



Ellis E. "Bud" McMillan

December 22, 1929 - December 22, 2014

Ellis E. "Bud" McMillan, age 85, of Centralia, died Monday, Dec. 22nd, 2014, in Centralia. Mr. McMillan served our country in the United States Air Force from 1951 to 1955, and received military honors. He was a member of American Legion Post 446. Mr. McMillan was a senior vice-president of the First National Bank & Trust Co. and the Old National Bank in Centralia. He was also on the Industrial Commission from 1997 until retirement. Mr. McMillan was a leader who cared about his community, which was evident from his service in many leadership positions with numerous community organizations. He enjoyed his family, spending time on the lake boating, golfing, and singing in his church choir. Mr. McMillan contributed to the community welfare. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia since 1941, and served as a member of the Board of Trustees from 1968 to 1970, and was a member of the Board of Elders for several terms. He also sang in the choir for many years. Mr. McMillan was elected to the Board of Education for the Centralia City Schools District 135 in 1972, and served two 3-year terms. He served as president of the board for the 1977-1978 school year. He was a member of the Centralia Chamber of Commerce for 14 years, a member of the Chamber's Ambassador's since their inception, and in 2011, he received the Chamber Lifetime Achievement Award. Mr. McMillan served on the Board of Directors as chairman of the Highways and Traffic committee during 1981, and was elected president of the Chamber of Commerce for 1981-1982. He was a member of the Centralia Lions Club

since 1964, served in all major the offices, and was elected president for 1971-1972. He has served as a past member of the Centralia Area United Fund Board of Directors, and was chairman for the successful 1968 drive. Mr. McMillan served as a member of the Board of Directors of the March of Dimes, and held the offices of secretary and treasurer, and served as the Marion County Drive Chairman with the March of Dimes in 1966. He was a Centralia Jaycee member and held all the offices except that of president. He was on the Jaycee committee that raised money to help construct the first Airport Building in 1982, and he received the Jaycee Outstanding Citizen Award in 1982. He was a member of Meadow Woods Country Club, and served on the Board of Directors for 6 year, and as secretary and treasurer. Mr. McMillan was a member of Toastmaster's Club of Centralia from 1952 until 1955. He worked with youth of Centralia, either as a manager or base coach for the Recreation Department Youth Baseball teams from 1965 to 1975. He was a Boy Scout Institutional Representative in 1968. He was a member of the Centralia Cultural Society, and participated in the presentations of "Music Man," "Oklahoma," "South Pacific," and various Christmas programs. He also served as a member of the Board of Directors. Mr. McMillan was a charter member of the Centralia Orphan Booster Club and a member of the Centralia Boat Club. He participated in many local and state organizations including the Blue Lodge of Masons 201, Centralia Shrine Club and held the office of vice-president, member of Ainad Temple in East St. Louis, Scottish Rite Masonic Bodies Valley of Southern Illinois in Belleville, member of Little Egypt Order 63 Sword of Bunker Hill, Centralia Elks Lodge 493, Home Builders Association of Marion County, and served one term as secretary for the Board of Directors. He was a member of the American Legion Post 446. Services will be held at noon Saturday at the First United Presbyterian Church in Centralia with the Rev. Alan Mason officiating. Interment will follow at Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia. Friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday at the church. Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia is in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the First United Presbyterian

Church or to the organization of the donor's choice and will be received at the church or by the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com. 'Bud' McMillan is survived by his wife Marilyn McMillan of Centralia; two sons: Ellis E. "Bud" McMillan and wife Chrisy of Charleston, and James Michael "Mike" McMillan and wife Kim of Centralia; two daughters: Lisa Pennock-Triefenbach and husband George of Belleville, and Jami Elmore and husband Gary of Walnut Hill; and one sister: Joan Stedelin of Centralia; nine grandchildren: Thomas Swartwout of Lexington, Ky., Hailey Swartwout of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Whitney Middendorf and husband Todd, of Nashville, James Mitchell Elmore and wife Manju of Davis, Calif., and Taylor Scism, Elliot McMillan, and Madison McMillan, all of Wilmington, N.C., Megan Marcum and husband Lance of Centralia, and Andrea Walton and husband Andrew of Centralia; and four great-grandchildren, Hadley Marcum, Elijah Marcum, Tinley Marcum, and Deacon Walton. 'Bud' McMillan was born Nov. 17, 1929, in Centralia, the son of Edgar Ellis McMillan and Ira Maureen (Throgmorton) McMillan. He married Marilyn Jane Gorman on May 13, 1956, at the First Presbyterian Church in Centralia, and she survives. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Tom Stedelin.

Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of your loss. Cherish the memories as they will live on in your heart forever

Sany Sargent - December 28, 2014 at 12:00 AM

WH

“ Mrs. McMillan and Family, We are sorry for your loss and wish that we could personally extend our condolences. Our thoughts and prayers are with you! May the love and prayers of Family and friends give you all peace in the loss of Mr. McMillan! In Christ's Love,

Wayne Houser - December 27, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ Condolences to the family. Bud was a great person, family man & tremendous community supporter. Will be missed.

Mike Pierceall - December 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ Bud touched so many lives and we are blessed to have been part of his life. We extend our most deepest sympathy to his loving family. He will always remain in our hearts and thoughts. Peggy and Geno Bardelli

Peggy Bardelli - December 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Marilyn and family. Sorry to hear of Buds passing. He was a good man. Centralia was blessed to call him a citizen. He will be missed.

Noland Atchison - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ So sorry for your loss. Mindy Winkler Judy and Shelby Winkler

Mindy Winkler - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“ Mike, Kim and family, so sorry to hear of your loss. Your all in my thoughts and prayers! Enjoy the special memories!

Candy Renth - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We are so very sorry for Your loss , May God's Grace be with You All ! God Bless.

Janet Finley-Huffman - December 24, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PB

“ So very sad of Bud's passing! What a great guy who had a beautiful voice, which for years, I enjoyed hearing in our church choir. Several years ago, he told me that one of the things he really liked, was looking out and seeing my smile. I appreciated that an will never forget it! He will be missed! RIP Bud! When I look up, I will be smiling!

Peggy Beal - December 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM