



William Henry "Bill" Durst

March 22, 1930 - January 29, 2019

William Henry "Bill" Durst, age 88, of Buckhannon, went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 29, 2019, at Colonial Place in Elkins, where he was a resident. He was born on March 22, 1930, in Frostburg, MD, a son of the late Sylvan C. and Flossie B. Broadwater Durst. On February 17, 1952, he was united in marriage to Betty H. Stahl Durst, who survives. Also surviving are three daughters: Vickie and husband James Waugerman of South Carolina, Tammy and husband Chris Casto of Elkins, and Penney and husband Jim Schell of Fairmont; one son Rick Durst and wife Mary Kay of Martinsburg, WV; ten grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; two sisters: Sue Bowers and Peggy Robinson, both of Grantsville, MD; several nieces and nephews; and special lifelong friends, Exil and Nelda Light. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one sister Betty Jo Stull.

Bill came to Buckhannon from Maryland as a salesman for Craig Motor Company. Later, he was employed by Premier Fastener Company as a salesman, and was the co-owner of two car washes in Buckhannon in the 1970s. He was the owner of Rick's Auto Parts and also operated a saw-sharpening business and woodshop, where he made furniture for his family, as well as park swings for the City of Buckhannon. Bill and Betty thoroughly enjoyed camping and travelling to the Mt. Nebo gospel sings in Summersville, where he celebrated his love for music; he was a talented singer, singing in the Good Hope Tabernacle Church Choir and a local barbershop quartet.

They spent their winters in Florida for many years, where Bill was able to spend time pursuing his golfing hobby. He was also an avid pheasant hunter and made frequent hunting trips to Nebraska.

Bill was a veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Korean War. He was a member of the Good Hope Tabernacle Church, Gideons International, Rotary International, and Kiwanis International. Many will remember Bill for his many years as a Babe Ruth baseball coach as well. During his years in the Kiwanis Club, he became known for his famous barbeque chicken, and could be found during the Strawberry Festival each year barbequing. He was a very active community member, and a loving and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, who will be sorely missed.

The family will receive friends on Saturday, February 2, 2019, from 12-1:00 PM, the funeral hour, at the Good Hope Tabernacle Church, with Pastor Holly J. Hoover officiating. Graveside services and interment will be held on Sunday, February 3, 2019, at 12:00 PM, at the Grantsville Cemetery in Grantsville, MD.

Cemetery Details

Grantsville Cemetery

Grantsville, MD

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 2. 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Good Hope Tabernacle
3202 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Funeral Service

FEB 2. 1:00 PM (ET)

Good Hope Tabernacle
3202 Route 20 South Road
Buckhannon, WV 26201

Tribute Wall

JV

“ *Jim & Cathy Vance lit a candle in memory of William Henry "Bill" Durst*



Jim & Cathy Vance - February 02, 2019 at 08:29 PM

RF

“ *Very sorry for the loss of a great Christian man, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend to all.*

Robert Flesher - February 02, 2019 at 09:37 AM

TR

“ *May God comfort you and your family at this time. Love Tom and Barbara Riffle*

Tom and Barbara Riffle - February 02, 2019 at 09:23 AM

LM

Tammy, Chris and family, Bill and I were so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. He and Betty were always so kind to Leslie. Linda and Bill McCollam

Linda McCollam - February 03, 2019 at 04:22 PM

MH

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Dursts passing. He was a great man and always had a smile on his face. Prayers for peace and comfort for all those who loved him.*

Missy Hickman - February 02, 2019 at 09:21 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William Henry "Bill" Durst.*



February 01, 2019 at 08:39 PM



“ *55 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Heavner & Cutright Funeral Chapel and Cremation Services - February 01, 2019 at 08:15 PM

SM

Love these pictures,, Seeing Bill, his classic stance with his pipe in hand,, I remember that so much about him at home and at Rick's Auto Parts every week before he left to do his sales for Premier Fastener,, He's a man I'll never forget as long as I live,, Bless you Bill and your family for all the memories

Shawn McAtee - February 28, 2019 at 01:41 AM

TT

“ *Betty & Family~Our Prayers are with you all at this time. Dad & Mom have enjoyed your friendship & christian love over many years. Dad & Bill shared their love of woodworking too. May you rest in the loving arms of Jesus with many wonderful memories until you meet up in Heaven once again. ❤️🙏 Love, Teresa (Holloway) Teter & Family*

Teresa Teter - February 01, 2019 at 12:56 PM

TS

“ *The faculty & Staff of Midland School purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Henry "Bill" Durst.*



The faculty & Staff of Midland School - February 01, 2019 at 10:02 AM

SM

“ Betty, Tammy, Vickie, Rick and Penney,, My deepest condolences to you all,, The last time I spoke with Bill was in June of 2015,, We both mentioned thinking of one another many times over the years,, Bill by far was the best Boss I'd ever had the pleasure of working for,, The memories of those days still carry on in my mind,, His smile, sort of sarcastic comments that always made me laugh,, The one that made me want to work for him after several prior attempts was,, " Shawn, you could be one of my best countermen,, Think of it this way,, A mechanic isn't a mechanic until he draws blood, whether it's his own or the customers" ,,, The memories of those days will forever be a part of my life,,
You will be missed by your family, friends and my prayers and thoughts are with you all,,
The Lord has gained one of the best salesman of all times



Shawn McAtee

Shawn McAtee - January 31, 2019 at 03:43 PM

MF

“ Mandi Foster lit a candle in memory of William Henry "Bill" Durst



Mandi Foster - January 31, 2019 at 02:17 PM



“ *Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of William Henry "Bill" Durst.*



January 31, 2019 at 01:56 PM



“ *So sorry to hear the passing of Bill. Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mike & Lue Knabenshue

lue knabenshue - January 31, 2019 at 01:21 PM



“ *Condolences to Betty and family. Bill was a special man who loved life. We remember the many hours on the ballfields with all of you. May Bill find rest in the arms of our Heavenly Father.*

Danny and Nancy Lantz - January 31, 2019 at 10:38 AM



“ *Penney, and the entire Durst family. I'm thankful I had the chance to meet your dad many times. I think of your dad's smile, love for his family, and his love of music. My Love and prayers for comfort are with all of you. Love Kim Loughery*

Kim Loughery - January 31, 2019 at 09:00 AM

JM

“ Dear Betty and family, Pat and I just found out about Bill's passing and we are so saddened. He was a dear friend over the years since the early 1970's when we came to Buckhannon. Thoughts and prayers along with sincere condolences coming your way.
Jim & Pat

Jim & Pat Marsh - January 30, 2019 at 09:18 PM

KJ

“ Kathie Jo purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of William Henry "Bill" Durst.



Kathie Jo - January 30, 2019 at 05:54 PM

CW

“ Heaven has been made a little better, Bill and I crossed paths many times in our lifetime. First when I was a young man courting one of his prize possessions , and later as a Brother in Christ with the Gideons. I have many fond memories of my visits to the Durst home.
Condolences to the family and friends.
See you over yonder Brother Bill
Chet Wamsley

Chet Wamsley - January 30, 2019 at 02:29 PM

SF

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I use to babysit with the kids while I was in high school Your dad and Betty's husband will surely be missed. Prayers to your family. Sharon Petonick McQuain Fawley

Sharon Kay Fawley - January 30, 2019 at 01:51 PM

KM

“ To all of Bill's family my deepest sympathy to you all. Bill was a good man i know Jerry thought a lot of the whole family. God Bless Kathy McDaniel

Kathy McDaniel - January 30, 2019 at 12:30 PM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William Henry "Bill" Durst.



January 30, 2019 at 12:21 PM

JH

“ Tammy, Chris & Family: I'm so very sorry for your loss, your Father was a wonderful man and Dad. May you find comfort in each other and the many wonderful memories you have of him. Many prayers and hugs!!! We love you, J and Renee

J & Renee Heckel - January 30, 2019 at 11:25 AM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of William Henry "Bill" Durst.



January 30, 2019 at 10:56 AM

PP

“ *Tammy, Chris and family,
My heart breaks for you and your family. God wrap his arms around
you and provide comfort during this difficult time.
We are here for you.
Sending lots of hugs and love your way.
Larry and Patty Palmer*

patty palmer - January 30, 2019 at 09:58 AM

RR

“ *My most precious memory of Bill was the day I had received bad
news regarding my daughter. I had met him in the parking lot of the
hospital and as soon as I shared my news he took my hand and
said “let’s pray”, and that is just what we did. He was that kind of
man.*

Robin Rowan - January 30, 2019 at 08:58 AM

AW

“ *So sorry for the loss. Your family is in my prayers. God Bless you
all.*

Aleece Williams - January 30, 2019 at 08:56 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of
William Henry "Bill" Durst.*



January 30, 2019 at 08:54 AM



“ Karen Carlyle-Bennett lit a candle in memory of William Henry "Bill" Durst



Karen Carlyle-Bennett - January 30, 2019 at 05:40 AM

NH

“ Bill was a good neighbor to our family for many years. He was a truly kind and generous man, he will be missed by many. Brooks and Norma Haymond.

Norma Haymond - January 30, 2019 at 03:49 AM

SL

“ Tammy, Chris and all of his family...my heart goes out to you. Sigh.....
You gave him wonderful care.
With deep tenderness,
Sue and Harry from afar

sue lewis - January 29, 2019 at 09:56 PM

EA

“ Vickie and family,
I am sorry for your loss.
Libby (Lofton) Abel



Elizabeth Abel - January 29, 2019 at 08:57 PM