - March 19, 2015 at 03:18 PM

AH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. Bud will be missed by many. He was a true gentleman and a good friend to my husband and son.

DeeDee Hutchison

Adelia Hutchison - March 14, 2015 at 12:24 PM

PD

As fine a man as we ever knew.

Pat & Judy Doyen

pat doyen - March 17, 2015 at 08:19 AM

BP

“ I worked with Bud for over 33 years, and he was always a caring person to all the other employees. He did like to tease, but we always enjoyed his teasing. I truly enjoyed working with him; and know he will be missed by his loving wife, children, grandchildren and many friends,

Beth Payne - March 14, 2015 at 12:09 PM

MG

“ Marleen Gerber lit a candle in memory of August "Bud" Heineman



marleen gerber - March 14, 2015 at 10:06 AM

DH

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