



Bill Buehler

April 19, 1933 - November 18, 2013

William L. (Bill) Buehler, 80, of Versailles, died Monday, Nov. 18, at his home.

He was born April 19, 1933 in Mount Vernon, Mo, the son of Loren Jacob Buehler and Hulda Marie Roethemeier Buehler.

On Dec 22, 1955 in Ava, Mo, he married Hazel Lorene Harnden who survives of the home.

Bill Buehler earned a Bachelor degree in 1955 and his masters degree in Agricultural Education and Economics in 1968, both from the University of Missouri-Columbia. He worked as an Agricultural Assistant at the University Outreach and Extension Office in Ava, Missouri from Jun 16 to Nov 1, 1955. He then served in the United States Air Force until Sept 1960 as an aircraft maintenance officer with multiple postings including Strategic Air Command. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force with the rank of captain.

In Sept 1960, he returned to the University Outreach service first in Carthage and then as a Youth Specialist in Cooper County. October 1, 1962 he began working in Morgan County as the Balanced Farming Agent and was responsible for the total agriculture program in Morgan County until 1965, when he inherited the management of the offices that included Moniteau, Benton and Pettis counties. As part of the Farm Management program, Bill's

main goals were to assist farm families in organizing, operating and managing a business. Additionally, as a Field Training Officer, Bill also trained new state and area Extension Specialists and helped educate farmers about their farm, soil, fertilizing and pest control techniques. He was also instrumental in creation of the Morgan Country soil and water conservation district in 1983. His extension outreach expanded to include Camden and Pulaski, and Miller counties. He enjoyed visiting farm families and sitting with them at their kitchen tables to discuss ways to enhance their farm operations. Bill retired from his position as a Farm Management Specialist in August, 2000 after nearly forty years of steadfast and admirable service, which was recognized by the Missouri Senate 90th General Assembly in August 2000. After retirement, he continued operation of his Christmas tree farm and consultation with Morgan County farmers. He was known for lending a helping hand to neighbors in many different ways and never expecting anything in return.

He is survived by his wife; daughters Deborah Jeanne Wiese of Chesterfield and Susan Joan Beckerdite and husband Charles (Chuck) of Versailles; brother Wilburn Buehler, nephew David Buehler, and uncle Chester Buehler of Mt Vernon; 7 grandchildren, Melissa Buehler of Versailles, Maurice Lemell of Versailles, Clinton Beckerdite of Pacific, Richard Wiese of Chesterfield, Eric Beckerdite of Eldon, Cameron Beckerdite of Louisville, KY and William Buehler of Springfield and 4 great-grandchildren, Adrian Buehler, Carmen Lemell, Matthew Buehler and Charlotte Wiese.

He was preceded in death by his parents and son Robert Alan Buehler.

The family will receive friends at 10:00 a.m., Friday, November 22nd, at the Trinity Baptist Church in Versailles with a celebration of life service to follow at 11:30 with Pastor Chad Courter officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions are suggested to Hospice Compassus, University of Missouri or to the Morgan County Library.

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

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **22**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

Trinity Baptist Church
13537 Church Rd.
Versailles, MO 65084

Celebration of Life

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Tribute Wall

JD

“ *Bill was a dedicated public servant through his extension and other community efforts. I had the honor to work with him when I was Camden County's Presiding Commissioner. I always was impressed with his tireless efforts for extension and the agricultural community.*
Jim Dickerson

Jim Dickerson - December 05, 2013 at 09:39 AM

JH

“ *To Bill's family, I just want you to know there are a lot of extension agents around Missouri who really respected Bill. He was a great mentor. I still think about things Bill taught me over 25 years ago. He was old school and absolutely a man of integrity. He will be missed. My sympathy to the family.*

Joe Horner

Joe Horner - November 25, 2013 at 11:14 AM

LE

“ *As a retired extension area specialist, I am sorry to hear about Bill. I had also served in Cooper County. I am glad i had the opportunity to know him. He contributed much to society during his life time, making the world a better place. Deepest sympath is extended to the family.*

Leonard Ernsbarger
area 4-H specialist retired
Nevada, MO

Leonard Ernsbarger - November 21, 2013 at 04:10 PM

DH

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David Hofstetter - November 20, 2013 at 08:50 AM

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