



Walter "Bud" Briggs

December 7, 1925 - November 24, 2022

To join the livestream of the memorial service honoring the life of Walter "Bud" Briggs, please select the link below. The service will also be archived for later viewing.

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Walter "Bud" Briggs, age 96 years, a resident of rural Vienna, passed away Thursday morning, November 24, 2022, at 4:35 AM at his home.

Bud, as he was affectionately known to family and friends, was born December 7, 1925 in Charleston, Illinois. He was the only child born to Walter Manning Briggs, Sr. and Rosalie (Shepherd) Briggs.

On May 22, 1956, Bud was united in marriage to Paula Mueller in Evanston, Illinois. She preceded him in death on January 14, 2015.

Bud is survived by: his daughters – Katherine "Katie" Briggs Hodges and her husband Parker of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida and Joan Marie "Jody" Briggs of Josephine, Alabama; 2 grandchildren – Greta Katherine Briggs Kyburz and Brennan Scott Briggs Kyburz; as well as other relatives, many friends, and dedicated and faithful caregivers.

Bud served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war Bud attended Charleston Teacher's College and Eastern University, where he set a school track record for the 50-yard dash. He finished his collegiate career at the University of Illinois, earning a Bachelor of Science in Architecture.

Bud loved the land and enjoyed being a lifelong farmer. He advocated for farm policies, conservation, initiatives and innovations through various memberships and volunteer service throughout his life.

Bud was very community and civic minded. He was extremely active in numerous community and church organizations and activities. Bud and Paula took great interest in area youth activities and were supporters of 4-H and Scout organizations. Bud was elected to the Vienna Grade School Board of Education in 1967 and served as the board president for several years. Bud also took tremendous interest in the Hospitality House of Vienna serving as a board member, then board president. He was extremely instrumental in the maintenance and renovation of the historic building as well as the day-to-day operation and management of the ministry outreach.

Over the years Bud was honored with multiple awards and other recognition for his contributions to all these various groups.

Bud was a faithful and studious Christian. He attended the Vienna First United Methodist Church, where he taught Sunday School, and also attended the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Anna crafting many creative projects for Bible School.

Among many hobbies Bud enjoyed listening to music, sketching landscapes and loved to laugh, particularly enjoying 'corny' jokes. He was a voracious reader. Bud loved history, classical music, automobiles, antique guns, models of any kind and trains. He became an H-O scale railroad enthusiast handcrafting a model of the historic bridge spanning the Ohio River at Metropolis. While the study of World War II, the Wild West and architecture piqued his interest, his passion was the Civil War and Abraham Lincoln holding special admiration and appreciation for Lincoln's wit.

A memorial service honoring and giving thanks for the life of Walter "Bud" Briggs will be conducted Saturday afternoon, December 10, 2022, at 2:30 PM at Bailey Funeral Home in Vienna. Pastor Jay Franklin will officiate.

Those attending the service are invited to gather at the funeral home at 2:15 PM Saturday afternoon, December 10, 2022. The family will informally greet

relatives and friends immediately following the memorial service.

The preferred form of remembrance is donations to any of the following; High Hopes 4 Autism, 12786 Illinois Street, Elberta, Alabama 36530; Autism Speaks, 1060 State Road, 2nd Floor, Princeton, New Jersey 08540; Whistlers and Whittlers Senior Citizens Center, P.O. Box 1372, Vienna, Illinois 62995; Bethany Baptist Church, 555 Bethany Church Road, Cypress, Illinois 62923; Vienna First United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 1349, Vienna, Illinois 62995; or to the First Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 315 South Street, Anna, Illinois 62906.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 10. 2:30 PM (CT)

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

Tribute Wall



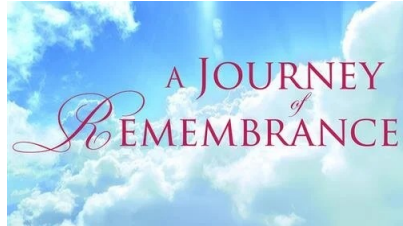
“ Bailey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Bailey Funeral Home - December 12, 2022 at 09:11 AM



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“ Walter "Bud" Briggs

January 30, 2023 at 12:19 AM

PM

“ PamEnoch Morris lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



PamEnoch Morris - December 28, 2022 at 03:52 PM

SV

“ It is strange as we get older there are those of whom memories from a distant time are still so clear and close. Bud was someone throughout his life selflessly gave of his time to pass on such an enthusiasm for life. To this day in a large part he left me my appreciation for the good joke well told (and enjoyed by the teller equally if not more so than the audience), he initiated my enthusiasm and remaining joy with hearing and experiencing classical music, he inspired the passion of history and rethinking and rehashing civil war battles with my Dad and I, he passed on the enjoyment of imported cars (I still stick my head out of the window of mine to listen to the wonderful rumble of the exhaust like he taught me) and it is all those things and so many many more have made my life and untold numbers of others time on this earth the richer. It has been decades since I heard that laugh but hear it still and will forever cherish all the kindness and the childlike wonder of the world that he passed on to all of us who knew him.
Stephen Veach

Stephen Veach - December 12, 2022 at 10:15 AM

JV

“ Bud:

You'll always be the guy who loved living and laughing, although it's unclear in what order. Bud sure liked to hear a joke and he REALLY liked repeating jokes, which always ended with a knee slap and a roar.

Bud had at least 1,000,000 interests: the Civil War, a new way to farm or not to farm or a new way to raise cattle or not to raise cattle, sports cars.

Someone described Bud as having a "bug for everything"; Bud agreed and said that perhaps he should be called "Bugsy." He knew that his interests were all over the place, but that was fine with him.

Bud was one of the happiest persons I ever met, and the key might have been his appreciation for his life and those around him. He appreciated his father and mother and his childhood and Paula and the "girls" and the farms and the people who worked "with" him, rather than "for" him, on those farms.

Most of all, he was happy to share. I recall his work on the old Bob White Hotel and church projects. He was not only willing to support those efforts, he was also happy to tackle the work himself.

Perhaps the truest thing about Bud was his unwillingness to say a harsh word about almost anyone. He had opinions, of course, and he would share them, but never in an angry or accusatory tone.

We all got a little poorer when we lost Bud. We need all the kind people we can find these days and we just lost one of the kindest.

James Veach - December 11, 2022 at 10:31 AM

SM

“ *Scott & Gae Morris lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Scott & Gae Morris - December 10, 2022 at 10:57 AM

JO

“ *Jean O'Donnell lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Jean O'Donnell - December 09, 2022 at 01:37 PM

JW

“ *We want to send our condolences to the family of Walter "Bud" Briggs. He was a fine gentleman and will be missed.*
Judge (Ret.) James R. and Deborah Williamson

Judge (Ret.) James & Deborah Williamson - December 08, 2022 at 09:24 PM

EL

“ *Ms Katie Hodges, My condolences to your family*



Elisa - December 08, 2022 at 04:35 PM

KW

“ As I sit here writing on Bud’s page, something that I thought would be easy, actually isn’t easy at all. The world has lost someone very special, and anyone who knew Bud knew how great of a person he was. I admired Bud very much, and never knew anyone who had as many friends or who deserved them more. It is impossible for me to put into words how Bud influenced my life and family values. I reflect back on the wonderful summer days I spent with Bud, Lon and Vern working on the farm and those memories will last forever. I could listen to the stories and jokes all day and was always amazed how knowledgeable he was on civil war history. Bud will truly be missed. Katie and Jody you were blessed to have parents as loving as Bud and Paula. My heart and prayers are with you. I love you both very much.



Kenny Waters - December 08, 2022 at 12:35 PM

RW

And I remember you and the camp outs and fishing trips we had.

Robin Wetherell - December 10, 2022 at 08:25 PM

CP

“ We cherish our memories of shared times with the Bud Briggs & Vern Phillips families.



Charles Phillips - December 07, 2022 at 10:48 AM

LM

“ Bud Briggs touched a lot of lives as he lived his. He was knowledgeable, creative and a committed hard worker always having a joke that had you laughing if not at the joke at him as he laughed as he told it. Bud was inspiring being knowledgeable about a variety of subjects but especially the Civil War era. My condolences to Katie, Jody and families. Buds memories will always be present.

Larry Mizell - December 05, 2022 at 10:23 PM

LD

“ Lonnie Dunn lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Lonnie Dunn - December 05, 2022 at 09:09 PM

AG

“ Anonymous Gifter sent a virtual gift in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



anonymous gifter - December 05, 2022 at 03:49 PM

DW

“ Bud was just a very classy nice gentleman. Thank you for the great memories.

Don Wetherell - December 04, 2022 at 01:31 PM

GT

“ Greg Taylor lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Greg Taylor - December 03, 2022 at 01:51 AM

JD

“ He was a very nice man and a joy to talk to. Rest in peace.

Jeff Davis - December 01, 2022 at 11:42 AM



“ Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Walter "Bud" Briggs.



November 30, 2022 at 09:46 PM

KA

“ Kathy(Black)Holt lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Kathy(Black)Holt - November 30, 2022 at 05:48 PM

TR

“ Teresa Richerson lit a candle in memory of
Walter "Bud" Briggs



Teresa Richerson - November 30, 2022 at 03:17 PM

DH

“ Dennis And Pat Harner lit a candle in memory
of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Dennis and Pat Harner - November 30, 2022 at 12:51 PM



“ Mike Crews lit a candle in memory of Walter
"Bud" Briggs



Mike Crews - November 30, 2022 at 12:35 PM

LS

“ I loved him like my own dad.
He was a joy to know and it was an honor to
be his caregiver.
He will be missed every day.



Leslie Santellano - November 30, 2022 at 10:26 AM

JS

“ *John Slack lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



John Slack - November 30, 2022 at 10:17 AM

BR

“ *Bobby Rentfro lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Bobby Rentfro - November 30, 2022 at 02:23 AM

AJ

“ *Angie Jones lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Angie Jones - November 29, 2022 at 11:20 PM

SH

“ *A nice man ,bud was always a pleasure to talk to.*



Scott Hunsaker - November 29, 2022 at 08:53 PM

MM

“ *Always such a nice man! Jerry & Margaret Mathis*



Margaret Mathis - November 29, 2022 at 08:18 PM

DE

“ *Debbie(Stevens)Poe lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Debbie(Stevens)Poe - November 29, 2022 at 07:56 PM

SF

“ *Sheila McCormick And The Kyburz Family lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Sheila McCormick and the Kyburz family - November 29, 2022 at 07:16 PM

RW

“ *A great man whom I have known 60 years. He taught me much in life, Sunday School teacher, taught how to play chess, and made me laugh. He was like another father. I will never forget him!!!!*



Robin Wetherell - November 29, 2022 at 06:34 PM

CH

“ Cheryl Harris lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Cheryl Harris - November 29, 2022 at 06:30 PM

DR

“ Diane Rainbolt lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Diane Rainbolt - November 29, 2022 at 06:24 PM

DB

“ Dorothy Bacon lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Dorothy Bacon - November 29, 2022 at 05:14 PM

JB

“ Joan Briggs lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs



Joan Briggs - November 29, 2022 at 04:54 PM

LM

“ *Larry And Carolyn McGill lit a candle in memory of Walter "Bud" Briggs*



Larry and Carolyn McGill - November 29, 2022 at 04:34 PM