



## Bill Woollums

April 15, 1941 - August 3, 2014

Bill Woollums, age 73 of Albia, passed away Sunday, August 3, 2014, at the Monroe County Hospital in Albia.

Bill was born April 15, 1941, in Ottumwa to Russell Gregory and Naomi Juanita (Collett) Woollums. He married Betty Burk, 1963 in Albia, and to this union, 2 children, Gale and Juanita were born.

Bill attended school in the Ottumwa and Blakesburg area and graduated from Albia High School in 1959. Bill worked at John Morrell from 1959 to 1973 before going to work for Chamberlains as a tool and die maker from 1973 to 1983. Bill then went to work for Stewart Construction from 1984 to 1985. In 1986 he went to work for Monroe County Secondary Roads as a road maintainer until his retirement in 2003.

Bill enjoyed working on cars, being outdoors, and helping work on his parent's farm. He also enjoyed raccoon hunting with his brother, visiting with friends, and watching NASCAR. His real joy in life was his grandchildren.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty Woollums of Albia; his daughter, Juanita (Terry) Durham of Chariton; 8 grandchildren; Samantha (Tyler) Tait, of Moravia, Kerry (Jennifer) Woollums of Moravia, Ashley (Joe) Deaton of Des Moines, Robert Woollums of Ottumwa, Kyla (Tyler) Dhabolt of Chariton, and

David Durham, Joshua Durham, and Rebecca Durham all of Chariton, 9 great grandchildren; Ashlynn, Zander, Joey, Nathan, Zachary, Emmitt, Jason, Ben, and Drake. Bill is also survived by 3 brothers, Vercil Woollums of Ottumwa, Ed Woollums of Drakesville and Warren "Craig" Woollums of Albia; 2 sisters, Pat Anderson of Ottumwa and Judy Bequeaith of Hannibal, Missouri.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Russell and Juanita; a son Gale; 2 brothers, LeRoy and Jack Woollums; a sister, Wanda Selby; a nephew, Jeff Woollums; and a niece; Vicki Jo Woollums.

Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m., Thursday, August 7, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Pastor Vince Belt officiating. Burial will follow services at Chisman Cemetery in Wapello County.

Visitation will be held from 11-8 p.m., Wednesday, August 6, 2014, at the Tharp Funeral Home in Albia, with Bill's family present from 6 to 8:00 p.m.

Memorials may be made to Bill's Family.

# Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Woollums*

January 30, 2023 at 05:06 AM



“ *Bill Woollums*

January 30, 2023 at 02:53 AM



“ *Hi Betty*

*So sorry for your loss. and so sorry for my lateness in getting to you. Sometimes it is good to know people still care even after it is all said and done. Sorry we were not able to be present at the time but you were in our thoughts, hearts and prayers.*

*Made me travel back to baby sitting years. that was a long time ago. Good times.*

*Reading the Newspaper Article seems like you will have plenty of family to help keep you busy and bring you joy to help with the sorrow for in joy we rest our sorrow and in sharing our love we rest our sorrow. We know there will always be an ache there because you 2 were 1 for so many years but family helps and you do have that and many friends. And the one who can heal it the most. our Heavenly Father. Blessings in Jesus Name. Lois and Gene Behrens*

Lois Behrens - Albia, IA - friend - August 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *I have so many memories from childhood up you will be truly missed!*

Marilyn Isley - Oskaloosa, IA - Sister inlaw - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ Grandpa was a quiet man and loved all of us dearly even though he didn't say I love you very often he still showed us we were loved. I will miss you but I will think of you often!

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**Samantha Tait - Moravia, IA - Granddaughter** - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Dad was a social butterfly after he retired. I have lots of childhood memories of time spent with him at my grandparents. We help do chores with dad and his brother, Jack. They took us kids raccoon hunting and we loved it, even in a blizzard. I liked sitting in the swing with dad. Every house we had we had a swing. He was a hard headed, workaholic who was very loved. His deceased son adored him and even when terminally ill asked "where is dad". It broke his heart to loose his mother, his son Gale, and his brother Jack. All he wanted was to go see them again, but I think it was hard to leave us. I got a hole in my heart.

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**Juanita Durham - Albia, IA - daughter** - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HF

“ Sorry for you loss, Bill was a good guy, we work with Bill at Chamberlain and Steve worked with him at the county he really enjoyed when Bill would bring sugar cookies out to the county shed. He is going to be missed. Gene, Helen, Steve, Haley Kline

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**Helen Kline - Melrose, IA - friend** - August 05, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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**Brenda Woollums - West Des Moines, IA - niece** - August 04, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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