



Billy Dean Henson

June 18, 1931 - November 16, 2017

Billy Dean Henson, 86, of Carthage, Missouri passed away Thursday, November 16, 2017 at his home following a lengthy illness. Bill was born June 18, 1931 in Carthage, where he also attended school, to the late O. Elmo and T. Lucille (Spilman) Henson.

Bill married the love of his life, Doris Jeanette Wine, on February 4, 1950. She preceded him in death on March 6, 2015.

Bill is survived by three daughters, Vicki Henson of Carthage, Marti Henson of Lexington, KY, and Patty Ingram and spouse Paul of Carthage; his grandchildren, Sara (Ingram) Fife and spouse James of Grove, OK, and Ann (Ingram) Myers and spouse Nolan of Carthage; his great-grandchildren, Dalton, Willa, and Taylor Dean Fife, and Casen Myers. Additionally, he is survived by his siblings, Melba Wellsfry of Chico, CA, Eddie and spouse Mary Henson of Sylva, NC, Hershel and spouse Lucille Henson of La Porte, IN, Carol Reed of Carthage, and Linda Blass of Carthage, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and many dear friends.

Bill and his wife were avid travelers, especially to Alaska, Canada, Texas, and Mexico for many years of fishing, scuba diving, barbequing, and camping. They also enjoyed many games of cards, dominos, and pool with family and friends.

Bill was part owner of Commercial Glass located in Joplin. He was involved in and held leadership roles in many organizations including Carthage Masonic Lodge No. 197 A.F. & A.M., Meridian Sun Chapter No. 61 of the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine Club and Train Crew, Jasper Commandery No. 31 Knights Templar, Order of the Eastern Star Eminence Chapter No. 93, Carthage Jaycees, and Carpenter's Local 311. Bill was also a member of the First Baptist Church of Carthage and of Rio Hondo, TX.

The Family would like to extend a special thank you to Avalon Hospice of Carthage.

Masonic Rites will be held at 6:00 p.m. and visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Monday, November 20, 2017, at Ulmer Funeral Home.

Services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at Ulmer Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children, in care of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ulmer Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **20**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

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Service

NOV **21**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I was so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He and Doris were such nice people, and they were both classmates of my husband Merlyn. We've known them a long time, hadn't really been close, yet still considered them dear friends. God bless his daughters and their families. Patsy Kepple Elder

Patsy Elder - November 21, 2017 at 05:07 PM

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“ Bill was a great big brother for me. Once when I was about 10 or 11 and he was about 12 or 13 we were crossing a shallow area of Center Creek near Carthage. The water was surprisingly swift, and it forced my feet out from under me. The water got deeper a short distance down stream, and I was frightened. Bill called for me to grab hold of him. I did, and he pulled me to safety. More important in Vacation Bible School when he was 11 and I was 10, on decision day he responded to the invitation for any who were ready to commit their lives to Jesus, and I followed him and made that decision. He has always been strong, caring, friendly - just a wholesome family man. I admired the way he seemed always willing to help those who needed a helping hand, shown when he and Doris were living in Rio Hondo, and he would make trips into Mexico to help "crippled" children.

Eddie Henson - November 16, 2017 at 09:27 PM