



William Baldrige

March 10, 1935 - December 11, 2019

William "Bill" Baldrige 84, of Centralia passed away Wednesday December 11, 2019 at Fireside House in Centralia surrounded by his family.

Bill was born March 10, 1935 in Salem, the son of Robert Landis Baldrige and Maude Marie (Duncan) Baldrige. Bill married Shirley Owensby on September 18, 1953 and she survives him in Centralia.

In addition to his wife Shirley of 66 years, Bill is survived by his daughter: Susan Neumann and husband Rick of Centralia; son: Joe Baldrige and wife Tracy of Franklin, TN; six grandchildren: AJ Burton and wife Michelle of Nashville, TN, Ashley Moore and husband Tyler of Centralia, Andy Burton and wife Kim of Smyrna, TN, Clare Baldrige of Franklin, TN, Owen Baldrige of Franklin, TN, and Eleanor Baldrige of Franklin, TN; two great-grandchildren: Aubrey Moore and Reeve Moore both of Centralia; a third great-grandchild on the way; two sisters-in-law: Pat Baldrige and Dottie Baldrige both of Salem; one brother-in-law: Gary Owensby of Burlingame, NC; thirteen nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents: Robert and Maude Baldrige, two brothers: Ray Baldrige and Don Baldrige, and one sister: Eva Quandt.

Bill was a graduate of Salem High School class of 1953. In his younger years, Bill attended Hickory Street Church now known as Calumet Street Christian Church. Bill and his wife Shirley later became members of the Grace Church in Centralia, where he is presently a member. Bill and Shirley recently attended City Hope Church with their family. Bill started working at the Texas

Oil Company as a Seismograph operator. He then worked for Centralia Cartage and later for Associated Truck Lines as Terminal Manager. After ATL, he worked for Owensby Buick Cadillac as a sales manager in Aiken, SC. Most recently he worked for Norrenberns Truck Service in Nashville, IL as General Operations Manager. From 1974-1975 Bill was Lion of the Year and received the Lion's Club President's Award the same year. In 1978 he was the Lion's Club president. In the 1980's he was a member of the Centralia Elks Lodge #493. Bill enjoyed traveling with his wife Shirley after he retired. His greatest accomplishment was his family. He especially enjoyed spending time with all his grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life Service for William "Bill" Baldrige will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Alan Nollman and Pastor Seth Baltzell officiating. A visitation will be held Tuesday, December 17, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. at the funeral home. In memory of Bill, memorial donations may be made to Grace United Fellowship Church or to City Hope Church and will be accepted by the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home at 235 North Sycamore Street Centralia, IL 62801 (618) 532-3523, who is honored to be of service to the Baldrige family. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com or the Funeral Home's Facebook page.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Celebration of Life

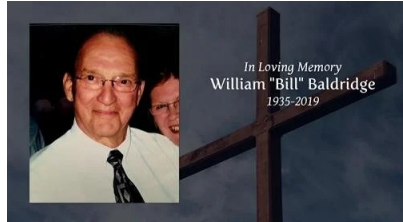
DEC 17. 6:00 PM.

Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William Baldrige*



Sutherland Funeral Homes, Cemetery and Cremation Services - December 14, 2019 at 06:24 PM

SP

“ *I live across the street from Bill. He always worked in his yard and he was always willing to talk to me and give me some great advice. He was a good man I will miss him. May God be with the family during this sad difficult time.*

Steve Prunty - December 18, 2019 at 11:36 PM

PA

“ *Shirley.... I always enjoyed my time with you and Bill. May God bless you and give you His peace that surpasses all understanding.*

Paul Ashworth - December 16, 2019 at 06:38 PM



“ *A Full Life was purchased for the family of William Baldrige.*



December 16, 2019 at 11:36 AM

PI

“ Pam Eatherly Blue Water Industries purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of William Baldrige.



Pam Eatherly Blue Water Industries - December 16, 2019 at 08:57 AM



“ Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Baldrige.



December 15, 2019 at 07:05 PM

LB

“ Leo Barczewski lit a candle in memory of William Baldrige



Leo Barczewski - December 15, 2019 at 05:11 PM

LB

Shirley...please accept Ruth and my sympathy. I enjoyed working with Bill for many years.

Leo Barczewski - December 15, 2019 at 05:13 PM

MG

“ We are so sorry to hear about the loss of Bill. Love and Prayers to the whole family.

Mary & Harold Galyen

Mary Galyen - December 14, 2019 at 10:45 AM

SN

Thank you, Harold & Mary. Prayers are always welcomed.

Susan Neumann - December 16, 2019 at 11:04 PM

VJ

“ To Susie and your family, we're saddened to hear of your dad's passing and we send our condolences. When I'd see him out and about occasionally he'd always greet you with a kind word and a smile.

God bless and keep you all!

Vicky and Larry James

Vicky James - December 13, 2019 at 08:59 AM

SN

Thank you so much, Vicky. Your kind words and prayers are appreciated.

Susan Neumann - December 16, 2019 at 11:03 PM