



William "Bill" O. Brunty

September 6, 1919 - March 22, 2020

William "Bill" O. Brunty, 100, of Bloomfield, Colorado, formerly of Murphysboro, Illinois, passed away on March 22, 2020.

Bill was born in Jackson County, Illinois, on September 6, 1919, to W. Owen Brunty and Loudene (Creal) Brunty.

Mr. Brunty served in the U.S. Army Air Corps in the European Theatre during World War II.

Bill married Gussie (Grammer) on June 28, 1947, in Murphysboro, Illinois. She preceded him in death in addition to his two brother and one sister. Bill is survived by his son, David (Debra) Brunty of Rio Rancho, New Mexico.

Mr. Brunty attended Southern Illinois University and graduated in 1954 with a degree in Education and later obtained his Masters. He taught in the Murphysboro School Systems before his retirement.

Gravesite services were held on March 30, 2020 at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park, Murphysboro, Illinois, with Rev. Charles Allen officiating. A memorial service for Bill will be held at a later date. For more information, please visit www.pettettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" O. Brunty*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *I had the pleasure of student teaching under his guidance in the fall of 1975. He had a sense of humor that kept me alert. He also had a serious side and could become stern if needed. Bill arranged for me to substitute teach for him for six weeks during the Spring semester, 1976 as I worked on a masters degree. His recommendation resulted in me getting awarded a fellowship to work on a PhD and a position teaching at the Whiteside Area Vocational Center. We remained friends and stayed in contact throughout his life. My last visit with him was in June 2019, and his sense of humor was as strong as ever. He left me with special memories that will be held dear the rest of my life.*

Bruce Wilson - July 29, 2020 at 03:22 PM



“ *Mr. Brunty taught me so many things that made me who I am. My knowledge of architecture and how to build things correctly. I learned to read blueprints so well that I was the best Superintendent in So. Illinois. I managed projects that others didn't have a clue about. I built things that engineers said would fail, but they didn't. Thank you sir for the education that made me what I am.*

Stephen Will - April 05, 2020 at 07:03 PM

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“ David, I'm sorry to hear about the death of your father. Even though I didn't know him, I'm sure he was a very special person to have raised a son who has been a blessing to so many students. Remembering how you enriched the lives of students at PCHS! Surmising that you and Deb have started a new chapter in your lives in a new state. Sympathy and best wishes to both of you!
Jeanette Hoeinghaus (Former Pinckneyville High School Teacher)

Jeanette - March 31, 2020 at 07:30 AM

CB

“ Bill was my drafting teacher in HS. He was one of the reasons why I went on to college and earned a drafting degree & later a civil engineering degree. RIP Bill.

Charlie Bottom - March 31, 2020 at 06:40 AM