



William "Bill" Meisler

November 13, 1924 - September 29, 2013

William S. "Bill" Meisler, age 88, of Evansville, went to be with the Lord Sunday September 29, 2013.

Bill was a member of F.J. Reitz High School graduating class of 1943. After graduation he served in the United States Army during World War II as a medic. After returning home he married the love of his life, Evelyn (Deig) Meisler on March 20, 1947. She was everything to him and him to her. Their life together was filled with respect, trust, friendship, and most of all love.

Bill's determination, perseverance and with the love of his wife, they founded Meisler Cartage in 1963 in the basement of their home with just one truck.

From those humble beginnings and the help of his two sons they grew the one company into two – Meisler Trailer Rentals and Walt's Drive-A-Way Service.

Bill could be seen at either company on any given day. He valued and respected all of the people that had helped him in making these companies a success. Everyone knew it was Bill in his black pick-up with all the chrome accessories and chicken lights.

Bill also had a calling for public service, where he served on the Evansville Fire Department for 26 years. During that time he rode on the rescue squad – he was proud to say that he was the first on the scene. He also was one of the first members of the EFD dive & rescue squad. Bill retired from the Evansville Fire Department as a District Chief on January 1, 1980.

Bill was a life time member of VFW Post #1114, American Legion Funkhouser Post#8 and AMVETS #84. He was also a life member of the Riverbend

Assoc., Indiana Heart Associations, and St. Philips Conservation Club, Indiana Fire Association. In his spare time he enjoyed making homemade wine and giving it to anyone who would enjoy it.

Surviving are his wife of 66 years, Evelyn (Deig) Meisler; two sons Ronald Meisler (Janetta Travis) and Donald (Janet) Meisler, both of Evansville; sister Margaret Hopper of Evansville; Four Grandchildren, Shelley Meisler-Stratman (Brian), Mindy Sagez (Nic), Kelley Meisler-Begle (Curt) and Shelby Meisler all of Evansville and four great grandchildren

Bill was preceded in death by parents, William J. and Gertrude (Brenstrop) Meisler and three sisters Louise Eberhard, Fern Doerr and Ethel Lehnhard.

Funeral services for Bill will be held at 1:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Pierre Funeral Home, Rev. Darrel Rice officiating. Entombment will follow at Memorial Park Cemetery, where the Vanderburgh County Retired Veterans Memorial Club and Evansville Fire Department Honor Guard will conduct funeral rites.

Friends may visit with the family from 2:00 until 8:00 P.M. on Wednesday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Evansville Fire Department Pipe and Drum Corps or to the Evansville Fire Fighters Local #357 Honor Guard, both at 550 S.E. 8th Street, Evansville, IN 47711.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **2**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 West Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Service

OCT **3**. 1:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
2601 W. Franklin Street
Evansville, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Meisler*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I waited on Bill at the merry go round he loved the bean soup. A very generous man. His wine was amazing . My thoughts and prayers with the family and to his wife and kiss whom he loves so much.##imported-begin##Lamanda Peay##imported-end##*

October 14, 2013 at 06:30 PM



“ *DON AND RON
I AM VERY SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS.
I JUST FOUND OUT ABOUT BILL IF I HAD KNOWN I WOULD
HAVE BEEN THERE*

MIKE KNIGHT##imported-begin##MIKE KNIGHT##imported-end##

October 05, 2013 at 11:46 PM



“ *Evelyn, am so sorry about Bill. You and the boys are in my thoughts and prayers. I still remember the tales dad would tell about their adventures. Go in God's love. Margie##imported-begin##margie ulrich gregory##imported-end##*

October 02, 2013 at 08:54 PM



“ *Meisler family:*
So sorry to hear about the loss of such a wonderful man. My in-laws were always telling stories about how great Bill and Evelyn were and that they all graduated together from high school. The stories will live on in our family forever. You are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Melissa Turpin##imported-end##

October 02, 2013 at 10:28 AM



“ *Our prayers go out to all the family at this difficult time. It looks like he was blessed to live a wonderful rich and fulfilling life. He and his wife made a wonderful family. So much to be blessed for.##imported-begin##Dave, Debi & Spenser Powell##imported-end##*

October 02, 2013 at 08:37 AM



“ *Dear Evelyn:*

Please know we send you love and hugs. Bill and Evelyn Meisler will forever hold a very special of place in the hearts of the Cox kids. We will never forget Bill's kindness, his sense of humor, all the treats he gave us, and his friendship to our family. He was one in a million and we loved him dearly. Much love to you, Lenny Cox##imported-begin##Lenny Cox##imported-end##

October 01, 2013 at 01:36 PM



“ *My sympathies to your family. My grandfather, Urban, thought a lot of Bill.##imported-begin##Martha Spaetti##imported-end##*

October 01, 2013 at 11:58 AM