



Bill Hess

November 29, 2022

William "Bill" Reese Hess, 99, of High Springs, Florida passed away on Thursday, November 24, 2022.

Bill was born in Tazewell, Virginia on February 21, 1923 to Isaac and Clara Mae (Johnson) Hess. Bill was married to Mable Kathleen (Waddell) for 78 years.

Bill moved his family from Virginia to Florida in 1956. He worked as a carpenter for Gonzalez & Sons in Alachua, Florida for many years before being employed by J. M. Rogers Construction where he worked as an assistant superintendent traveling the country until he retired. He enjoyed woodworking, fishing, turkey hunting, gardening, and Mable's fine country cooking. He enjoyed traveling to the Blue Ridge Mountains and listening to and playing Bluegrass music with Bill Monroe as his role model.

He enlisted into the Army/Air Force in 1943 where he served as an airplane and engine mechanic. A World War II veteran who received the American Theatre of Operations Medal, Good Conduct Medal and WWII Victory Medal. He was a member of the Mt. Horeb Baptist Church where he attended until becoming disabled.

Bill was beloved by many within the community along with a vast amount of

family members who called him "Tiger". He will be truly missed by his family who believe he enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast in heaven with all his loved ones that have passed.

Bill is survived by his spouse, Mable; daughters, Suzanne O'Steen, Dianna McQuaig, Betty Bussey, Lori Collins; sons-in-law, Gary Bussey and Ray Collins; brother, Carl Hess, Sr.; sister, Reba "Kate" Morrison; sister-in-law, Lorine Hess; 13 grandchildren, Russell O'Steen, Tammy Trantham, Sylvia Hodge; Dennis DeGraff; Tracy DeGraff; Daphne Armstrong; Jeremy McQuaig; Destiny McQuaig; Cami Cowart; Devon Wheaton; Garilee Bussey-Stankus; Sidney Bissanti and Brent Cason. In addition, 27 great-grandchildren and one great-great granddaughter.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, Clara Mae and Isaac Hess; sisters, Lucille Bourne and Helen Woods; brother, Don Hess; daughter, Norma Jean DeGraff; sons-in-law, Wendell O'Steen, Calvin DeGraff, James "Jim" McQuaig; and great-granddaughter, Maci Potter.

The funeral service will be held at noon on Thursday, December 1, 2022 at Mt. Horeb Baptist Church, 3449 NE Co Road 340, High Springs, FL (Gilchrist County) with visitation starting at 11:00 am. Burial will follow immediately after the funeral at the church cemetery.

Tribute Wall



“ *Praying for your lovely family. Love you all! Mary Evelyn*

Mary Evelyn Butcher - November 29, 2022 at 09:46 PM