



Mr. William H. Buchenhorst III

July 25, 1931 - December 23, 2015

William H. Buchenhorst age 84 years of Mickleton passed away on Wednesday December 23, 2015 in Cooper Hospital, Camden. Bill was born in Allentown, PA and graduated from Muhlenberg College. He worked for thirty years as a Personnel Specialist with the General Services Administration in Philadelphia. Bill enjoyed working in his garden and taking care of his property in Mickleton. He was an avid square dancer for many years and belonged to several clubs including the Busy Bee's.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara Buchenhorst (nee Eckardt) of Mickleton; his daughters, Eleanor Buchenhorst of Malaga, Jean Buchenhorst and her husband Patrick Bost of Philadelphia, Louise and Mark Davis of Scotts Valley, California, Emily Buchenhorst of Gibbstown; also survived by his beloved granddaughter Agnes Rose Buchenhorst; he was a new step grandfather to Mars and Cassia Davis and was also survived by his sister, Maryann and Jack Dougherty of Bethlehem, PA.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:30 AM Wednesday December 30, 2015 in St. Clare of Assisi Parish, St. John's Church, 7th and Beacon Aves., Paulsboro.

Relatives and friends may visit with the family Wednesday morning after 9:30 AM in the church until Mass time. Inurnment Private. Arrangements by McBride – Foley Funeral Home, Paulsboro. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in his memory to St. Clare of Assisi Parish, 140 Broad St., Swedesboro, NJ 08085 or Salesian Missions, 2 Lefevre Lane, New Rochelle, NY 10801-5710. Memories can be shared at www.mcbridefoleyfh.com.

Cemetery

Events

Inurnment Private

DEC Visitation 09:30AM - 10:30AM

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St. John the Evangelist R.C. Church
7th and Beacon Aves., Paulsboro, NJ, US

DEC Service 10:30AM

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Comments



“ A tribute video has been added.



McBride-Foley Funeral Home - December 26, 2015 at 03:31 PM



“ A wonderful video showing a full and rich life.

John Walter - December 27, 2015 at 12:03 PM



“ What a beautiful video tribute to a very handsome and loving man....Bill was the best neighbor and friend and we are so blessed to have had him in our lives!!! Our sympathy to Barbara, Eleanor, Jean, Louise, Emily, Agnes and the rest of his precious family!!! Thank you for sharing your beloved Bill with us!!!! God bless you all!!! Beverly Guy and Family

Beverly Guy - December 29, 2015 at 07:08 PM



“ Eulogy for William Buchenhorst By Jeanne Blinkoff

When my sister asked me to deliver this Eulogy, I knew, although emotionally difficult, this would be easy. And that is because Bill Buchenhorst was an easy man. While this world is storming and screaming; here, in Bill's world, there was peace, quiet, reflection.

Bill grew up in Allentown, Pa, and always seemed attached to the earth. He was like that straight tall tree in the forest that watched the sun and cherished the quiet. He was in heaven every moment he spent on the family farm, outside of Allentown; a place for weekends, family gatherings and always work.

I first met Bill in Philadelphia. I remember pushing my sister out the door of our apartment and telling her she had to go to some square dance at the University of Pennsylvania. When she got home that night, she had met Bill.

Barbara and Bill were married over 50 years ago. He walked taller each time one of the girls were born and found his life to be incredibly fulfilling as a neighbor and friend to so many. Does anyone remember that lawn mower? For a man who did not do any technology, he certainly had the ability to run a Star Ship.

The last time many of us were together was 5 years ago at Jean and Pat's wedding. That was such a proud day for Barbara and Bill. I sat across from him, sitting next to my husband, and truly thought how very very lucky Barbara and I were to find these two fine men. Bill was always so good to my husband Jim and where Jim, also a very private and quiet man, didn't like to visit a lot a people, he loved coming to Mickelton.

Bill loved simple things....square dancing; the Three Stooges; the Marx Brothers; Peanuts....snoopy, Charlie Brown; the whole gang. He loved his garden and worked it passionately. I know that in his many hours in the yard, he found himself "back at the farm". He loved the cats that the girls left behind and I used to smile when he talked with them as though they were talking back. And I know, too, he loved his church. His faith was constantly apparent in his "goodness".

After his first fall a few years ago, Bill's life changed. He left behind the physical passions he so loved. Because he was a private and quiet man, few knew if he had pain or depression. But what he had to have had was the gift to continue smiling at his family; his precious granddaughter Agnes, and his wonderful wife Barbara. He spent time sitting in his chair and although we may have thought he was doing nothing, I wonder if he wasn't reliving his days on that farm; the truly happy perfect time where life offered a constant balance.

One more Christmas, birthday, time of be together; to get to know Mark and the children, to smile at the memories was not meant to be.

Let each of us try to be a little bit more like Bill. Satisfied. We are all so busy doing more; getting more; having more. Bill never did any of these because he was a

satisfied man. God had blessed him with a wonderful family; and although tears come easy with all the many memories....someday down the road a smile will come first. And, as we are taught to believe, we will be together again someday. Perhaps if we are lucky, until that time we will teach ourselves to be more satisfied with the simple gifts The gifts that God has given each of us. For these simple gifts are our true blessings.

So today we say good bye to our husband, father, brother, grandfather and our friend. Thank you Bill for giving each of us so much. We love you and I know you are now in the best garden of all.

Pat Bost - February 02, 2016 at 09:40 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Mr. William H. Buchenhorst III.



December 30, 2015 at 11:54 AM



“ Fruits and Blooms Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William H. Buchenhorst III.



December 28, 2015 at 03:46 PM



“ 1 file added to the album LifeTributes



Pat Bost - December 27, 2015 at 01:21 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Mr. William H. Buchenhorst III.



December 27, 2015 at 12:51 PM



“ 55 files added to the album LifeTributes



McBride-Foley Funeral Home - December 26, 2015 at 03:16 PM



“ Dearest Barbara, Eleanor, Jean, Louise and Emily, We are so very deeply sorry for the passing of Bill! What an awesome guy he was! We loved being your neighbors for over 40 years and have so many wonderful happy memories of times with you and Bill! How we always loved to see him working in his yard and then he would bring over vegetables that he had planted to share! Of course, you guys always had the most beautiful yard in the neighborhood thanks to Bill's meticulous gardening! I sure have missed seeing him out in the yard the past several years. Cherish all of your precious memories of him and may they bring you peace and comfort! Please don't hesitate to let me know if you need anything or if I can be of any help to you at all! I am so so sorry for your loss! God bless you all!!!! With our deepest sympathies, Beverly, Wayne and Steve Guy



Beverly Guy - December 24, 2015 at 03:38 PM