



Bill Birk

September 29, 1936 - February 3, 2019

Bill Birk, 82, of Jackson, Missouri died Sunday, February 3, 2019 at Missouri Veteran's Home.

He was born September 29, 1936 in Cape Girardeau, Missouri to Henry William and Laura Schmuke Birk.

He and Roberta Lee Rafferty were married June 2, 1960. She preceded him in death on October 1, 2015.

He served in the Navy two years.

Bill attended Immaculate Conception Grade School, Jackson R-2 High School and Southeast Missouri State University.

He was a tow boat engineer on the Mississippi River, truck driver for Lutesville Pallet, worked at the City of Jackson Power Plant and retired from Procter & Gamble after 22 years.

He was an avid golfer at Kimbeland where he served on the board and also enjoyed quail hunting. In high school, he played football and was on the track team.

He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Survivors include his five sons, Andy, Rob (Debbie), Tony, Billy and Tyler (Krista) Birk; one daughter, Nancy (Gary) Seyer; 11 grandchildren, Jamie (Landon) Bollinger, Leslie (Andrew) Ratliff, Andy Jay Birk, Chelsea Patterson, Taylor (Dakata) Parks, and Bailey Jo, Lilly, Tristan, Paisley, Hudson, and Chandler Seyer; three great-grandchildren, Carson, Jaxson and Avery; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Roberta Lee Birk; mother, Laura Schmuke Lewis; stepfather, Wilson Lewis; father, Henry William Birk; and one brother, Joe Birk.

Friends may call 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at Ford & Sons Jackson Funeral Home with parish prayers at 7:00 pm.

Memorial mass will be at 10:00 am Thursday, February 7, 2019 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Jackson with the Rev. John Harth officiating.

Entombment will follow at Cape County Memorial Park Mausoleum in Cape Girardeau.

Memorial contributions may be given to Immaculate Conception Church.

Cemetery Details

Cape County Memorial Park Cemetery

2315 Highway 61 North
Cape Girardeau, MO 63701
(573) 334-1909
<https://www.fordandsonsfuneralhome.com/>

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 6. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Ford & Sons Jackson
708 W. Main Street
Jackson, MO 63755

Memorial Mass

FEB 7. 10:00 AM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
208 S. Hope
Jackson, MO 63755

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy,*

I am so sorry for the loss of your father. Both of your parents have always had a special place in my heart. May God wrap his arms around you and your family and give you the strength, hope, faith, peace, and love that only he can give. Continued prayers for you all.

Jenny and Billy Wallis

Jenny Wallis - February 06, 2019 at 01:49 PM



“ *Sorry for the loss of your father. I heard wonderful grade school & high school stories, from my mother, about your father. His spirit remains within each one of you.*

Linda (Kluesner) Haynes & Mike Haynes

Linda Haynes - February 06, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Bill Birk.*



February 05, 2019 at 10:28 PM

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“ I have known Bill since Grade School years at Immaculate Conception School. He was 2 years older, and one grade ahead of me.

A lot of good memories from days past:

All the things youngsters did like Cowboy & Indian Games, Pickup Ball Games, Sledding on the Ice Covered Yard beside the old Medley House (Bill's relatives lived across the street) and hitting a tree at the corner. I hit the tree, Bill came to assist me.

Then later teen years Hunting Quail and Rabbits on his relative's farm, riding horses and ponies, running around together on occasion, spending time at their house on the corner and at our house.

Finally, after HS we went separate ways. However, I also contacted Bill and visited he and Roberta when I was back in Jackson. Played a little golf together at his guest at his beloved Kimberland.

Bill was a good example for a lot of things. I will miss seeing and visiting him.

Paul Medley - February 05, 2019 at 05:36 PM

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“ **EASTERN MISSOURI INDUSTRY** purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Bill Birk.



EASTERN MISSOURI INDUSTRY - February 05, 2019 at 11:31 AM

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“ *Sorry for your loss. It is never easy losing your dad.*

Randy & Dorothy Gholson

Dorothy Gholson - February 05, 2019 at 11:05 AM