



William Edward Burnside

September 17, 1925 - October 8, 2016

William E. Burnside, age 91, of Limestone, IL, died on Saturday, October 8, 2016 at the Illinois Veteran's Home in Manteno, IL. Bill was born on September 17, 1925 to Russell and Minnie (Thompson) Burnside in Kankakee, IL. He enlisted in the Navy in 1943 at the age of 17, he was honorably discharged in 1946, he served in the South Pacific and saw the islands of Guadalcanal, Tulagi, Bougainville, Green Island Emirau, Mios-Woendi and New Guinea. He was on "PT" boats and ended as First Class Yeoman. He received his high school diploma from Kankakee High School upon returning from service. He married Esther Chambers on August 2, 1945. Esther died on February 18, 1965. He married Nadine Pool Wood on March 12, 1967. Nadine died on November 26, 2014. He retired from Olivet Nazarene University as a custodial supervisor. He was a member of Bonfield Evangelical united Methodist Church for 50 years. He was a member and served as Chairman of the Ad board and was Sunday School Assistant Superintendent. He was a member of Kankakee American Legion Post 85 and served as Commander, Senior Vice Commander and Adjutant. He was also a member of the Firing Squad, Honor Guard and Sergeant at Arms. He served many years and was one of the original group of volunteers on the Limestone Township Fire Department.

He is survived by one daughter, Connie (Pete) Dato of Reddick, IL; three sons, Gary (Nanette) Wood of Kankakee, IL, David (Pam) Wood of St. Anne,

IL and Larry Wood of Watseka, IL; 9 grandchildren, Tim (Beth) Sullivan, Chad Sullivan, Casie Tapp, Kenny (Sandy) Dato, Pete (Lesley) Dato II, Jillian (Michael) Jackubowski, Jonathan (Stacy) Wood, Jodi (Steve) Sykes and Stacy (Tom) Shimmin and 14 great-grandchildren, Zoe, Kai, Aamira, Rayah, Bryce, Andrew, Gwenyth, Cole, Lucas, Leila, Dakota, Kaithlyn, Amberlin and Samuel. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife, Esther; second wife, Nadine; two daughters, Sandra Sullivan and Barbara Wilkerson; one son-in-law, Michael Sullivan; two granddaughters, Regena and Tonja Wilkerson; one grandson, Jason Wood; one great-grandson, Zachary Wood and one brother, Richard Burnside.

Visitation will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2016 from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at Schreffler Funeral Homes, Kankakee Chapel. Bill's funeral service will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church. Burial will immediately follow at Bonfield Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Kankakee Valley, Illinois Veteran's Home at Manteno or Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church.

Cemetery Details

Bonfield Cemetery

Bonfield, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **12.** 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Schreffler Funeral Home - Kankakee Chapel

1900 W. Court St.

Kankakee, IL 60901

(815) 932-2421

<https://www.schrefflerfuneralhomes.com/>

Funeral Service

OCT **13.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Bonfield Evangelical United Methodist Church

348 E. Smith St

Bonfield, IL

(815) 932-7619

Tribute Wall



“ *William Edward Burnside*

February 03, 2023 at 04:30 AM



“ *I first met Bill when he worked with my father at Pope Brace and later in St.Anne. Always had that warm smile and took time to talk with you. My thoughts are with his family, deepest sympathy.*

Roy Smith - October 12, 2016 at 08:13 PM



“ *Bill was such a sweet and gentle man, now he and Aunt Nadine will be together again. Our sympathy goes out to all of the family.*

Charlene Cannon - October 12, 2016 at 01:32 PM



“ *Vern & Carolyn Dumas lit a candle in memory of William Edward Burnside*



Vern & Carolyn Dumas - October 12, 2016 at 12:04 PM



“ *He was such a sweet and gentle man. I have fond memories growing up knowing Connie and her family. Hugs to all of you.. He and Nadine are smiling down on you*

Brenda (Buza) Logsdon

Brenda Logsdon - October 11, 2016 at 05:57 PM

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“ We met Bill when I Joined Post 85 - American Legion. The best Legion memories I will have are the times Bill and I spent talking in the Kitchen. Getting the coffee made and getting the cake ready or cleaning up after the meetings.

I was privileged to have Bill share some of his memories and honored to have had the chance to get to know and work with him.

We will not forget Bill.

In our thoughts, Ingrid and Scott Gilvin

Scott Gilvin - October 11, 2016 at 05:04 PM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



Schreffler Funeral Home - October 11, 2016 at 12:24 PM

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“ Bill was a sweet & loving man. Hope he & Aunt Nadine are together again, they were always so good together. Love & sympathy to Connie, David, Gary & Larry.

Maggie (Wood) Wilson

Maggie Wilson - October 11, 2016 at 08:02 AM