

Westbrook

Society Presents

Bill Drummond



Bill Drummond was born to Robert & Bessie Drummond in Altamont, MO. He had an older brother & two sisters. His father worked on several different farms in that area during the depression. They lived close to the Grand River & Bill liked to go there & swim in the summer. He would also help his father out on the farm. He attended a rural one-room schoolhouse until the 8th grade & then attended Gallatin High School for two years. His father got a job in Kansas City & moved the family. Bill graduated from Central High School.

After high school, Bill went to work at the mail order plant for Sears & Roebuck. Bill would spend weekends in Gallatin with his cousin. During one of these visits, Bill was introduced to a young lady named Dorothy. Bill was drafted by the Army & went to Korea. Dorothy & he continued to correspond during the two years he was in Korea. When he returned to the States, his job with Sears & Roebuck was still waiting for him. Dorothy was waiting as well. He returned in August & they married in November.

As they settled into married life, Bill & Dorothy lived in Independence & both worked for Sears. In 1954, their daughter, Peggy Ann, was born; followed by Danny in 1958 & Billy in 1962. In 1958, they moved to Denver & Bill went to work for Metropolitan Life. However in 1960, both of Dorothy's parents passed away & they moved back to Independence.

Bill went to work for the Ford plant for a little over a year but was laid off. He then went to work for Lake City Arsenal, an ammunition plant, for about 18 months, but was laid off. Next, he went to work for Western Electric for about 18 months before getting laid off. His cousin told him he'd make more money truck driving for Consolidated Transfer. He loved driving a truck hauling different loads to different destinations & be home at night. However, after 17 years, the company went non-union & once again Bill was laid off. He got a job driving a concrete truck for Geiger Ready Mix. But after six years, they too went non-union & Bill found himself laid off. This time he decided it was just time to retire. They sold the home in south Liberty & moved to a mobile home park in Liberty in the late '80s.

Bill & Dorothy were actively involved with their church, Liberty Manor Baptist Church. Bill served as a Sunday School teacher & the Director of Adult Sunday School, was a Deacon & Chairman of the Property & Grounds crew. Dorothy taught in the Preschool department. Bill also played guitar for Rushcreek Bluegrass Revival, a bluegrass & gospel band formed by members from his church. They also enjoyed bowling on a league for seven years. Bill really enjoyed golfing & even volunteered at a golf club in Liberty. Dorothy worked several part time jobs including at WalMart, for the Liberty School District & William Jewell College. Bill & Dorothy had been married 59 years when Dorothy passed away in December of 2011 after suffering a stroke.

Bill was lonely & tired of trying to fend for himself. He says he can't cook. He decided to look around for someplace else to live. He moved here to Westbrook in December of 2012. He says the best things about living here are the activities, the fact it's quiet, that he gets three meals a day & there is companionship with people in the same boat as he is in. Bill's daughter, Peggy Ann, was killed in a car accident in Feb. 1978. She was married & had a son named Christopher who lives & works in Oman. His sons, Dan & Billy, & their wives live in Liberty. His grandson, Matthew, works for Cerner & is getting married in September. His granddaughters, Samantha & Elizabeth, are both married. Elizabeth works in the office for Deffenbaugh & Sammi is studying to be a veterinarian. His youngest grandson, Joshua, is a design engineer for a cabinet making company. Bill says that it is important to trust in God & realize you are not alone in this world. Treating others as you want to be treated & trying to have fun as you go through this life are equally as important.



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