



L.G. "Bill" Mansfield

December 22, 1924 - January 15, 2009

L.G. "Bill" Mansfield, 84, of Manteno, died Thursday (Jan. 15, 2009) at his home. Visitation will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Clancy-Gernon Funeral Home in Manteno, and from 10 a.m. Monday at the Manteno United Methodist Church, until the 11 a.m. services. The Rev. Harvey Gaither will officiate. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Manteno. Memorials may be made to the Manteno United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Kankakee Valley. Mr. Mansfield was editor and publisher of Manteno News from 1953 to 1994, when he retired. He was born Dec. 22, 1924, in Lexington, Ky., the son of L.G. "Zip" and Hilda Knight Mansfield. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps serving during World War II (1943-1946) in the South Pacific and a past commander of the Manteno American Legion Post 755, where he organized the current legion color guard. He was a member of the Manteno Rotary Club, where he was past president and a Paul Harris Fellow. He had perfect attendance for 45 years in the Rotary Club. He was a member of the Manteno Chamber of Commerce; the Manteno Golf Commission for more than 30 years; a Manteno Village Board Trustee for eight years; and a member of the Kankakee County Marine Corps League. He was a member of the Manteno United Methodist Church, where he served as a lay leader and choir member. He was the 1992 Manteno Historical Society Citizen of the Year. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed attending his grandchildren's sporting events and concerts. He was a White Sox fan. Surviving are his wife, the former Augusta Hachtel, of Manteno, whom he married Oct. 9, 1949, in Canton, Mo.; one son

and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Deborah Mansfield of Manteno; two daughters and sons-in-law, Carol Ann and Philip Stoneman of Manchester, Conn., Susan and Miles Turner of Manteno; seven grandchildren, Marc and Kathleen Turner, Erich and Sean Stoneman, Jacob and Kyle Mansfield and Isaac Jones; one sister and brother-in-law, Marilyn and Lee Henry of Columbus, Ohio; two brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law, John and Joanne Hachtel and Rudie Hachtel; one nephew and five nieces. Deceased are his parents; and one grandson, Paul Christian Stoneman.

Tribute Wall



“ 1 file added to the album Tribute Album



Clancy-Gernon Funeral Homes - December 07, 2010 at 03:07 PM



“ Dear Gussie, Marilyn, children, spouses, grandchildren, relatives,

We were saddened to hear of Bill's passing but know that his spirit shared by yourselves, in your own translations will continue on.

We won't forget Bill's footprint in Manteno--in so many ways that contributed to all that is good about a town, an area. i¿½Whether it was the 24/7 job of putting together and putting out the The MANTENO NEWS, one of the remarkable newspapers with that special home-town quality, or Bill's dedication to family, church and community.

We know you will carry on his legacy, here and wherever good people care enough to give their best.

Sincerely,

Elmira (Smith) Wilkey

The Wilkeys, i¿½###imported-begin##Elmira and Gene Wilkey##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Just heard about Bill - our sympathy to your entire family. i¿½He was always so friendly. i¿½Know he will be missed not only by your family but his many friends and the "village??" of Manteno.

Sincerely,

Gary & Sue Hoskins##imported-begin##Gary & Sue Hoskins##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Bill was my Commander for the Kankakee County Council of the American Legion. He asked me to be his Jr. Vice-Commander. 2006-2007

i½Bill was also a "charter member" of the Kankakee Marine Corps League Det 1253.##imported-begin##Robert Gawlas##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Mrs. Gussie im so sorry for you loss. you guys have been my neighbors for 18years and mr. bill was like a grandpa to me. i know we can all get through this and the whole family is in my prayers always.##imported-begin##Jenny Prno##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ I always appreciated Bill's humor and ability to laugh at whatever came his way. i½He was a valued friend and someone I looked up to as an example. i½He always had a good word to say and loved "Home on the Range" at Rotary meetings. i½He will be missed by this community as he made a positive difference. i½We are sorry that we missed the services, but were out of town. i½Lance and Darla##imported-begin##Lance and Darla Hurley##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Bill was a wonderful man for whom I had a lot of respect. i½We are praying for your family during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Cheryl Paarlberg##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Gussie/Marilyn,

So sorry to read about Bill. i ½ Manteno won't be the same without him. i ½ Our prayers are with you and your family.

Lesla & Lloyd###imported-begin###Lesla (Dalton) Anderson###imported-end###

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Good-bye Bill. I hope the send-off the Marines give you is as moving as the one that you gave my brother Darren.

 i ½ i ½ Semper Fi###imported-begin###Mitch Booth###imported-end###

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Gussie & Family, i ½ Kevin and I weren't aware that Bill was sick. i ½ I feel so bad for you and your family. i ½ The community will really miss his smile and good nature. i ½ I'm sorry we're out of town for a few months and not able to attend the services. i ½ Please know you are in our thoughts and prayers. i ½ Janis & Kevin Nugent

###imported-begin###Janis & Kevin Nugent###imported-end###

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Dear Susan and Family,

We were so saddened to hear of your Dad's passing. Please give our deepest sympathies to your Mom. I know that your Dad will be remembered fondly by each of you. You will be in our thoughts and prayers.

Wayne and Cheryl###imported-begin###Wayne and Cheryl Segneri###imported-end###

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ To the whole family:

You have my deepest sympathy.

Many blessings & prayers are

being sent your way.##imported-begin##Teresa Fortin Richert##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ My sympathies for your loss.

I knew Mr Mansfield from my father, Lee Russell and my brothers, Gib & Lanny Russell.##imported-begin##Tamra Russell Piper##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Gussie & Family, Sorry to learn of Bil's passing.He was such a nice man who will be missed by many. ÿ½May your faith and memories sustain you. Be assured that our thoughts and prayers are with you. ÿ½##imported-begin##NULL##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ I wanted to let you know that you are in my thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. ÿ½My mom worked with Bill for a long time at the newspaper and I knew she enjoyed every minute of that time.

Bill was important to her. ÿ½Mya God bless and keep you.

Sincerely Joe Baird##imported-begin##Joe Baird##imported-end##

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Our condolences to the Mansfield, Turner and Stoneman families. I will always remember Bill tolerating us sitting in front of their house visiting with Carol and Susan when we were in high school and college. I am sorry that we cannot be there but we will remember Bill in our prayers. Sincerely, Ron Hagenow

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ Gussie, Susie, Kevin and Carol Ann, Thinking of you at this time. Sorry we are out of town and will get in touch when we return on January 22, 2009. Anything we can do or you need, you know where we are. Our prayers go out for you and your families. Sonny and Phyllis

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM



“ My family has known Bill for a long time...my children know him from school..I remained in touch with Bill from working at and serving him at yanni's cafe....He was a kind hearted man that always had a smile for everyone..always pleasant ..even when we knew he didn't feel well...I will miss him...God Bless him and keep him for eternity...he deserves it....rest in peace Bill.....I am sure God has saved a place for you in Heaven...xoxox Bill and Holley Henderson

January 15, 2009 at 04:14 PM