



Bill Brewer

September 24, 1931 - September 22, 2017

Where it all began...

Bill Brewer was born September 24, 1931, in a log house located in a hollow southeast of Wyandotte, Ok, the eighth child of nine children of William Ballard Brewer and Mary Evaline (Back) Brewer. He passed away on September 22, 2017, two days before his 86th birthday, at the Journey Home, Bartlesville, OK.

Although his family was poor and didn't have much in the way of worldly things, there was always plenty of love. The strength of family and spirit made him rich beyond reproach. Growing up in the hills and valleys amid the walnut and sassafras trees, where hunting squirrels was a source of enjoyment as well as food for the family table, where a nearby fresh-water spring provided drinking water, a place to store the family perishables, and hours of wholesome outdoor fun with a younger brother and nearby friends – all of this helped mold him into the person he became.

He was a 1950 class graduate of Wyandotte High School, after which he attended Northeastern Oklahoma A&M College, for two years in Miami, OK. He then enlisted in the Army and served during the Korean Conflict. Following his discharge from service he returned to college completing his BA & MS degree at Northeastern State University, Tahlequah, OK. Following his college graduation, he continued his education by working towards his Doctorate and only lacked writing his thesis, however, marriage and family got in the way of reaching that goal.

He married Allene Frick on March 14, 1959, at First Christian Church, Yale, OK, and they have lived in Bartlesville nearly all their 58 years of married life, both working and raising their two children.

He began his teaching career in a small rural school near Seneca, MO, later teaching at Quay and Wann, OK, schools. In 1961, he began teaching in the Bartlesville school system serving as a classroom teacher at Ranch Heights School. He later became Principal at Wilson Elementary and Highland Park Elementary Schools. During those years he was recognized as an Outstanding Young Educator, was active in the Bartlesville Education Association where he held office as President and other offices. He was also a member of the National Education Association serving as delegate to several national conventions. He was instrumental in developing a summer school class of Creative Writing for 5th & 6th graders which he taught for several years. He retired after 26 years of service to the Bartlesville school system. After his retirement he continued to work part-time for the school system teaching Instructional Skills and recruiting teachers for five years.

He was a member of the local American Legion and served as a committeeman for the American Legion sponsored Boy Scout Troop No. 6 during the 1960s. He was involved in the youth basketball & baseball programs where he coached and held various other positions. He enjoyed fishing, camping, gardening, watching the birds, poetry and writing, photography, music, square dancing, and all outdoor activities. He was an active member of the Swingin' Squares Dance Club where he and his wife enjoyed many fun activities and met many wonderful people.

Bill and Allene attended many of his 21st AAA.AW.BN, Korea, reunions after retirement, even organizing and hosting two reunions in Branson, MO.

Life changed drastically after a stroke in October 2003. After many months of rehabilitation, he began attending Elder Care's Day Break program. In the beginning he was a reluctant participant but as time passed he became more involved and interested in the various activities. His favorite was the art therapy program where, throughout the many years of attendance, he has

painted many pictures. The camaraderie shared by the art room participants made for a fun day and his life was good.

While his life journey has had its ups and downs, he has persevered through it all. As evident in his art work today, his enduring love of the outdoors and nature have provided him with a sense of being and purpose. Whether it be a log house, a flower growing in his home garden, or a mountain scene from travels taken, he always took inspiration from one of God's greatest achievements, the great outdoors.

Bill is survived by his wife Allene Brewer of the Bartlesville home.

Son: Gregory Evan Brewer & wife Melissa, Keller, TX, and their sons Paul (home) & Clay (West Point).

Daughter: Suzanne Elaine Griffin, Broken Arrow, OK, and children Noah (OU), Chloe (OU), Nathan (home) & their dad C. Gregory Griffin (Tulsa).

Brother: Buford Brewer & wife Shirley, Wagner, OK.

He was preceded in death by his parents Ballard & Mary Brewer, siblings Arnold, Ray, Bud, Delores, Nannie, Courtney, & Nelle.

He is also survived by many other family relatives and a host of friends.

Celebration of Life Service: Saturday, 11 o'clock, Disciples Christian Church, 5800 Douglas Lane, Bartlesville, OK.

Cremation with private family burial service at a later date at Lawson Cemetery, Yale, OK.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donation be made to:

Elder Care, 1223 Swan Drive, Bartlesville, OK 74006-5037 or

Journey Home, 3406 SE Kentucky Street, Bartlesville, OK 74006.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **30**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Disciples Christian Church
5800 SE Douglas Lane
Bartlesville, OK 74006
(918) 333-1372
<http://www.dccbville.org>

Tribute Wall



“ *Bill Brewer*

October 23, 2023 at 04:40 AM



“ *Bill Brewer*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Sorry to hear of your loss of Bill. He was a teacher when we attended Wann School in 1959. Enjoyed visiting with him at the Wann reunion 2 years ago. Our prayers are with you and your family.*

Delores Williams Patty Coyne

Delores Williams - October 16, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ *Allene*
John Charles and I were sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We enjoyed many hours visiting with you all at John and Fern Brewer's house in Stanton Kentucky. May God bless you and your family.

*Love,
John Charles and Patty Brewer*

John and Patty Brewer - October 05, 2017 at 10:42 AM

AD

“ Allene-
I am a friend of John and Wanda. Sorry for your loss. John and Wanda Frick are great leaders and helpers in our community. I hear stories about the happy times growing up on the farm and sure it gave you good character also.
Fondly, Allan Dansie

Allan Dansie - October 01, 2017 at 01:34 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - September 29, 2017 at 05:07 PM

LA

“ *Just want you to know you are in my prayers, Bill was one of a kind, he was always thinking of others, helping where he could. I am so blessed to have been able to get to know him an Allene, He will be missed greatly*
Love
Leah A.

Leah Alexander - September 29, 2017 at 05:06 PM



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Stumpff Funeral Home & Crematory - September 29, 2017 at 08:40 AM

KS

“ *I am so glad Mr. Brewer reconnected with his Students from Wann High School. We enjoyed the times we were together with him these last few years. He and Mrs. Brewer have a special place in the hearts of all of us. Thank you, Mr. Brewer, for your years of giving to the Education of your Students.*

Kathy King Seigel - September 27, 2017 at 11:57 AM

 Linda Clanton

“ *I remember him smiling at me in the hall one day. I had just changed schools and that smile meant a lot to me. Rest Mr. Brewer.*

Linda Clanton - September 26, 2017 at 11:37 PM

VM

“ *I don't personally know Bill Brewer but I know his son, Greg Brewer for at least 20 years as a coworker and a friend. Based on Greg's admirable characters, I can only imagine how great his dad was. My sincere condolences to the whole Brewer family. May God comforts all of you during this difficult time and fill your hearts with His peace, love and joy.*

Vicky Matl - September 26, 2017 at 09:19 PM

PL

Bill is my first cousin...I live in KY and didn't get to see him often, but really enjoyed the time I got to spend with him

Pearl Brewer Lee - September 28, 2017 at 09:21 AM

TS

“ *Thoughts and prayers for your family.. I had Mr. Brewer as a principal at highland park elementary..*



Tami &Ernie Snodgrass - September 26, 2017 at 01:21 PM

HC

“ *Ailene and family, know you are in our thoughts and prayers this week. The two of you hold a special place in our hearts.- The Crawleys - Damon, Heather, Jackson and Reid.*

Heather Crawley - September 26, 2017 at 11:40 AM