



## Wilfred Berlin

April 24, 1928 - June 7, 2008

Wilfred Francis "Blondie" Berlin 80-year-old resident of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died June 7, 2008, at Circle of Life Hospice in Springdale, Arkansas. He was born April 24, 1928, in Wichita, Kansas, the son of Wilfred Heinrich Berlin and Thelma Leila Keihl Berlin. Mr. Berlin was the fifth generation of oldest sons. He was veteran of the Korean War. He retired from Simmons Foods after 40 years of service. He married Pauline June Marquardt on March 13, 1954. Mr. Berlin was a Baptist and charter member of Harvard Avenue Baptist Church in Siloam Springs. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Pauline, 2 brothers, Duane Berlin and Donald Berlin; and a sister, Retha Patterson. Survivors include 3 sons, Wilfred Bruce Berlin and wife Peggy of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; Wesley Berlin and wife Dora of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Paul Berlin and wife Pam of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; 7 grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; 2 brothers, Jerry Berlin and wife Dorothy of Wichita, Kansas; Glenn Berlin of Fort Wayne, Indiana; 4 sisters, Lela Knecht of Belleville, Illinois; Mary Dixon and husband Troy of Wichita, Kansas; Laura Fisher and husband Richard of Bentley, Kansas; and Judy Davis and husband Leon of Burk Burnett, Texas. A memorial service will be held 5:30 P.M. Tuesday, June 10, 2008, at Wasson Memorial Chapel in Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Memorial contributions can be made to Circle of Life Hospice, 901 Jones Rd., Springdale, AR 72762.

# Tribute Wall

AB

“ *Sonny was a very sweet and kind person, considerate and sincere. His sense of humor was so similar to his youngest brothers', Don, my late husband. Sonny spent a few weeks with us when Don was ill and that was a very special time for both Don and Sonny. I'm so happy that he was able to spend some time with his children at the end - he truly loved them. My thoughts have been with them at this time.*

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**Ann Berlin** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

EB

“ *Bruce, Wes, & Paul, I was saddened to hear of the loss of your father. I would have come to visitation had I heard soon enough. My thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Ellen Brammer** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

KP

“ *I have alot of fond memories of visiting Uncle Sonny and the boys (Bruce, Wes, and Paul). Even though I was the only girl, Uncle Sonny always made sure I was included. We always had so much fun. Seeing the kind of men the "boys" have grown into reflects the kind of father Sonny was and the love he had for them. I know how proud he was of them. I know "the circle will not be broken" and we will see each other again one day at the throne.*

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**Kathy Preston** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LD

“ Although it had been many years since I had last seen "Uncle Sonny" I still carry the many happy memories spent with his son's Bruce, Wes, and Paul during our summer vacations. Uncle Sonny always made sure we had plenty to do, so there was never a dull moment. He may have passed on to a better life, but his memory will stay with all those that knew and loved him.

*Lonnie Davis, son of Judy (his sister) and Everett Davis*

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**Lonnie Davis** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

MJ

“ I don't recall every seeing my Uncle Sonny without a smile on his face. He was a very loving Uncle with a great sense of humor. He will be greatly missed by all.

*Wes, Bruce & Paul - Our deepest sympathies is with you and your families. Lots of love.*

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**Melissa Johnson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM



“ He was our cousin, and the family will be in our prayers.

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JD

“ No one could ask for a more thoughtful and kind brother than Sonny was. when he was away in the Korean war he took time to write us personal letters. Later when he was in Japan he would write and tell us of the hard living conditions of the children there and for us to be thankful for our home and plentiful food we had. He even found pen pals for us to write to there. One Christmas he had special gifts for each of us under the tree and made that the best Christmas ever. He took his role as the eldest child of our family of ten seriously and always set good examples of hard work and kindness towards everyone. A great day for us was coming home from school and turning that corner to see his big semi rig with the running chicken painted on the side of it parked on the street meant he was home for a short visit. One time he surprised us with a beautiful fluffy kitten. He was so proud of his sons, daughter-in-laws and grandchildren and loved them dearly.

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**judy davis** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DR

“ Bruce, Wes and Paul,

*I just learned of you father's passing, and wanted to let you all know that you are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**David Rosson** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

DL

“ My sincerest sypathies to you all.

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**Donna Berlin Long** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

KR

“ *Dear Bruce, Wes and Paul:*

*We were so sorry to hear about your father. We wish you and your families the very best.*

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**Kevin Riley** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

CP

“ *I Did Not Die*  
*Mary E Faye*

*Do not stand at my grave and forever weep.  
I am not there; I do not sleep.  
I am a thousand winds that blow.  
I am the diamond glints on snow.  
I am the sunlight on ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn's rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and forever cry.  
I am not there. I did not die*

*Love and Prayers from our family to Yours.*

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**Carol 'Berlin' Piatt** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

WB

“ We all have many memories from far back in childhood, but one very telling of his character came from a concern my father had when I was 21. It can be hard for a parent to say something serious to one that age, realizing that 21 year olds know it all. If you say one thing, you're overbearing and by not saying anything, you seem not to care. I could tell he was a bit nervous, but he took the chance to tell me something that I really needed to think about; one of those priority matters. It boiled down to whether I was really matching the credentials I needed in comparison to what I was trying to do. I knew he was right; I was cornered and had to swallow enough pride to agree with him. I appreciated what he was trying to say, and actually did get around to acting on it. He had patience, and while generally staying in an easy going mode, he could make the tough decision. Well, we will all have our period of rest, and then that chance to reconnect and it will be good to look forward to being with him again.

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**Wilfred Bruce Berlin** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

LF

“ I will miss my big brother very much. He was always an inspiration to me and the rest of the family. I admired Sonny's courage and his positive outlook on life. He always had an interesting story to share. I know he had tremendous pride in his children and grandchildren, and they were truly blessed by his presence in their lives.

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**Laura & Richard Fisher** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM

VG

“ Blondie was one of the first friends I made at Simmons Foods? sales department, he was so good to help me and I learned so much from him, and I finally learned to read his writing. My prayers are with the family at this time, I know Blondie will be missed. God Bless you and yours

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**Vicky Goodman** - September 19, 2012 at 11:35 AM