

William "Bill" Reynolds, age 80, stepped from this world into the eternal presence of his Lord and Savior at 2:13 a.m. Monday, March 12, 2007, following a long illness.

Bill was born April 5, 1926, in Hunter, Oklahoma, to Ernest and Opal (Bryant) Reynolds. At a young age he moved with his family to a farm near Pond Creek, Oklahoma. He attended Pond Creek schools and played numerous sports, but football was his first love. In his senior year, Bill was elected co-captain of the football team and named American Legion Outstanding Boy. After graduating in 1944, Bill served in the U.S. Merchant Marines.

On December 4, 1953, at Pond Creek, he married Elaine Beverlin and they moved to a farm near Liberal, Missouri in 1962. He and Elaine purchased a farm northeast of Liberal in 1964 where they raised their family. Bill farmed and raised registered hogs until he became a full time rural mail carrier for the U.S. Postal Service out of the Liberal Post Office. Part of his route included the Bronaugh, Missouri community. He was content wherever he was, but would often say he had the "best job in the world" as a rural carrier. Bill enjoyed the people he worked with as well as the people on his route. He and Elaine moved to Lamar in 2000 to be near their youngest daughter, Sharon.

At the age of six, during a community-wide revival, Bill accepted Christ as his Savior. He was baptized in the First Baptist Church of Pond Creek where he was ordained as a Deacon in 1958 and remained a faithful member until moving to Missouri. Moving his church membership as well, Bill continued to be active as long as his health permitted. He served his Lord and the church in which he was a member in many capacities through the years, teaching Sunday school class for 50 years. He was currently a member of First Baptist Church in Lamar. Bill was also an active member of the Liberal Bull Dogs Booster Club.

Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Elaine Reynolds of the home; a son and daughter-in-law, Dr. D. Keith & Jeannie Reynolds, Wichita, Kansas; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy & Dale Keeney, Bartlesville, Oklahoma, Sharon & Marty Collier, Lamar; a sister, Betty & husband Dale Gardner, Enid, Oklahoma; two sisters-in-law, Joy Bilyeu, Carthage, and Jean Reynolds, San Antonio, Texas; five grandchildren, Bryan Bass and his wife, Katie, Joshua and Micah Keeney, Sara and Rachel Collier; and several nephews and nieces. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Ernest, Jr.; and a sister, Norma Reynolds.

IN MEMORY OF

Bill Reynolds

April 5, 1926 March 12, 2007

FUNERAL SERVICE

2:00 p.m. Wednesday

March 14, 2007

Verdella Freewill Baptist Church

OFFICIATING

Pastor Randy Sprenkle

Bro. Marvin Reynolds

MINISTRY OF MUSIC

"My Redeemer Lives"

Jenni Decker, Vocalist

"Come To Jesus"

Kelly McKay, Vocalist

"Victory In Jesus"

Congregational Hymn

Tricia McKay, Pianist

HONORARY PALLBEARERS

Phil Smith Howard Holland George Sheat

David Sheat Caleb Braker Calvin Brous Jay McKay

AT REST

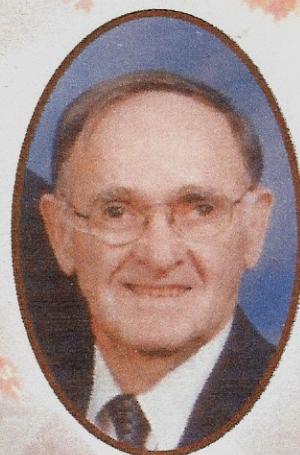
Barton City Cemetery

*Philip 3:17-21
2 Tim 2:4
4:6-9
Ronald*

APPRECIATION

*On behalf of Bill's family, we wish to express
their gratitude for your many kindnesses
evidenced in thought and deed,
and for your attendance
at the funeral service.*

*Daniel Funeral Home
Lamar, MO 64759*



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