



Gilbert "Butch" Prater

April 15, 1943 - June 14, 2018

Gilbert "Butch" Prater, age 75 (or as he liked to say "three-quarters of a century"), a resident of Buncombe, passed away Thursday afternoon, June 14, 2018, at 4:45 PM at his home.

Butch was born April 15, 1943 in Granite City, Illinois. He was the son of Gilbert L. Prater, Sr. and Mary Maxine (Delmasso) Prater.

Butch is survived by: his children – Mary Jane (Noble) White of Buncombe, Terri (Danny) Stewart of Buncombe, Jimmy Prater of Lick Creek, John Byron Cox of Benton, Kentucky, Betsy Prater of Murphy, North Carolina, and Rhonda Lingle of Vienna; 6 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; and a special friend - Shirley Elkins of Buncombe.

Butch was preceded in death by his parents – Gilbert L. Prater, Sr. and Maxine Prater Howell.

Butch was a 1961 graduate of Vienna High School. He was a lifelong farmer and bought his first piece of land at the age of 14. Butch also enjoyed fishing, antique tractors, pitching washers and horseshoes, traveling, and spending time with family and friends.

A service honoring the life of Gilbert "Butch" Prater will be held Monday

morning, June 18, 2018, at 10 AM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jay Franklin will officiate. Burial will be in the Pleasant Grove Cemetery near Buncombe.

Farm friends are invited to drive their tractors to the service on Monday and will be included in the procession to the cemetery as a tribute to Butch.

Visitation will be conducted Sunday, June 17, 2018, from 5 PM – 8 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna.

Memorials may be made to the Vienna High School FFA, 601 N. 1st St., Vienna, IL 62995 or to the Johnson County Genealogical & Historical Society, P.O. Box 1207, Vienna, IL 62995.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Cemetery

IL Route 146 West
Buncombe, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

JUN 17. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Bailey Funeral Home
705 North First Street
PO Box 695
Vienna, IL 62995
(618) 658-2311
baileyfhinc@hotmail.com
<https://baileyfh.com>

Service

JUN 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



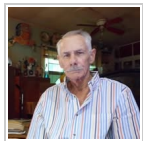
“ *Gilbert "Butch" Prater*

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM



“ *Remembering all of the fun we had at the old farm in Buncombe. Thinking of you all in the time of your loss. My prayers are with you. Love Your cousin Vicki (Davidson) Hargraves.*

Vicki Hargraves - June 19, 2018 at 05:26 PM



“ *Philip Morris lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Philip Morris - June 18, 2018 at 12:19 PM



“ *Mary Jane , sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I always remember seeing him in town (Buncombe) as a child. When I was with my dad. Prayers to your family. Tina(Lence)Farley.*



Tina (Lence) Farley - June 17, 2018 at 08:36 PM



“ *He always treated me with kindness and a joke or two. I will never forget you Butch. My condolences to the family.*

Jesse Hines - June 16, 2018 at 06:05 PM

EP

“ *Eva Prater lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Eva Prater - June 16, 2018 at 03:41 PM

EP

“ *Mary Jane White and family. I was so sorry to hear about Butch passing away. I pray you can feel God's love and comfort at this time. We're praying for you. My Dad and your Dad sure liked to talk at Arlie Grants store.*

Eva Prater - June 16, 2018 at 03:38 PM



“ *Jeannie McCall lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Jeannie McCall - June 16, 2018 at 03:29 PM

KH

“ *Mary Jane & family—I am so sorry for your loss. You all are in my prayers. The Buncombe community has lost a great man.*

KathyBlack Holt - June 16, 2018 at 01:09 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Gilbert "Butch" Prater.*



June 16, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ *Mike And Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Mike and Teresa Richerson - June 16, 2018 at 10:20 AM



“ *Jerry & Janet Billingsley lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Jerry & Janet Billingsley - June 16, 2018 at 09:56 AM



“ *Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Dennis and Pat Harner - June 16, 2018 at 06:51 AM

KH

“ Kay Helms lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater



Kay Helms - June 16, 2018 at 06:42 AM

DH

“ Dallas And Charlene Harner sent a virtual gift in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater



Dallas and Charlene Harner - June 15, 2018 at 09:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Gilbert "Butch" Prater.



June 15, 2018 at 09:20 PM

MS

“ Betsy, I am so sorry for your loss. Think of you often with great love and affection! It is never easy to lose a parent. You are in my prayers..❤️❤️

Mary Lorow Sandoval - June 15, 2018 at 08:25 PM

CV

“ *Carrie Vinson-Hood lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



Carrie Vinson-Hood - June 15, 2018 at 07:45 PM

JR

“ *James And Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater*



James and Diane Rainbolt - June 15, 2018 at 07:23 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of Butch's passing. Remembering the good ole days at BGS, Grant's Grocery and Butch's pranks, and practical jokes. Rest in Peace Butch.*

Elaine Rotan - June 15, 2018 at 07:16 PM

JS

“ *We are so sad to hear of Butch passing away. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*



Jim and Darlene Stevens - June 15, 2018 at 06:59 PM

RM

“ We,re so sorry for your loss. Earl and Ruby Moore and family.



Ruby moore - June 15, 2018 at 06:15 PM

DP

“ Debbie Poe lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater



Debbie Poe - June 15, 2018 at 06:02 PM

CM

“ so sorry for your loss.

carolyn mount - June 15, 2018 at 05:31 PM

PS

“ Paula Sullivan lit a candle in memory of Gilbert "Butch" Prater



Paula Sullivan - June 15, 2018 at 03:54 PM