



## Charles "Bill" Read

May 25, 1922 - January 22, 2018

Dateline: Breese

Charles William "Bill" Read, 95, died at 8:51 a.m. Monday, January 22, 2018 at his residence in Breese, IL. Born May 25, 1922 in Eldorado, IL, he was the son of William Lawrence and Edith (Bourland) Read. Mr. Read served in the U.S. Marine Corps in the Pacific Theatre during WWII and was a member of the Main Street United Methodist Church in Alton. He was an executive secretary as well as executive accountant for Mississippi Lime Company retiring in 1984 after 40 years of service. An avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing and camping. He was a professional wood carver and Scout Master. Mr. Read was active with the Junior Achievement Program as well as Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA). He married the former Alice Purcell. She preceded him in death. Surviving are four sons, William "Don" Read of Lebanon, MO, James Alan Read of Columbia, IL, John Dale Read of San Antonio, TX, and David Scott Read of O'Fallon, IL. and 5 grandchildren; Jennifer Mavromatis(Jason), Christopher Read(Stella),Elizabeth Cancel-Ortiz, Jaime Rachor(Warren), and Jeff Read(Carissa). Along with his parents and wife he was preceded in death by a brother, James Carl Read. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Burial will be private at Valhalla Memorial Park in Godfrey. Gent Funeral Home in Alton is in charge of arrangements. Online guestbook and information may be found at [www.gentfuneralhome.com](http://www.gentfuneralhome.com)



# Tribute Wall



“ Charles "Bill" Read

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“ Charles "Bill" Read

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“ This man was the finest example of a true American hero and patriot. He exemplified what it meant to have an unwavering faith in God and love for his family. The memories in my heart will remain with me for all the rest of my days. I know that he is now reunited with the love of his life and rejoicing with Jesus up in heaven. I love you Grandpa, all the way to Jesus and back.

Jennie Mavromatis - January 26, 2018 at 11:51 PM



“ Hi David , John, Jim and Don, This is Karen Galyen (Long) I remember when we were young and we were playin g in the basement while your dad was down there working . I also remember when he taught wood carving classes. Sorry for your loss . He had a pretty long life.

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Karen Galyen

Karen Galyen - January 23, 2018 at 11:27 PM

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*Read Family, so sorry to hear of your loss. We lived across the street when our kids were young. Ken's mom and dad were friends with Bill & Alice. Great people!!*

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**Glenda Link** - January 26, 2018 at 06:44 PM