



William Eugene "Bill" Busch

October 13, 1938 - February 7, 2021

William Eugene "Bill" Busch, 82, of Cape Girardeau passed away Sunday, Feb. 7, 2021, at Southeast Hospital.

He was born Oct. 13, 1938, in Cape Girardeau to the late Raymond William and Dorothy Froemsdorf Busch.

He was raised on the family dairy farm in Cape Girardeau County. He attended Kage School and graduated from College High in 1956.

Bill and Cecile Fitzpatrick were married Aug. 25, 1963, at Christ Evangelical Church in Cape Girardeau.

After his service in the U.S. Army, he worked for the Soil Conservation Service and later as district project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Some of his projects were the Southeast Missouri Port Authority, the Cape LaCroix Drainage Project, numerous construction projects at Lake Wappapello and other Mississippi River contracts from St. Louis to Cairo, Illinois. He retired from the Corps in 1995.

His hobby and passion were showing dogs all around the country. He was a professional show dog handler and beagle breeder, producing over 100 champions and several Best in Show winners. The pinnacle of his career was winning the Non-Sporting Group at the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show. He was a member of the National Beagle Club, a charter member of the Southeast Missouri Beagle Club and longtime show chairman of the Southeast Missouri Kennel Club. He and his wife Cecile also owned and operated Busch's Kennel for many years.

Survivors include his wife, Cecile of Cape Girardeau; daughter, Stacy Busch-Heisserer and husband, Chris Heisserer of Cape Girardeau; grandson, Brayden Heisserer; sister, Ruth (Don) Harper of Cape Girardeau; two cousins, two nephews and one niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

At his request no services will be held.

Memorial donations may be given to the Southeast Missouri Food Bank, 600 State Highway H, P.O. Box 190, Sikeston, MO 63801.

Comments



“ Your Dad was an extremely polite and nice man. I've known him since the mid 1950s, but hadn't seen him in years. I didn't put 2 & 2 together to realize he was your Dad. Lots of years have flown by, and as I have lived many places since the 50s you lose touch with old friends, which is a shame. I'm truly sorry for your loss!

Judi Coleman



judi Coleman - February 10 at 09:52 AM



“ My deepest sympathy to the entire Busch family on Bills passing. Having worked with Bill for a number of years he was without doubt one of the greatest assets The St. Louis District ever had. He was an excellent manager of construction contracts of various kinds including dikes, revetment, levees, pump stations, River Ports, channel improvements and lake projects. What really separated Bill was his ability to communicate with people. Between his work on the job or with his love and care for dogs Bill was respected by all for which the District benefited, a very real asset. Rest in peace my friend.

RED BUCHHOLD - February 09 at 09:58 PM



“ Bill, Monty, Dave, and my brother, Don, were life-long friends ... what fun these guys had together ... and now, what a homecoming they're having. May I extend my deepest sympathy to Bill's wife, daughter, and family as they mourn his death and celebrate his life.

Carol - February 09 at 12:06 PM



“ Worked with Bill for 30+ years at the Corps of Engineers. Going to MISS him a lot .Was always there to help when you needed him. Will always remember the long hours fighting floods and repairing levees after the flood. THANKS Bill you are one of the GOOD guys and we will miss you. Charles and Mary Grojean

CHARLES GROJEAN - February 09 at 09:19 AM



“ Always enjoyed speaking with Bill. Did repair and service work on his rolling dog kennels. Was amazed as to how clean he kept it as to some of the other RVs I had to make repairs or serve.. He always had a kind word and friendly smile. Often thought of him in the past. Am sure he will be missed by many

Frank Sitze - February 09 at 08:33 AM