



William "Bill" Wirt Haines III

February 16, 1930 - February 4, 2023

William Wirt Haines III, age 92, passed away peacefully at his residence in Olney, MO on February 4, 2023. Bill was born on February 16, 1930, at the Haines family home in Olney built by his grandfather, William W. Haines I in 1887. His parents were William W. Haines II and Ruth Ebaugh Haines. He was educated at Olney School, Bowling Green High School, and attended the University of Missouri. At age 17, he began teaching school at Abe Duff, a one room school primarily made up of Mudd and Norton children.

On June 25, 1949, Bill married Bethsheba Jane Wommack, daughter of Kathryn Sands Miller and Joseph Benton Wommack of rural Millwood. They were united in marriage in a double wedding ceremony, which included her sister, Kathryn Rebecca Wommack and William Wendell Edelen. Bill and Betty were happily married for 73 years. Five children were born to Bill and Betty, four sons and one daughter: William Wirt IV, Bethsheba Jane, Ernest Edwin, Rex Benton, and John Charles. They also helped raise one granddaughter, Courtney Lee.

Bill was a true business man. He sold cars at Troy Motors for Harry Gooch, which later became Phil Beck Motors. He was a salesman in Wentzville for Schramm and Cox, which later became Cox and Cohea, and then Poage Motors. Bill sold vehicles for nearly 70 years. Not only did he sell cars, he also traded land and livestock, and managed the Haines family farm, which he

eventually owned. Bill even operated a traveling motion picture show during the 40's with his good friend, Bud Stroker. He had many business ventures and served on the board of Silex Banking Co., Silex Lumber Co., and Central Elevator.

Bill enjoyed life to the fullest and never met a stranger. He liked to travel with his wife, Betty. He always enjoyed visiting with neighbors and friends, and he was a huge country music fan and baseball fan. He especially loved Loretta Lynn and the Yankees. His wife Betty was a Cardinals fan, so that always made watching the game a little more exciting. Bill was a lucky man winning a few cars and trips throughout his life and has spread some of the "Haines luck" to his children and grandchildren.

Bill Haines has lived in Olney all of his life and has taken care of his little town in many ways. He was often thought of as the "Mayor of Olney." He attended Olney Baptist Church and belonged to many organizations including the Olney Cemetery Association, Olney Masonic Lodge, later Silex-Olney Masonic Lodge, and Eastern Star. Mr. Haines recently was presented with his 70th year Masonic Pin.

Bill is survived by his wife, Betty, of Olney, four children: Jane Kientzy and husband Steve of Silex; Ed Haines of Marion, IL and friend Debbie Bertrand; Rex Haines and wife Barb Kientzy Haines of Silex; John Haines and wife Darla Sue Mudd of Mexico, MO, nine grandchildren: William W. Haines V (Sarah), Stephen Haines Kientzy (Teresa), Gina Bethsheba Kientzy Harris (Caleb), Benton John Haines (Jessica), Courtney Lee Haines Rhodes (Austin), Michael Kientzy Haines (Emily), Morgan Nicole Haines Palliser (Bret), John "Jake" William Haines, and Nicholas Ernest Haines. He is also survived by 14 great-grandchildren, two sisters-in-law, Becky Edelen and Mary Wommack, and many friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents, his son William W. Haines IV, and his sister Louise Haines Chappel.

Visitation and funeral services for William Wirt Haines III of Olney, MO will be February 7, 2023 in Millwood, MO. Family and friends will be received from 10:00-2:00 at the Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall located at 29 St. Alphonsus Road Silex, MO 63377. Funeral service will be held at 2:00. Reverend Fred Barker and Father Charles Tichacek will officiate and music will be provided by Marlene Sanderson Kut, Steve Sanderson, Tracy Krueger, and Jordan Krueger Miller.

Burial will be at the Olney Cemetery with a Masonic service conducted by Jake Thompson and Dennis Hammock. There will be a meal following at the Millwood KC Hall.

Funeral services are under the direction of Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Silex, MO.

Pallbearers include his six grandsons: Billy Haines, Stephen Kientzy, Benton Haines, Michael Haines, Jake Haines, and Nick Haines.

Honorary pallbearers include: David Duvel, Nick Erbe, Bill Hawkins, Steve Sanderson, and Gordon Voss.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Olney Cemetery Association, Olney Baptist Church, St. Alphonsus School - Better Together Fund, or donor's choice.

Cemetery Details

Olney Cemetery

Olney, MO

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 7. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall
29 St. Alphonsus Road Silex
Millwood, MO 63377

Funeral Service

FEB 7. 2:00 PM (CT)

Millwood Knights of Columbus Hall
Millwood, MO

Burial

FEB 7. 3:00 PM.

Olney Cemetery
Olney, MO

Tribute Wall

ED

“ Bill Haines was a friend of the Captain Duncan family. He shared the same date of birth with my father Bill Duncan (February 16, 1930 to November 19, 1965). I thought to call Bill to wish him a happy birthday today (February 16, 2023), only to learn that he had passed. Bill sold my widowed mother Judy all our family cars. I had a memorable telephone conversation with Bill in 2018 when I was curious about some of my family history. Bill shared many enlightening details which I wrote down for the next generation. Eileen Duncan, St. Louis.

Eileen Duncan - February 16, 2023 at 09:11 AM

JB

“ Bill always had a great smile! such a very nice man. Will be missed by all freinds & neighbors. Betty any thing you need... our love is with you. Jodie Baker & Jb Langenecker.

jodie Baker - February 08, 2023 at 07:53 PM

DT

“ My Grandfather farmed for many years just outside of Olney. We got to know Bill through him and our families remained friends for life. He worshipped my Grandfather. And Bill never met a stranger

Datrell Tucker - February 08, 2023 at 04:54 PM

RD

“ Prayers for the family. I had the privilege of talking with Bill several times and enjoyed them all. He will be missed by all. Continued prayers for the family.

Ron Duvel - February 07, 2023 at 02:40 PM

M“

“ God bless Bill Haines. He stood tall among the men of Lincoln county, Silex and Olney, Missouri. And I believe he stood tall in the eyes of his maker. He was kind, friendly, smart, jovial, and otherwise a great man. I've known him since my childhood. If it were not for his providing transportation, I couldn't have played Corey League baseball. My dad drove cars and pickups acquired through him. Also a great neighbor always willing to help. We are privileged to have known him. Rest in peace, Bill.
Mike "Boots" and Debbie Miller

Miller Michael "Boots" - February 07, 2023 at 02:38 PM

DM

“ Sending much love, hugs and prayers to the family. Bill was such a well respected man in the community. He will be greatly missed.

Debra Mudd - February 07, 2023 at 02:13 PM

JK

“ Our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Haines and her family. Mr. Haines was without a doubt the friendliest person in our community. He always had a smile and a history lesson of the area for you. Mr. Haines was a kind and gracious man and he has passed that character quality to his children and grandchildren. Prayers for peace and comfort,
JB and Mary Kay Kunza

JB and Mary Kay Kunza - February 07, 2023 at 10:46 AM

SW

“ Scott Wenger lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III



Scott Wenger - February 07, 2023 at 12:25 AM

BR

“ My deepest sympathy. So sorry for your loss. Bill was a lifelong friend that I will deeply miss. we would sit and talk about who married whom and who bought what farm. I'm proud to have worked with Bill at Wentzville. Sincerely Bob Ramsour

Bob Ramsour - February 06, 2023 at 11:00 PM

MA

“ My parents Martin and Donna Dunard bought all their cars from Bill, as we bought a few too. He was so interesting to visit with. My parents and Bill & Betty had a ton of respect for each other and a very good friendship. He will be missed and was a wonderful family man and set so many examples. Marilu Lasater

MariluLasater - February 06, 2023 at 10:51 PM

SG

“ Sorry for your loss. Bill was a good guy bought a vehicle from him many years ago

Steve Gnade - February 06, 2023 at 09:36 PM

LS

“ Our sincere sympathy to the family.
Bill was such a kind, friendly man! Whenever I saw he and Betty, he always had a bit of history to share with me.
He will truly be missed!

Louise and Steve Simpson - February 06, 2023 at 09:24 PM

CB

“ Cathy Bibb sent a virtual gift in memory of
William "Bill" Wirt Haines III



Cathy Bibb - February 06, 2023 at 06:51 PM

CB

I was so blessed to have had the opportunity to be friends with such a wonderful man. I will always smile when I think of you because you hold a special place in my heart. <3

Cathy Bibb - February 06, 2023 at 06:54 PM

AC

“ Hate to hear of Bill's passing. I know my Dad and Bill enjoyed
baseball games and being together with the Central Elevator. Smart
man with a great memory! He will be missed.

Alice Coose - February 06, 2023 at 06:11 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III.



February 06, 2023 at 05:36 PM



“ OMG my sympathies to the family.
I Loved Bill every time we seen each other we would talk and talk. He sold me a Z28 Camaro in 1981. I picked the car up and Bill was laughing and said. I wish I could be a fly in that car when you pull into Wayne's driveway driving a Chevrolet. He might tell you to get that piece of Crap out of my driveway and off the farm. God we would laugh and Bill would bring that up every time I seen him. I think I was the only Norton to buy a Chevrolet from him. Loved talking and laughing with Bill. One of a kind. R.I.P. Ole Friend until we meet again.

Don Skeeter Norton - February 06, 2023 at 05:06 PM



“ I first met Mr Haines around 1977 when he sold cars. Whenever I saw him he was so kind and pleasant. He went to high school with my mom. My sympathy and prayers for his family during this difficult time. He was blessed with a good and long life and got to stay in his own home.

Donna Price Francis - February 06, 2023 at 05:03 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III.*



February 06, 2023 at 04:27 PM



“ *Your Friends at Poage Chevrolet purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III.*



Your Friends at Poage Chevrolet - February 06, 2023 at 02:58 PM



“ *My heart goes out to Bill's family. Very much enjoyed our talks on the Olney Square lawn care and gardens. Bill was always so kind to us. Will miss those quick chats at the mailbox. ❤️❤️*

Donna Odom - February 06, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Bill was truly a treasure to anyone that was lucky enough to be his friend. I had the pleasure of knowing Bill for the last 12 years. I've met very few people in my life that had the integrity of Bill. Everyone who knew him, was blessed to have him as a friend.*

Randy Miller - February 06, 2023 at 12:26 PM

BC

“ My sympathy and prayers to the family. I am out of state during the visitation but want you to know my prayers are with you during this time. You could always get a big wave from Bill on Hwy H if you met him. We bought many cars from him during the years. He was a gentleman and a friend. May God wrap his loving arms around you during this time. RIP Bill.

Barbara Creech - February 06, 2023 at 11:38 AM



“ Treasured Lilies Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III.



February 06, 2023 at 11:20 AM

BO

“ I worked with Bill for a few years at Phil Beck Motors. He was always so kind and a go-getter. I hope he will enjoy many blackberry cobblers in his final resting place. He was always good for the ice cream topping. RIP my friend. Barbara ans Roger Ochs

barbara Ochs - February 06, 2023 at 10:28 AM

JT

“ Bill will be missed by the entire community. Sorry for your loss.
Jamie Tomek

Jamie Tomek - February 06, 2023 at 09:38 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III.*



February 06, 2023 at 09:22 AM



“ *The Lilleys lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Wirt Haines III*



The Lilleys - February 06, 2023 at 08:29 AM