

W.D. "Bill" Vernon

April 27, 1923 - October 9, 2018

W.D. "Bill" Vernon, 95 year old resident of Siloam Springs, died on October 9, 2018 in Rogers, Arkansas. He was born on April 27, 1923 in Bedford, Indiana, to A.C. Vernon and Hazel Hyslope Vernon. Bill was a United States Marine Corps Veteran of World War II. He married Irene Willms in Geneseo, Kansas on October 6, 1946. Bill was the owner and operator of Crystal Beauty Salon in El Dorado, Kansas and Vernon's School of Cosmetology in Wichita, Kansas. Bill and Irene moved to Siloam Springs in 1977 and were members of First Presbyterian Church in Siloam Springs.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Irene Vernon; his parents, four brothers, one sister, and a granddaughter.

He is survived by five daughters, Vaudine Maddux and husband Terry of Ellsworth, Kansas, Carla Molhoek and husband Will of Haysville, Kansas, Pat Mauzey and husband Kenny of Arkansas City, Kansas, Marsha Vernon of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and Colleen Jones and husband Ward of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; 13 grandchildren: Danielle Stewart and husband Chris, Bill Maddux and wife Angie, Justin Maddux and wife Candi, Colette Flaharty, Mason Greene and wife Caitlin, Brooke Hebert and husband Doug, Mindy McGonigal, Jake Molhoek, Zach Molhoek, Nellie Mauzey, Chrissy Morton and husband Tyler, Wes Jones and fiancé Kanaan, and Jerid Jones and wife Emily; 31 great grandchildren: Jackson, Landon, Emerson, Kristin, Will,

Carson, Aleah, Paydon, Reese, Peyton, Tehl, Rio, Hayden, Sam, Charles, Olivia, Hollis, Pippa, Truitt, Ellie, Oliver, Grace, Maddyson, Teagan, Takota, Tucker, Avalyn, Olivia, Avram, Charles Duke, and Elliot; and two sisters, Wanda Stark and Jeanette Vanus of Bloomington, Indiana.

Memorial services will be 1:30 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2018 at First Presbyterian Church in Siloam Springs with Pastor Jonathan Buisch officiating. Visitation will be from 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., Monday, October 15, 2018 at Wasson Funeral Home in Siloam Springs. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 606, Siloam Springs, Arkansas, 72761 or First Tee of Northwest Arkansas 715 E Monroe, Lowell, Arkansas, 72745 www.thefirstteenorthwestarkansas.org.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **15**. 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM (CT)

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Memorial Service

OCT **15**. 1:30 PM (CT)

First Presbyterian Church
201 E. Ashley
Siloam Springs, AR 72761

Tribute Wall



“ *Wasson Funeral Home Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of W.D. "Bill" Vernon*



Wasson Funeral Home - October 12, 2018 at 06:08 PM

DH

“ *Just now hearing of Bills' passing. Condolences to the girls. So sorry for your loss. Whenever it rains...I always see him out there on the driveway washing the car...then the sun would show through...tossing his clubs in the trunk, he was off to the course.*

David Robert Hulse - October 23, 2018 at 01:00 PM

KT

“ *It was great getting to know Bill while being his neighbor. I loved his stories. When he started talking about his family he got an extra twinkle in his eye and you could tell he was very proud of them. He loved my children like his own too. He always genuinely wanted to hear how my kids were doing after they were grown and on their own. He was a one-of-a-kind person and he will be sorely missed. Prayers and blessings to the family.*

Keith Truitt - October 15, 2018 at 01:23 PM

MJ

“ Bill was my first boss. I worked for him for about a year at Dawn Hill around 1980. He was a good boss and has been a friend every since then. Bill was a good man and I am sad that he is gone. I only knew Ward and Colleen from the same time, but my thoughts are with all of the Vernon family in this time of loss.

Mitchell Jackson - October 15, 2018 at 11:57 AM

TU

“ To the family of 'Mr. Bill'...
I got to know your dad about 10 years ago as I was walking in my neighborhood and came upon him leaning against his tailgate in a neighbors yard. He found out I was a Kansan and from there our friendship started. We both loved yard work. So often our conversations were around our hobbies. There was one particular 'discussion' I never seemed to win and that was the height to mow Bermuda grass!! 😊 He'd come over to my yard and say 'your yard needs a haircut!!' And I'd visit his and say 'Mr Bill, you are going to make your yard go bald!!' We'd go back and forth .. I will miss this onery fellow..
our sympathies
T. Unruh

tu - October 15, 2018 at 11:37 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of W.D. "Bill" Vernon.



October 15, 2018 at 09:48 AM

JS

“ My memory is that he loved Danielle! That makes him the BEST in my book! Prayers for all his girls and loved ones.

Janine Stratton - October 13, 2018 at 01:11 PM

VM

“ To the Vernon family: My Mother (Pauline Sullivan Wallace) was an Instructor at the beauty school on Douglas for a number of years. She thought very highly of Bill and Irene! I remember her taking me with her to visit them when they were living in El Dorado. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers and may he rest in peace!
Vickey Sullivan McDonald

Vickey Sullivan McDonald - October 13, 2018 at 09:10 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of W.D. "Bill" Vernon.



October 13, 2018 at 07:52 AM

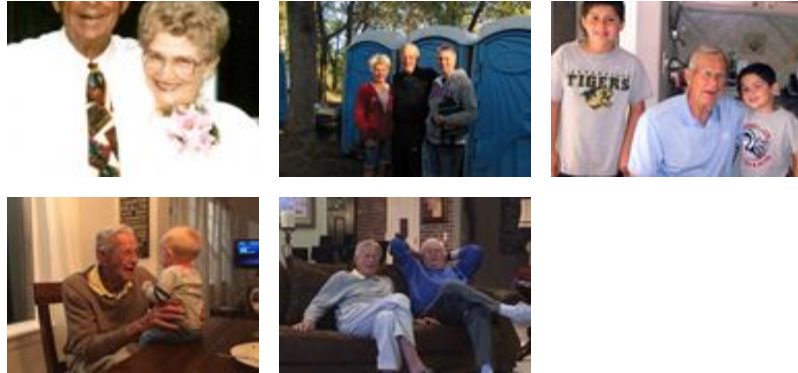
GB

“ Bill was a legend in his own time! I thoroughly enjoyed getting to know him when we moved to Dawnhill. We spent many hours together, playing golf, trimming his trees, discussing life's issues, and spinning warns on his back porch. He was an authentic piece of American history and I miss him dearly! RIP, my friend! Bob

Gerald Robert Burns - October 13, 2018 at 06:36 AM



“ 69 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Wasson Funeral Home - October 12, 2018 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of W.D. "Bill" Vernon.



October 12, 2018 at 02:44 PM



“ *I had the pleasure of taking care of Mr. Vernon at Jamestown. I enjoyed listening to his stories. He sure was a character! He will be missed. Your family is in my thoughts & prayers.*

Cara McDougal Stormcrow - October 12, 2018 at 02:27 PM

KA

“ Dear Family of Bill, I am so sorry for this great loss. Bill was a wonderful man and my favorite customer here at Lowe's. His humor, his stubbornness and his smile always made my day. I told him one time, in our many conversations, that my father had also been in WWII, the next time I saw him he had brought a map of where my Dad had been in Guadalcanal, Bougainville..... and an article about what happened over there. It really touched me, still does. I missed him this year in the store, always made me happy to see him. Again, I am sorry for the loss of another great one :(

Kathy - October 12, 2018 at 12:37 PM

LH

“ Colleen & family we are so sorry for your loss. May your memories & God's love bring you peace, comfort & strength at this difficult time. Death leaves a heartache no one can heal but LOVE leaves a memory no one can steal.



Larry & Lana Hurt - October 12, 2018 at 11:08 AM

JM

“ I did not know Bill Vernon but his obit says so much about his character I am led to comment on the long life God granted him along with the large family he led through life, His marriage was long and solid to a wonderful wife. There is so much more I glean from these written words of his life and family; but I will close by saying Family "Bill ran his race of life with dignity and grace. Thank you Bill for the example of the life that can be obtained as a Christian leader and father. God bless you family.



John Meeker
Tulsa, OK

John Meeker - October 12, 2018 at 06:50 AM

SC

“ Bar none the best zoysia grass turf specialist in Dawn Hill history!!!! Always a great visit on 5 fairway for me during my first Superintendents position there. He will be missed!!! My thoughts are with the family.

Scott Countryman - October 11, 2018 at 09:55 PM