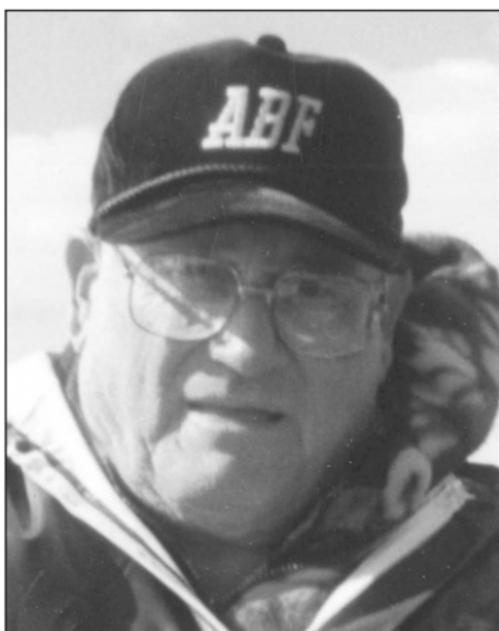


Remembrance

Dale "Bill" Merlene Brue, 89

April 30, 1929 - Feb. 5, 2019

IRWIN – Dale "Bill" Merlene Brue, son of Carl and Mathilda (Knudson) Brue, was born on April 30, 1929 on a farm south-east of Manilla. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Irwin. Bill attended the Irwin Consolidated School and graduated with the class of 1946. On March 22, 1951 he was inducted into the United States Army, where he served as corporal in Tokyo, Japan during the Korean War before being discharged in 1953.



On January 12, 1957, Bill was united in marriage to Peggy Jean Campbell at the Irwin United Methodist Church. To this union, two boys were born: Kurt and Jay. Bill was a longtime Irwin businessman; he worked for the Western Union, West-Irwin Agency and put in over 30 years at the Farmers Savings Bank where he retired.

Bill received a standing ovation as he was awarded Irwin's outstanding "Citizen of the Year" on March 3, 1991. He was a member of the Irwin School Board for 14 years and a promoter of the Irwin Senior Citizen Home where he served as secretary and treasurer for both organizations. He was also a member of the American Legion and served on the Irwin Volunteer Fire and Rescue squad for over 20 years.

In his retirement years, he enjoyed working at the Irwin United Methodist Church doing janitorial work and on Fridays delivering the bulletins to the Kirkman and Defiance churches. Bill loved to travel; going overseas three times and together, Bill and Peggy traveled to all 50 states and he took numerous fishing trips to Canada. Bill found much enjoyment attending his children and grandchildren's activity events during both high school and college. He was a true sports enthusiast and he absolutely loved watching the local high school sports even if that meant traveling many miles to watch a game.

Surrounded by his loving family, Bill passed away on February 5, 2019 at Elm Crest Assisted Living in Harlan attaining the age of 89 years, nine months and six days.

In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his siblings Harold Brue, Mildred Greiner, Norma Barratt and LaVern Brue.

Left to cherish his memory are his wife of 62 Peggy Brue of Harlan; sons Kurt Brue and his wife Linda of Omaha, NE and Jay Brue and his wife Mary of Blair, NE; grandchildren: Meghan and her husband Brandon Molitor, Erinn and her husband Steven Steffen and Nathan Brue; great-grandchildren: Rorey, Ames and Micah Molitor; nieces and nephews; other relatives and many friends.

A 1:00 PM Memorial Service was officiated by Rev. Laurie Riley on Saturday, February 9, 2019 at Irwin United Methodist Church. Meghan Molitor, Erinn Steffen, Nathan Brue, Rorey Molitor, Ames Molitor, and Micah Molitor served as honorary casket bearers. Military honors were performed by Iowa National Guard Honor Guard of Des Moines. Inurnment will be held at a later date at Oak Hill Cemetery in Irwin.

Pauley Jones Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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