



Bill Ray Oller

May 24, 1942 - December 27, 2023

Bill Oller, 81, of Centralia, passed away Wednesday, December 27, 2023 at his home surrounded by his family.

He was born May 24, 1942 in Salem, IL, the son of James and Wanda (Napier) Oller. He married Leona Thompson on May 25, 1974 in Centralia and she survives.

Bill has five children, Kristy Claar and husband Jordan, Kevin Oller and wife Alicia, Connie Parker and husband Joe, Ricky Schilling and wife Carla, and Randy Schilling who preceded him in death. He has seventeen grandchildren, Easton Oller, Dayton Oller, Tripp Oller, Creedon McDonal, Addy McDonal, Braydin McDonal, Brooke Oller, Zack Schilling, Cody Oller, Blake Schilling, Lucas Schilling, Joey Parker, Leslie Parker, Lisa Pinkston, Chris Schilling, Michael Hossler, and Jerry Hossler, and fifteen great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one son Randy, one brother Robert (Bob) Oller, and one sister, Wanda Lappin.

Bill worked as a surveyor for the railroad and a general foreman for Rockwell International and later Cambridge for many years until his retirement.

Bill enjoyed hunting, fishing, training dogs, and breaking horses for riding. In

his younger years he was known as the fastest six-shooter around in pistol and rifle competitions. He was quite the dancer and even won the occasional dance competition. In his later years, he loved the mountains, being at their lake house, and watching Western shows. His true love in life was spending time with his family.

A visitation for family and friends will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2024 from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the family and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home and Cremation Services at 235 North Sycamore Street, Centralia, Illinois 62801, 618-532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Oller Family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 2. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home
235 N. Sycamore Street
Centralia, IL 62801

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Bill Ray Oller*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - January 02, 2024 at 12:35 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Bill Ray Oller.*



January 01, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ *Mcguires Staff planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Ray Oller.*

Mcguires Staff - January 01, 2024 at 10:02 PM



“ *Your Light Shines was purchased for the family of Bill Ray Oller.*



December 29, 2023 at 11:25 AM

EF

“ *EFI planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Bill Ray Oller.*

EFI - December 29, 2023 at 11:25 AM

BM

“ *I just wanted to share my memories of Mr Oller even though it has been quite some time since I have seen him. He left such a positive mark on my life as a child that I would like to share. I am friends with his daughter Kristy therefore I frequented the Oller home quite a bit as a kiddo. He was always very involved with us kids and was an amazing father to Kristy. That said, he was an amazing father overall no matter what child. But each time I pause and think about my time with the Oller family I can say for a matter of fact that each memory is a positive one that brings me a sense of joy, comfort, security and lots of laughs and love. Mr Oller and his wife were the main source of this. They did an amazing job at passing that down to their children/family which made my time around all of them such a wonderful experience. Mr Oller was and is what a father should strive to be. He set the standard high and never fell from that standard especially when it came to his family. I believe Mr Oller's legacy is one that will most definitely leave a smile on whoever's face that is thinking of him. What a stand up guy and I know he will be watching over his loved ones as he did when he was on this earth. Rest in Peace, Mr Oller you did an incredible job with the life you were given. My condolences to the Oller family. I will keep all of you in my prayers. God bless 🙏🙏*

Brittney Martoccio - December 28, 2023 at 11:38 AM

VH

“ *Our condolences on your loss! Sending our thoughts and prayers for/with family and friends!*

Vickie & Wayne Houser - December 28, 2023 at 07:19 AM



*My heart aches for your loss. He was a good man, cared for his wife and family! Your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. Love to all,
Carol Buhl*

Carol Buhl - December 28, 2023 at 11:17 AM