



William Bennie Stewart

May 13, 1938 - September 10, 2022

William Bennie “Billy” Stewart, 84, of Lanexa, VA, passed away on September 10th, 2022 after a brief illness.

Billy was born on May 13th, 1938, to William Henry and Jennie Newsome Stewart of Lanexa, VA. When he was 17, his father passed suddenly, and Billy quit high school to help support his family. He never stopped. Among other jobs, he was a farm hand, and a superintendent for the Virginia Department of Transportation, before getting a job at the Anheuser Busch Brewery in Williamsburg, VA the year that it opened in 1972.

In 1963, he married his first love, Betty Lou Otey of Lanexa, VA. They would go on to have two children, Scott and Lisa. They were married for 56 years, until Betty’s passing in 2019.

Billy was an avid hunter for many years (especially turkeys) and won numerous competitions for his trophies. He was a member of several hunt clubs during his life and had fun with them all but was most fond of hunting with his big brother, Richard. In 1996, Billy would retire early from his job at the brewery to spend more time with his 2nd and 3rd loves: farming and complaining about the price of fertilizer. He ran his small farm his way for 26 years with the help of his wife, kids, son-in-law Jamie, and his business partner, Isaiah Frazier, whom he loved as a brother. The family also wants to recognize our Aunt Judy (Morgan), who played such a special role in keeping

Billy independent and doing what he loved even after he lost a step or two (although, he will claim he never lost one).

Billy was predeceased by his wife, Betty Lou. He is survived by his children, Scott Stewart and Lisa Burcham (Jamie); his two grandchildren, Hunter and Kara Burcham; and three tractors (two John Deeres and a Farmall 140).

A Celebration of Billy's Life will be held at 6:00 PM, Friday, September 16, 2022, at the Providence Forge Chapel of the Vincent Funeral Home 9923 Pocahontas Trail Providence Forge, VA. The family will receive friends from 4:00 to 6:00pm prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the James City-Bruton Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad in Toano, VA.

Previous Events

Receive Friends

SEP **16.** 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, Providence Forge Chapel
9923 Pocahontas Trail
Providence Forge, VA 23140
(804) 966-7075

Celebration

SEP **16.** 6:00 PM.

Providence Forge Chapel Of The Vincent Funeral Home

Tribute Wall

JT

“ *Jen&Kevin Tooley lit a candle in memory of William Bennie Stewart*



Jen&Kevin Tooley - September 16, 2022 at 09:21 AM

RC

“ *Billy will surely be missed here at West Point Family Barbershop. I am very grateful to have had the pleasure of taking care of Bill and his wife's haircut needs. Love to the family and God bless. -Rebecca Carter*

Rebecca Carter - September 15, 2022 at 11:06 AM

EM

“ *I will miss Billy and our evening phone calls and talking about the places he'd been to gather fruit and vegetables and talking about old times. He loved his farming. He will missed by a lot of relatives and friends. His work on earth is done.*

Emily S. Millis

Emily Millis - September 14, 2022 at 11:45 AM

BW

“ *Brenda H Webb lit a candle in memory of William Bennie Stewart*



brenda h webb - September 14, 2022 at 07:18 AM

JD

“ Lisa, Jamie, and children: We are so sorry for your loss. May your memories keep you comforted. Sincerely, Lee and Johnny Davis

John Davis - September 13, 2022 at 08:26 PM



“ Debbie Tooley lit a candle in memory of William Bennie Stewart



Debbie Tooley - September 13, 2022 at 07:54 PM

JC

“ Jim And Regina Crouse lit a candle in memory of William Bennie Stewart



Jim and Regina Crouse - September 13, 2022 at 03:47 PM

JB

“ Scott, sorry to find your father passed away. You and your family are in our thoughts. The obit is sweet, funny and showed a bit of his stubbornness. A very nice tribute! Love, Janet & Jimmy

Janet Buttram - September 13, 2022 at 02:53 PM

HW

“ *HENRY WARD lit a candle in memory of William Bennie Stewart*



HENRY WARD - September 13, 2022 at 10:48 AM

DD

“ *Debbie Dzula lit a candle in memory of William Bennie Stewart*



Debbie Dzula - September 13, 2022 at 10:47 AM