



Robert "Bud" E. Holcomb

December 20, 1929 - November 4, 2012

Robert E. "Bud" Holcomb, 82, of New Castle, died Sunday, November 4, 2012, at IU Health University Hospital in Indianapolis.

He was born December 20, 1929, in Henry County, a son of the late Robert Glen and Bernetha (Houser) Holcomb.

Robert attended Blountsville and Mooreland schools. He worked at Warner Gear in Muncie for 38 years and had also farmed most of his life. He served his country in the U.S. Army in the 8th Calvary during the Korean War. He married Phyllis A. (Plunkett) Holcomb on October 16, 1953. He was an outdoorsman and liked to hunt, fish and trap. He was an avid reader and an interesting storyteller. Bud was one of Jehovah's Witnesses.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Phyllis; a son, Ned (wife: Joy) Holcomb of Indianapolis and their children, Jared Holcomb and son, Zane; Caleb (wife: Megan) Holcomb and their daughters, Charlotte and Ella; a son, Randy (wife: Rena) Holcomb of Hagerstown and their children, Jesse Holcomb and Lukas Holcomb (girlfriend: Kylee); brothers and sisters, Betty Fleming and Helen Gossage both of New Castle, Mary Lou (husband: Gene) Cartwright of Andrews, Norma Crandall and Dorothy Pope both of New Castle, Elden Holcomb of Mooreland and Larry (wife: Linda) Holcomb of New Castle; three sisters-in-law, Linda Holcomb, Gloria McGaughey and Shirley (husband: Fred) Criswell all of New Castle and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Holcomb and an infant brother, Harold Holcomb.

Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 9, 2012 at Sproles Family Funeral Home. The officiating minister will be Richard Buchanan. Friends may call from 4 – 8 p.m. Thursday and an hour before the service Friday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

Sproles Family Funeral Home is honored to serve the family of Bud Holcomb.

Tribute Wall

MG

“ (cont'd fom last posting...) He loved his family very much and passed on many practical hunting skills and life skills that most people don't grow up knowing anymore. He was not wasteful, and always a worker. The world needs more people like Bud. He is already missed.

Melissa Gysin - November 08, 2012 at 07:28 PM

GL

“ Bud worked for my father, Richard Luellen on our farm near Mooreland in the late 40's or early 50's. I was just a little girl then, but I do remember him being so much fun. My sister and I just loved him and of course he was always teasing us about something. I had not seen Bud for many, many years since my family no longer lives in Mooreland. But I was at the Mooreland Fair a couple of years ago and Bud was there so we talked. He remembered me and he was still the nice guy that I knew years ago.
So sorry for your loss

Greta Luellen - November 08, 2012 at 05:04 PM

TP

“ I've known Bud for 75 years. He was my boyhood friend and neighbor. We went through Blountsvill School together. He was such a nice man and a true friend. I always enjoyed seeing him and he had a great sense of humor. His dad, Glen, was also so nice and friendly. He brought us the news of Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941. His sister, Mary Lou, was in my grade, and Helen was a year ahead of me. I knew Eldon, Norma and Betty as well and always enjoyed seeing them. Bud was a great husband, father, and grandfather and will be greatly missed. We have truly lost a good man and a dear friend. I so appreciated his attendance at my wife's service. I'll always remember him and the Holcomb family who have remained close to the Popes since the '30s. We owe Bud a debt of gratitude for his service to our country during the Korean War. Goodbye Bud, you were one of the best. We were Rogersville farm boys together and I'll never forget you and the good times we had together.

Truman G. Pope - November 08, 2012 at 01:52 PM

TB

“ Sending our thoughts and prayers to the Holcomb family. May Jehovah's love and spirit be with all of you.

Tim and Sandy Brogdon - November 07, 2012 at 03:24 PM

MF

“ I'm truly sorry for the entire family's loss. Grandpa "Bud" was full of character, great stories, & lots of laughs! He leaves us with great memories that warm our hearts. My prayers go out to the Holcomb Family & Friends.

Marissa Favorite - November 07, 2012 at 01:45 PM

LG

“ *He will be remembered. As you share the stories and the memories of how he lived his life and how very much he meant, May you find comfort- and, throughout this difficult time, may you also know the deep sympathy and concern that is felt for you and all your family.*

Lydia Glynn - November 06, 2012 at 09:20 PM

VS

“ *I am sorry to hear about Bud, he was a great guy, and he will be missed. But we are blessed to have Ned who is alot like Bud.*

Valerie Holcomb Shaneyfelt - November 05, 2012 at 09:57 PM

NE

“ *My condolences for your loss.*

Nichlas Emmons - November 05, 2012 at 07:19 PM