



Billie Max Lentz

September 2, 1935 - July 28, 2021

Billie Max Lentz, age 85, of Dongola, passed away on Wednesday, July 28, 2021 at 11:39 P.M. at Saint Francis Medical Center.

He was born on September 2, 1935 in Union County to Loren and Geneva (Mathis) Lentz. He married Shirley Jean Keller on January 22, 1955 and she preceded him in death on April 28, 2008.

Billie retired from Bunny Bread after working as a truck driver for over 30 years. After retiring, he went to work for lifelong family friends at Osman Farms, which he really enjoyed. Billie was a member of the Vienna Church of Christ. He enjoyed fishing and mowing his yard, but especially loved spending time with his grandchildren.

Survivors include his two daughters, Pam Lentz of Dongola and Tanna (Ken) Roberts of Rolla, Missouri; two grandchildren, Micala (Matt) Dawkins of Knappe, Oregon and Ian (Ashley) Barnes of Warrensburg, Missouri; a great-grandson whom he was especially proud of, Max Avery Dawkins; a special friend, Mary Helton of Paducah, Kentucky; and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife of 53 years, Shirley Lentz; and two sisters, Vida Ann Schluter and Carolyn Sue Wynn.

Visitation will be held at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola on Tuesday, August 3, 2021 from 5:00 until 7:00 P.M. and again on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 from 9:00 A.M. until the hour of service.

Funeral services will be held at Crain Funeral Home in Dongola on Wednesday, August 4, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. with Phil Jones officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to Christian Chapel Cemetery and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Crain Funeral Home in Dongola has been entrusted with arrangements.

Cemetery Details

Christian Chapel Cemetery

Dongola, IL

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 3. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Crain Funeral Home - Dongola
106 NW Front St.
Dongola, IL 62926
866-592-7246
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Funeral Service

AUG 4. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Billie Max Lentz*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Dearest Pam, We are so sorry to hear of your Fathers passing. He lead so many in beautiful songs at church. Seemed to always have a smile for us when we would come visit Dongola .We love you and will keep you in our prayers*
Jim and Karen Kaufman

Jim and Karen Kaufman - August 03, 2021 at 09:36 PM



Tanna, (and family) we are so sorry we had left your name off our condolences. Please forgive us. We keep you all in our prayers.

Jim and Karen Kaufman - August 03, 2021 at 09:39 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billie Max Lentz.*



August 03, 2021 at 02:26 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Billie Max Lentz.*



August 02, 2021 at 03:40 PM



“ *I am so sorry to hear about Billie Max. He was a wonderful Christian man who loved his family. I am praying for God's comfort and His perfect peace during this time and in the days ahead for all of your family,*
Toni Lentz Capel
Sandia Park, NM

Toni Capel - July 30, 2021 at 11:39 AM



“ *Billie Max was a good friend and my Brother "in Christ." I enjoyed nine years of worshipping with him at the Dongola church of Christ before we moved to Metropolis in 1998. He and Shirley raised two wonderful, faithful Christian girls. He was an excellent Bible school teacher who really knew the Bible. I was so impressed throughout the years of his love and care for the Christian Chapel Cemetery, and his efforts to make sure it was always in great shape.. I just saw Bill a little over a week ago, as we were both eating lunch at the same restaurant here in Metropolis. I am glad we had this last opportunity to visit and "catch up." Our love and condolences to the family. Steve and Cheryl Karraker*

Steve Karraker - July 29, 2021 at 08:56 PM

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Bill enjoyed his visit with you. When he went up to pay his check he was surprised to learn that it had been paid. Thank you!
Mary

Mary Helton - August 01, 2021 at 11:07 PM