



Billy Nance

July 25, 2010

Billy M. "Bill" Nance, 82, of Cape Girardeau, Mo. died Sunday, July 25, 2010 at Missouri Veteran's Home in Cape Girardeau. He was born September 21, 1927 in Newport, Ark. to Grover C. and Annie Lee Hutchens Nance. He and the former Delphin Lee Gray Nance were married for 55 years. Bill served three years active duty in the Air Force and was honorably discharged as a Technical Sergeant January, 1949. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the USAF Reserve and was discharged as a First Lieutenant in 1959. He attended public schools in Newport, Ark. and was named to the 1945 All-State Arkansas High School Football Team. He was a graduate of Little Rock Junior College in Little Rock, Ark. where he lettered in football and baseball and was a member of the Junior College National Championship football squad in 1949. He earned a BSE from University of Arkansas in Fayetteville, Ark. and a MSE from Arkansas State University in Jonesboro, Ark., and completed Advanced Graduate Study from the University of Tennessee in Memphis, Tenn.. Bill had been both a coach and teacher in the Arkansas public schools at Pochahontas, Truman and Wynne. He was also a football and track coach and instructor at schools in Hayti and Portageville, Mo. He was Portageville High School principal from 1968-70. He also served as supervising principal from 1970-71 and Unit Administrator in charge from 1971-86 of the Portageville Unit of the New Madrid County Reorganized School District #1 Enlarged. Bill was a member of Missouri State Teachers Association, National Education Association, Community Teachers

Association, Phi Delta Kappa. He was Secretary-Treasurer of Southeast Missouri Activities Association 1966-67 and became the organization's president 1975-76. From 1972-73 he was president of the Lion's Club in Portageville. He was baptized in the Protestant faith and was affiliated with the Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Delphin Lee Nance of Cape Girardeau; one daughter, Diane (Scott) Buescher of Jackson, Mo.; two sons, Bill (Kay) Nance, Jr. of New Madrid, Mo, Gary (Denise) Nance of Davison, Mich.; three grandchildren, Chris Nance of Sikeston, Mo., Travis Nance of Davison, Mich., Ben Buescher of Jackson, Mo.; two step-grandchildren, Danielle (Richard) Hankinson of Centreville, Va., Joshua (Allison) Albert of Kalaska, Mich.; two great-stepgrandchildren, Alexandria Hankinson and Henry Albert; one sister, Joan Brown, Overland Park, Kan. He was preceded in death by his parents; stepson, Morris Waller; three brothers, Jessie, Gus, and G.C. Nance; one sister, Lois Adcox. There is no visitation. Graveside services will be at 10:00 AM Wednesday, July 28, 2010 at Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield, Mo. Full military honors will be provided by Missouri Honors Team. Memorial contributions may be given to Missouri Veterans Cemetery, P.O. Box 566, 17357 Stars & Stripes Way, Bloomfield, Mo. 63825 or Missouri Veterans Home, 2400 Veterans Memorial Drive, Cape Girardeau, Mo. 63701.

Tribute Wall

GE

“ *Scott, Diane & Ben: Sorry to hear the loss of your father. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.*

Gerard & Carolyn Essner - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *Diane and family, I am so sad to read about your dad's passing. I was down in Portageville for a few days to visit with my mom and dad and we were just talking about him. Dad had told me that he was staying in the Veteran's Home up here and we were saying that we should go see him. Your dad was certainly one of the "good guys" and we are so blessed to have fathers like that...and PHS was lucky to have him for a principal. I will be praying for all of you. God's blessings, Janet*

Janet (Hulshof) Haines - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ *To the family of Uncle Bill, I send by very heart felt condolences. I have very fond memories of my Uncle Bill and of the whole family, Billboy, Gary, Diane and Aunt Delphine during the summers of my youth. You all are in my heart, my thoughts and prayers.*

Robert (Bobby) Brown - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PL

“ *COACH BULLDOG NANCE WAS ONE OF MY MOST SPECIAL TEACHERS AND COACH MY FAMILY WILL MISS HIM VERY MUCH. WHAT I REMEMBER MOST ABOUT BILL IS HE WAS THE GOOD EXAMPLE OF WHAT A MAN IS. I PRAY HE IS WITH OUR LORD JESUS.*

Pat&Rickey lafont - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Dear Nance Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Bill was my dad's (Jerome Scherer's) roommate at the Veteran's Home. Daddy was always proud to have him as a "partner", Bill was so easy to get along with. I enjoyed visiting with him as much as I did my own dad. When Daddy's health started to fade, Bill showed the utmost respect to him and our family... I'll never forget him. Coincidentally, Delphin and Mother have become friends at Chateau Girardeau. It's amazing how things work out. You are in my prayers. Sincerely,
Darlene Bullinger

Darlene Bullinger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ Bill, Kay, and Chris, we are so sorry for your loss. We know you all will miss him. We will keep you all in our prayers. Ronnie, Monica, Jacob, and Josh

Ronnie and Monica May - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JP

“ My condolences to the family of Coach Nance. He did so much to help so many. Hayti High/Class of 1962

Judy Reynolds Pareya - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JG

“ We would like to express our condolences to the entire Nance family. I will always remember Mr. Nance and the memories and experiences we shared at Portageville. We certainly shared many different emotions during our educational tenure. Emulating his example, I was able to have a good experience in education and life. The family will be in our prayers. God Bless

John and Judy Green - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ME

“ *Diane & family, You're in my prayers. Mona*

Mona (Welch) Ermatinger - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RM

“ *Scott/Diane: Thoughts and Prayers are with you at this time. Let me know if there is anything I can do. Love PRIS.*

Reid, Pris and Trevor Mabuice - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *As a member of the Class of '65 at Portageville, I have many fond memories of Bulldog Head Coach Bill Nance. He was an outstanding individual, great role model and someone I had tremendous amount of regard for. In thinking back, I am so glad that we took the time to visit Coach Nance and his friends last fall at the Missouri Veteran's Home. Coach Nance had a lot of class and was respected by everyone he encountered. I shall miss him!*

Ed DeLisle - February 08, 2010 at 12:00 AM