



William E. "Bill" Wilson

May 5, 1951 - January 4, 2020

William E. "Bill" Wilson, age 68, of Frenchton, WV, was unexpectedly called home to be with Jesus on Saturday, January 4, 2020, at his home. He was born to his parents Elmer Orden Wilson and Gertrude Opal Fletcher Wilson on May 5, 1951. He was preceded in death by both parents.

Bill leaves behind many heart-broken loved ones and friends, including his loving family: Vonda Thomason of Frenchton, Audria Thomason of Morgantown, Cindy Gay and husband Jon of Frenchton, and Eric Thomason and wife Kim of Crawford; cherished grandchildren: Kendra Page and husband Daniel, Levi Gay, and Kari Gay, all of Frenchton, Anna and Sophia Thomason of Crawford; two sisters: Judy Riffle and husband Gerry of French Creek and Martha Andrew and husband Eddie of Frenchton; four nieces: Leah Kuipers, Pam Gilbert and husband Shane, Lisa Schafer and husband Tom, and Becky Andrew; one nephew, Allen Andrew and wife Mary Ann; and many great nieces and nephews.

Bill was a 1969 graduate of Buckhannon – Upshur High School, an active member of Frenchton United Methodist Church, Upshur County 4-H and Upshur County 4-H Leaders Association, Upshur County Livestock Association, and Upshur County Youth Livestock Association.

Bill grew up on a dairy farm and was a dairy farmer by trade. He was a "maker" and a "fixer" always tinkering on local vehicles and farm equipment to keep them running. He owned his own Belarus dealership and enjoyed working timber with friends and neighbors. Bill was known as a neighborhood

handy man and makeshift veterinarian; he would be ready to help anyone at a moment's notice and would gladly give the shirt off his back. In later years, he was a proud employee of K & L Builders, LLC and a great contributor to Mountain Pride Farms, LLC. He was a life-long 4-H-er who loved teaching Upshur County kids about fishing and the proper way to build a bright and lasting Council Circle fire.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, January 8, 2020, from 4-7:00 PM, at the Heavner and Cutright Funeral Chapel. The body will lie-in-state on Thursday, January 9, 2020, at the Frenchton United Methodist Church from 10-11:00 AM—the funeral hour, with Rev. Kevin Bender and Rev. Gary Rapping officiating. Interment will follow in the Beechtown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Upshur County 4-H Leaders Association, 91 W. Main St. Buckhannon, WV 26201.

Cemetery Details

Beechtown Cemetery

French Creek, WV

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 8. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services
940 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201
(304) 472-8024
heavnerandcutright@aol.com
<https://www.heavnerandcutright.com/>

Lie-in-State

JAN 9. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Frenchton United Methodist Church
Frenchton, WV

Funeral Service

JAN 9. 11:00 AM (ET)

Frenchton United Methodist Church
Frenchton, WV

Tribute Wall

LB

“ *Martha and all Bill's family, we were so sorry to hear about Bill. It's been years since I talked to him, but I have lots of memories of him from school and 4-H (to which he was certainly dedicated). I always thought of him as a "gentle giant". Prayers for all of you.*

Luanne (Beer) Bowers

Luanne Bowers - January 09, 2020 at 09:56 AM



Thank you.

Cindy Gay - January 10, 2020 at 08:34 PM

ST

“ *Cindy & Kari, we are sorry for your loss. May God be with you & your family at this difficult time.*

Maddy & Stephanie Long

Stephanie - January 09, 2020 at 06:02 AM



Thank you.

Cindy Gay - January 10, 2020 at 08:34 PM

JF

“ *Prayers are with the Family.*

Joe Mckisic and family - January 08, 2020 at 06:42 PM

JF

Joe McKisic and family.

Joe Mckisic and family - January 08, 2020 at 06:45 PM



Thank you.

Cindy Gay - January 10, 2020 at 08:35 PM

RF

“ *Rick, Stephanie , Miranda, Trey Smith and Family purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William E. "Bill" Wilson.*



Rick, Stephanie , Miranda, Trey Smith and Family - January 08, 2020 at 10:01 AM

MW

“ *Will always be indebted to Bill for his kindness and help during the darkest hours. He is a great human being and we will miss him everyday. Mike and Suella Waugh*

Michael Waugh - January 07, 2020 at 07:59 PM



Thank you. He enjoyed spending time with you.

Cindy Gay - January 08, 2020 at 08:22 AM

DT

“ *Don & Trish Thomason lit a candle in memory of William E. "Bill" Wilson*



Don & Trish Thomason - January 07, 2020 at 01:06 PM



Thank you

Cindy Gay - January 10, 2020 at 08:37 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" Wilson.*



January 06, 2020 at 06:49 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" Wilson.*



January 06, 2020 at 04:25 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of William E. "Bill" Wilson.*



January 06, 2020 at 04:19 PM



“ *Bill was a kind soul. Our deepest condolences goes out to the family.*

Bob, Pam and Linzy Wilson - January 06, 2020 at 03:06 PM

LB

“ Oh wow Martha, I'm so sorry to hear of Bill's sudden passing. I remember when he still had your parents dairy farm. Dad would take us kuds out there to fish sometimes when we came out to visit w/ Grandpa/Grandma. We would sneak some of the milk once in a while. It was the best tasting. Going to miss him. Keeping all of you in my thoughts. 🥹🥹❤️

Linda F Bergfeld - January 06, 2020 at 01:58 PM

JT

“ Bill was someone you could truly rely on to help, educate and inspire you. He will be missed by everyone who had the privilege to meet and just shoot the breeze with him. He always had some great stories to tell.

The Torres Family

Jodi Torres - January 06, 2020 at 08:28 AM

MM

“ Some of my fondest childhood memories took place on Bill's farm. I remember him tossing me up high in the air and catching me as a little boy. I loved to listen to his stories and watch him laugh. Enjoyed our times hunting together and will miss him, but I know where he is and will see him again.

Matt Morrison - January 05, 2020 at 09:48 PM

AL

“ I always felt Bill was a special person. So caring and giving of himself to others. We always talked about 4-H camp when we ran into each other. Prayers for the entire family 🙏

Ann Livesay - January 05, 2020 at 09:18 PM

CW

“ To the extended family:

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing.



Connie Wilson - January 05, 2020 at 08:00 PM

ED

“ *He was a great neighbor and a good friend.
We will miss him*



Eric Davis - January 05, 2020 at 07:45 PM

ND

“ *So very sorry Cindy and family. Thoughts and many prayers*

Nancy Dale-Wamsley - January 05, 2020 at 07:28 PM

BS

“ *Cindy and family,
I am so sorry for your loss. Bill was a wonderful man and he will be
greatly missed. I have many memories of him at 4H camp.*

Bethany Slaughter - January 05, 2020 at 07:27 PM

GW

*Bill was a great Friend I first meet in 7th grade. He and I was in the
same homeroom together for 6 years. He was my locker mate for 2
years. He was a prince of a man. Upshur county will miss a good man.
Prayers to the entire family.*

Gary Winemiller - January 06, 2020 at 12:20 AM



Thank you for sharing.

Cindy Gay - January 07, 2020 at 10:31 AM

ST

“ *Cindy and family, I am so sorry for your loss, you will be in my thoughts and prayers 🙏*

Suzi Talbott - January 05, 2020 at 06:35 PM

RF

“ *So sorry to hear Martha. Memories of hours in the hay field and milking cows. A great man!!*

Rick Fenstermacher - January 05, 2020 at 06:15 PM

SM

“ *Wonderful neighbor and friend to all. Will miss him dearly. He was one of a kind. Loved his family and loved his Lord and Savior. Special hug for Vonda, his faithful companion and all the family. Love Sue and Charlie Morrison*

Susan Morrison - January 05, 2020 at 05:57 PM

TT

“ *No words. A wonderful man. Stacey and Tricia Tolliver*

Tricia Tolliver - January 05, 2020 at 05:46 PM

KB

“ *Kenny Bonner lit a candle in memory of William E. "Bill" Wilson*



Kenny Bonner - January 05, 2020 at 05:13 PM