



Billy Dale Fowler

August 18, 1925 - December 20, 2014

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Billy Dale Fowler, age 89 of Hattievile Arkansas departed this life December 20th, 2014. He was born August 18th, 1925 in Casa, Arkansas to Armor Lee and Addie Sosbee Fowler. He was a member of the Hattievile Church of Christ. Bill was a World War II veteran who served in the South Pacific,

Okinawa, Iwo Jima and Guadalcanal.

After 2 1/2 years of service Bill went to Stockton California where he followed in his fathers foot steps as an iron worker. There he met and married Leta Loise Loftis, the mother of his children. He was a retired Iron Worker of California local 118 & Local 86 out of Seattle, WA. He also owned Fowler Steel in Kent, WA for several years. He had two offices in Anchorage & Fairbanks Alaska, Satellites for Bethlehem Steel Company, for 7 years. His company provided and placed the steel for a great many high rise buildings, bridges and the Alaskan Viaduct in Seattle. He placed the steel in the Seattle Space Needle, King Dome event center, dams, nuclear plants, free ways, schools, etc in the Northwest and Hawaii.

After Bill retired he purchased 40 acres out of Tampico, WA where he built a self sustaining cabin using his chain saw and Alaskan mill. He spent 5 years there during which he fed the wild life in the winter for the Game & Fish Commission. It wasn't unusual to get 4 foot of snow so he used his snow mobiles to transport food to the deer & elk. At one time he had his own string of pack animals and served as a hunting guide in the Blue Mountains of Washington. He was an avid hunter of deer, elk, carabou & moose. Bill came back to Arkansas in 1988 to visit his remaining uncles and aunts and while attending church at Hattiville Church of Christ, he met Mary Ann Gullett. They married October 15th 1988 and he made Hattieville his home ever since. They traveled to Washington every summer to visit with his family. Bill and Mary Ann celebrated their 25th Anniversary on October 15, 2013. They had never been separated for more than a 24 hour period since they met.

After coming to Arkansas Bill continued to work, he loved to work and build. He built several homes, garages, barns, storage units, hay sheds, shop buildings. He did cabinet work and remodel jobs as well as blacking out chicken houses and building compost buildings. One of his achievements was to supervise the building of a water flume across the church property in Hattieville to do away with the unsightly ditch and replace it with a pedestrian bridge. He had a light stroke in 2003 that left him blind in one eye which

caused him to quit work.

He made many dear friends and had a good sense of humor. He was of one of the greatest generations, a survivor of the 1920's and 30's, a brave defender of his country in World War II and a dedicated employee. He will always remain our hero and role model. He will be greatly missed.

Bill was preceded in death by a half sister, Marjorie Sosbee, a brother Marquis Lyndon Fowler, sister Mildred Mashburn, two infant sons and two nephews.

Bill is survived by his wife Mary Ann Fowler. He is also survived by 4 sons, Mark Billings Fowler of Turlock CA, Stephen Lee Fowler of Burien, WA, Glen Marion Fowler of the Philippines, William James Fowler of Aloha, OR and a daughter Joan Fowler-Yamada of Covington, WA. Also 3 step sons, Glen Dale Heistand of Morrilton AR, Grady Randall Gullett of Conway, AR and Mark Allen Gullett of Hattieville, AR.

He has 14 grand children, 2 step grand children, 7 great grand children, 5 step great grand children, a sister Wilma Jean Carter of Crescent Valley, NV and sister in-law Kathy Fowler of Bigelow AR, 1 niece and 8 nephews.

Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 27, at Harris Chapel with Bruce Davenport officiating. Burial will be at Fowler Cemetery by Harris Funeral Home of Morrilton. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Friday, at the funeral home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy Dale Fowler*

January 30, 2023 at 02:08 AM



“ *My condolences to You, Mary Ann, and the extended family.*

Harold Wilson - June 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *We were very sorry to learn of Bill's passing. He was a very dear friend. I am very sorry that I could not participate in the Memorial service, but am dealing with health issues that prevent that. Our hearts go out to Mary Ann and the family. We enjoyed some rally good times together. Bill was truly "One of a kind!" A devout Christian who loved the Lord and His church.*

Burt & Peggy Wilkerson - June 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM



“ *Although I did not know Bill very long, I enjoyed his feisty outlook on life and sense of humor. I will miss him.*

Karen Caig - June 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM

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“ *I truly will miss your dad I always enjoyed seeing him and I must have been very special to him cuz he gave me my nickname squeaky always look forward to going to your house and visit you always had great jokes and a big smile on his face and not too far from him with that little cup used to spit in,love you all and you had a very special man to share with everybody thanks for sharing him*

Debra Vike - June 29, 2018 at 07:46 PM

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“ *So sorry for your loss.*

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