



William Dent McKinney SR.

November 15, 1924 - July 6, 2014

William "Bill" D. McKinney, Sr. son of the late Dent and Jessie McKinney and brother of John D. McKinney who proceeded him in death, Bill passed away at home on July 6th, 2014 at the age of 89 years, 7 Months, 21 Days.

Bill was born in Belleview, MO on November 15, 1924. On August 19, 1949 he married Jeanette Moore who preceded him in death after sixty-two years of marriage.

Bill was a lifelong resident of Belleview where he managed the family century farm. Early in his career, farming consisted of raising crops. However, over time he converted his operation from crops to raising and back-grounding cattle. Some of his greatest pleasures as a farmer were improving the quality and conserving the land which he understood his role to be a good steward, improving the quality of his livestock, and mentoring younger men.

Bill was very devoted to his family, especially loved children, and was very interested in his community. He was one of many who volunteered their services in the construction of the Belleview United Methodist Church in 1951. He also served many years as one of the trustees for the church. Bill was involved as a school board member in the reorganization of multiple local one room schools to establish the current Belleview R-III School District.

Constructed in 1958. Bill was well known by the architect, contractors, and laborers as he devoted time to be on the construction site daily. He then continued to serve many years as school board president.

Emphasizing his interest in land conversation, he was elected by his peers as

a board member of the Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS) for over thirty-five years.

In recent years he was pleased to have received a distinguished services award from the Iron County Democratic Committee.

Bill is survived by son, Wm. D. McKinney, Jr and daughter-in-law Paula of Belleview, MO, one granddaughter Emily (Brian) Parker of Arcadia, MO, and one grandson Bryan (Alison) McKinney of Rock Tavern, New York. He has four great-grandchildren: Nadia Parker, Benjamin Parker, Katie McKinney, and Thomas McKinney.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, July 11 at 10 am from Belleview United Methodist Church with Rev. Bob Bullock officiating. Visitation will begin Thursday from 5 to 8 pm. From the Cole family Chapel Interment will be in the Arcadia Valley Memorial Park.

Online condolences may be made at www.colefamilyfuneralhomes.com

Cemetery Details

Arcadia Valley Memorial Park

Russellville Road
Ironton, MO 63650

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 10. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Cole Family Funeral Home
210 E Reynolds St
Ironton, MO 63650
(573) 546-0742

Service

JUL 11. 10:00 AM (CT)

Belleview Untied Methodist Church

Tribute Wall



“ *William Dent McKinney SR.*

August 31, 2022 at 12:46 PM



“ *SHERRY BENNETT lit a candle in memory of William Dent McKinney SR.*



SHERRY BENNETT - July 16, 2014 at 10:22 AM



I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. William McKinney through his son Dr. William McKinney. He was a very kind person with a smile that lit up his face. My thoughts and prayers are with Bill, Paula, Emily and Brian and grandchildren.

SHERRY BENNETT - July 16, 2014 at 10:28 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Dent McKinney SR..*



July 10, 2014 at 10:44 AM

KC

“ Bill was a wonderful neighbor. Josh and him became friends the minute we moved to Mt View Farm and conversed about the "John Deere Tractors" and Josh couldn't wait to get his first John Deere B and let Bill see it. I'll never forget when we moved in Mrs Moore and Jeanette brought us a tin of cookies and as soon as they got out of the car Josh said, "Where's Bill" Jeanette laughed and said, "He's working somewhere on the farm Josh"I would always call if the cows were out and Bill would say I'm on my way. If, he was doing hay I always kept a eye on him when he got older to make sure he was ok. But, the most pleasure was about 3 weeks ago Josh went and visited Bill and Bill gave him a history lesson about the house and Farm Josh now owns. (Bill said he prayed Josh would be able to purchase the Farm) and I'm so glad he lived to see that prayer come true). Bill was born in that house and it gave Josh pleasure to listen to the stories he had to tell. He was a wonderful mentor to my son and I'm Thankful for that. What a awesome man God gained this week. Sympathy to Bill, Paula, Brian and Emily and their families. Kathy Campbell

Kathy Campbell - July 09, 2014 at 12:04 PM

RP

“ Ray and Sherry Puckett purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of William Dent McKinney SR..



Ray and Sherry Puckett - July 08, 2014 at 11:45 PM

GC

“ I remember Bill as many years ago he also served on the Washington County Producers Association Board (feeder calf sales). I worked in the local extension office and Bill was a welcome visitor many, many times. My condolence to his family.

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Genelle Cole - July 08, 2014 at 05:19 PM



“ Love Everlasting Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Dent McKinney SR..



July 08, 2014 at 09:22 AM