



William D. "Bill" Day

December 19, 1926 - January 11, 2015

William D. "Bill" Day, 88, rural Roann, died at 4:49 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, 2015, at his residence.

He was born Dec. 19, 1926, in Wabash County, to Howard and Ruth (Gilliland) Day. On Jan. 25, 1992, in Akron, he married Mary Nicodemus Emmons. She survives.

Bill was a dairy farmer. He was a lifetime farmer. He also delivered "The Paper" of Wabash and the Ft. Wayne Journal Gazette. He served his country in the U.S. Army serving during WWII in the Philippines. He was a 67-year member of the Laketon American Legion as well as a lifetime member of the VFW of Rochester. He was also a former member of the Laketon Lions Club. He loved his dog Buddy and enjoyed tractors, especially his D-17 Allis-Chalmers, which he bought new in 1964.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Day, Roann; daughters Linda and husband Mark Bristow, Omaha, Ark., and Paula and husband Randy Hackworth, Roann; sons Richard "Dick" and wife Renee Day, Denver, De and wife Joyce Day, Roann, and William David and wife Kathy Day, Mentone; 13 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and three great-great-granchildren; sisters Annie and husband Jordan Hudson, Roann, Darla and husband John Eads, Servia, Esta Alice and husband Carl Good, Servia, Phyllis Vandekamp,

North Manchester, Peggy and husband Earl McCollough, Logansport, Liddy and husband Ken Crowel, Yuma, Ariz.; and brother Morris and wife Judy Day, North Manchester.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Roberta K. "Wink" Emmons; a granddaughter, Kimberly Day; and brothers Ralph Jr., Rich, Newt and Gene Day.

Funeral service is 10:30 a.m., Thursday, Jan. 15, 2015, at Hartzler Funeral Home, 305 W. Rochester St., Akron, with Pastor Chad McAtee officiating. Burial will be at Athens Cemetery, Athens, with graveside military rites preformed by the American Legion. Visitation is 4-8 p.m., Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015, at Hartzler Funeral Home, Akron.

Memorial Contributions may be made to Laketon American Legion.

Cemetery Details

Athens - Hoover Cemetery

State Road 14
Athens, IN 46912

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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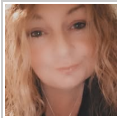
Tribute Wall



“ Hartzler Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of William D. "Bill" Day

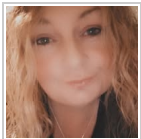


Hartzler Funeral Services - January 14, 2015 at 09:40 AM



This is so beautiful! Brought back so many childhood memories! Made me cry. He was a great man!

Geraldene Santos-Garcia - January 14, 2015 at 09:20 PM



“ *I remember the blizzard of 79, he finally got to the school & pick up Wink & I. Took forever to get back to his house & then finally got me on home by driving thru the fields... the roads were drifted so high in places that they had 2 b dipped out by a backhoe. It took him a few tries, but he never gave up.*

Geraldene Santos-Garcia - January 14, 2015 at 09:27 PM



“ 52 files added to the album Memories Album



Hartzler Funeral Services - January 14, 2015 at 09:36 AM



“ Let It Snow was purchased for the family of William D. "Bill" Day.



January 13, 2015 at 03:24 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of William D. "Bill" Day.



January 12, 2015 at 08:25 PM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William D. "Bill" Day.*



January 12, 2015 at 05:32 PM