



William C. Caplinger

August 19, 1929 - August 24, 2023

IN MEMORY OF:

William C. Caplinger

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive (Old Route 13), Murphysboro, Illinois

William C. Caplinger, age 94, of Murphysboro, passed away on Thursday, August 24, 2023 at Duquoin Nursing & Rehab.

He was born on August 19, 1929 in Murphysboro, Illinois to William Logan and Margaret Mae (Davis) Caplinger. He married Verna Poirot on November 6, 1948. They have shared almost 75 years of life together.

William worked for Bost Trucking in Murphysboro for 16 years, drove the Texaco gas truck for VW Bowman in Carbondale and Marion and also worked in the Cal-Crest Jacket Factory.

He was a master mason with Blue Lodge #111 in Jonesboro and also the Scottish Rites Masonic Lodge in Belleville. He was a 32nd degree master mason.

William was a member of the Pate Chapel Baptist Church and Herrin Second Baptist Church.

He is survived by his wife, Verna Caplinger of Murphysboro; children, Charles (Anne) Caplinger of Ocala, FL, Louise Diane Caplinger of Duquoin, William Leslie (Dawn) Caplinger of Vergennes and Lori Janine Clevenger (Doug Murray) of Murphysboro; grandchildren, Jessica (Josh) Wagner of Golconda, Chad (Brenda) Pearson of Bowling Green, KY, Keri (Randy) Kaune of Hendersonville, TN, Tonya (Nick) Howard of Jacob, Christopher Caplinger of Vergennes and Susan Casper of Tampa, FL; 4 great grandchildren, Piper, Haddy and Cora Wagner and Kennedy Kaune; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

William was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Ladonna Ruth Caplinger; sister, Dorothy Johnson and son-in-law, Barry Clevenger.

Funeral services will be held on Saturday, August 26, 2023 at 1:00 PM in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home with Pastor Jim Easton officiating and full masonic rites. Interment with full military honors will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

Visitation will be from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the Veterans Honor Flight of Southern Illinois and will be accepted at the funeral home.

Cemetery Details

Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.
Murphysboro, IL 62966
(618) 687-1145
crain@crainsonline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 26. 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

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Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *William C. Caplinger*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Sending my condolences to the Caplinger family!
Bill was also a school bus driver for West Bus Service for many
years.
A very good driver and loyal employee!*

Sherri Hale - August 31, 2023 at 12:55 PM



Thank you yes he was and he always spoke highly of you all.

Lori - September 06, 2023 at 12:25 PM



“ *Mrs. Caplinger, Charlie, Diane and all the Caplinger family. You are
all in my thoughts and prayers. I will never forget the night your
family was in IV's and my family came in. You guys had an extra
pizza and gave it to us. Mr. Caplinger insisted that we take it. We
accepted that gracious offer and we have laughed at that many
times when our paths crossed. We must think on the good
memories and lighter times as well as trust our Lord and Savior to
get us through. God is good in spite of the world around us. Rhonda
Woosley Bodkin* 🍷💙🙏

Rhonda Bodkin - August 26, 2023 at 10:21 AM



Thank you Rhonda for your kindness and understanding.

Charles Caplinger - August 28, 2023 at 07:35 PM

DT

“ Aunt Verna Charlie Diane Leslie Lori
I am sorry to hear of uncle Billy's passing , know you are in our
thoughts and prayers. Dottie and Rob Tuller & family

Dottie tuller - August 25, 2023 at 02:25 PM

LC

Thank you lots of fond memories to carry us through

Lori Clevenger - August 25, 2023 at 10:15 PM

BH

Les and family
We are so sorry to hear about your Dad. Our thoughts and prayers are
with all of you.
John, Brenda & Lisa Hammann

Brenda Hammann - August 26, 2023 at 04:44 AM

MP

“ Martha Pearson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William C.
Caplinger.

Martha Pearson - August 25, 2023 at 10:01 AM



“ Blue Caribbean Bouquet was purchased for the
family of William C. Caplinger.



August 24, 2023 at 06:10 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of William C. Caplinger.

August 24, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Be My Love Bouquet with Red Roses was purchased for the family of William C. Caplinger.



August 24, 2023 at 04:09 PM



“ Pamela S. sent gifts to the family of William C. Caplinger. Keri and Caplinger family, please accept our deepest sympathies. Scott Becker and your Genesco family.

Geneco Corp - Nashville TN - August 24, 2023 at 04:02 PM



“ Pamela S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William C. Caplinger.

Pamela S. - August 24, 2023 at 03:53 PM



“ He was one of the kindest man I ever knew, he his wife and family so much sure made a difference in this world, GOD BLESS HIM AND THE FAMILY

anita HARRIS - August 24, 2023 at 02:24 PM