



William "Bill" Reed

November 19, 1933 - January 3, 2014

William "Bill" Reed, age 80, of West Frankfort, departed this life Friday, January 3, 2014, in Franklin Hospital. Bill was born November 19, 1933, in Franklin County, the son of Brown and Mable (Siznos) Reed. He married Naomi Wheatley in April, 1957, and she preceded him in May, 2004. Bill was an Army veteran of the Korean Conflict with one Bronze Star. He loved to dance and interact with friends. He was active in community affairs and worked diligently for the betterment of Franklin County. Bill is survived by his daughter Patty Crabtree and husband Mike of Freeman Spur; his granddaughter Lee Ann Ward and husband Steve of Herrin; and two great grandchildren Kylie and Kaleb Ward. Graveside funeral services will be held 11:00 AM Thursday, January 9, 2014, in East Fork Cemetery. Friends are asked to go directly to the cemetery on Thursday. Varis-Stone Funeral Home is entrusted with arrangements.

Comments



“ Grandpa,

We spoke on Thanksgiving Day. You sounded great. Dad read about your passing from the obituaries :(I'm incredibly sad we couldn't be there for your service. You deserved soo much; you certainly gave to soo many. I hope you had a fitting service! May God give you rest and comfort those of us left behind with His loving mercy. I'll never forget how you loved us kids; Tracy, Karen, Gary, Danny and I. You took us skating and to the lake. You served your country in Korea and fought smaller fights back home; Burger King comes to mind.

I wish soo badly that we didn't live so far apart and that we could've visited you more. Hopefully, our conversations stayed with you as they did with me. You always thanked me for calling and asked about Mom (Linda). You said they treated you fine there and didn't know much about your house or car or mail. You said "I should find out, huh? and laughed." You said it was 1947 when I asked what year it is and always finished our calls with "I love you, Angi poo."

Thank you for sharing your pet pig story with me; I won't forget it. Thank you for all the wonderful memories :) I love you, Grandpa Bill!

Angela

P.S. Grandpa Bill and Grandma Naomi were married in 1962-ish (not 1957). He also finally received his Purple Heart about a decade ago in West Frankfort. There was a wright up in the paper about it.

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