

Obituary

Born: Saturday, March 31, 1934

Died: Friday, May 21, 2021

William Paul 'Bill' Howland Sr., age 87, of Pearl, Illinois passed away on Friday May 21, 2021 at Eastside Healthcare and Rehabilitation in Pittsfield, Ill. He was born on March 31, 1934 to George and Artie Schlieper Howland in Hamburg, Ill.. Bill first married Cleo Howland and later married Karla Pepper on April 4, 1982 in Champaign, Ill..

Bill was only 15 when he went into the timber business which he worked on and off throughout his life. He really just loved working outdoors. Bill enjoyed cutting wood and running a chainsaw. He also loved to mow grass and mowed daily. Bill also ran a junk business until selling old parts became too regulated. Bill was an avid rock maker, creating beautiful pieces of art over the years. In earlier years Bill raised horses and along with Ray Jones brought the first quarter horses to Pike County from Nebraska. He liked to plant tomatoes and cucumbers, and he would eat the tomatoes and give away the cucumbers. Bill is described as a smooth talkin salesman and story teller who could be a little onery and full of himself. But everybody loved him for it. He loved his family, especially his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife, Karla; six sons, Richard Howland, Pittsfield, Ill., Jeff (Sherri) Howland, Pearl, Ill., Rodney Howland, Pearl, Ill., Bill Howland, Pittsfield, Ill., Merle "Jacob" (Hoshi) Howland, Tacoma, Washington, and Ethan (Brianna Motley) Howland Springfield, Ill.; four daughters, Pamela (Ronnie) Smith, Pearl, Ill., Janet (Chris) Brown Pittsfield, Ill., Tracy (Tim) Brown, Chatham, Ill., and Kayla (Bradley) Johnson, Pleasant Hill, Ill.; also surviving are sixteen grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren; and one sister Willean (Edward) Benz, Nebo, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Stacy; one grandson, Sean; one great grandson, Zachary; two brothers, Edward and Russell, five sisters, Edith Colvin, Buelah Galloway, Nellie Fisher, Leta Weinant, Lena Gress.

Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at 2:30 PM at the Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield. Interment will follow at the Green Pond Cemetery in Pearl, IL. Visitation will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 from 1:30 PM-2:30 PM. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made to the D.O.G. House in Nebo, Ill. Online condolences may be left to the family at www.nieburfh.com. Niebur Funeral Home in Pittsfield is handling the arrangements.



Service Summary

Visitation

1:30 PM to 2:30 PM, Wed May 26, 2021

Niebur Funeral Home

530 W. Adams
Pittsfield, Illinois 62363

Funeral Service

2:30 PM Wed May 26, 2021

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

Dog House Youth Center