



Obituary

Born: Monday, March 21, 1938

Died: Saturday, May 23, 2020

William 'Bill' E. Bower, age 82, of Pittsfield, IL passed away on Saturday, May 23, 2020 at Blessing Hospital in Quincy, IL. He was born on March 21, 1938 in Hannibal, MO to William and Irma Wilkins Bower. He married Marcia Baker on May 25, 1975 in Palmyra, MO, and she survives.

Bill grew up on a family farm at Fall Creek and graduated from West Pike High school in 1956. At the age of 19, he joined the United States Navy Reserve for two years and then enlisted in the United States Air Force for two years. After his honorable discharge, he returned home to farm. Bill worked several other jobs as well including, Western Publishing Company, Grandview Cemetery, Culligan Water Conditioning, and a plumbing shop in Clayton, IL. He then began truck driving for ABF Trucking until 2002 and was a 1,000,000 mile driver with no wrecks. Bill was of Lutheran faith and was a member of the Barry American Legion Post #222 and the Camp Point VFW. He and Marcia belonged to a dance club and enjoyed dancing together. Bill loved fishing, golfing, partying, and Maker's Mark.

He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Marcia Bower; son, Terry Wayne Bower of Hannibal, MO; daughter, Tammy Ann (Tim) Cuttsinger of Hannibal, MO; stepchildren, Leecia Hillebrenner of Pittsfield, IL, Stacy (Mike) Roseberry of Pittsfield, IL, and Blaine Hillebrenner of Quincy, IL; siblings, Arnold J. Bower of Colorado and Sara L. (Don) Bowen of Hannibal, MO; two nieces, Ann Fette and Sue (Paul) Russel; and two nephews, John (Melissa) Fette III and Kevin (Johana) Bower.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Irma Bower; a son, William Emmett Bower, Jr in infancy; sister, Shirley (John) Fette and sister-in-law, Sharon Bower.

A graveside service will be held privately with military rites at Shearer Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to be made to the Pike County Animal Shelter, Barry American Legion Post #222, or the Camp Point VFW. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

Charitable donations may be made in William's memory to the following organizations:

Barry American Legion Post # 222

Camp Point VFW

Service Summary

Private

Location: - *Not available* -

Pike County Animal Shelter