



William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory

March 14, 1920 - January 10, 2022

William Kenneth "Bill" Mallory, 101, of Bowling Green, passed away Monday, January 10, 2022 at Hannibal Regional Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Mallory will be held Saturday, January 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. at the First Christian Church of Bowling Green with Rev. Bruce Moeller officiating. Burial will be in Green Lawn Cemetery. Visitation will be Friday, January 14, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Bibb-Veach Funeral Homes & Crematory in Bowling Green.

Bill was born March 14, 1920 in Clark, Missouri to John William and Eva Matthews Mallory. He was united in marriage to Rheba Gibbs on December 1, 1946. She preceded him in death on June 23, 1999.

Bill grew up in Clark, Missouri on the family farm and attended Clark Schools. He graduated high school in 1938, then attended two years at Moberly Junior College, and the University of Missouri. When WWII erupted, Bill joined the Army/Air Corp in 1942. He completed flying missions out of Italy, serving as a tail gunner, bombing over Germany, Czechoslovakia, and Yugoslavia. After returning from the war, Bill returned to the University of Missouri, and completed his degree in Ag Science. He met and married Rheba Gibbs. Three children were born to this union.

Bill worked in Carrolton and Troy, Missouri with the University Extension, teaching Veterans for 11 years. Once that program ended, Bill needed to decide what his next adventure in life was going to be. He returned to the University of Missouri and earned his Education degree. Soon after, Bill began teaching at Bowling Green R-I school for the 1961-1962 school year. Although Bill retired in 1989, he is well-remembered, and his presence will forever grace the halls of Bowling Green High School. Mr. Mallory touched many lives and made an impact on many students with his caring heart and nature.

Bill was involved in many community organizations, including the Lions Club, Masons, Shriners, VFW, the Retired Ag Teacher's Association, Pike County Fair Board, Pike County Pork Producers, and MSTA (Missouri State Teacher's Association). He has also carried the title of Bowling Green Citizen of the Year, as well as receiving the Honorary American Farmer Degree.

Bill enjoyed gardening, especially growing tomatoes, sweet corn, and strawberries. Later in life he also enjoy growing flowers. He would take his golf cart out to his garden, just to watch it grow. Bill would find places around the house to plant flowers. He also enjoyed fishing, and his family fishing trips to Bennett Springs were some of his favorite memories. Bill like watching people work. He also enjoyed watching sports on TV, along with veterinary shows with Dr. Pol. Although he didn't like to travel much, Bill and Rheba did make a trip back to England in 1991 to visit Valley Wales and London.

Bill is survived by sons Doug Mallory (Ruth) of Paris, Missouri, Greg Mallory (Carey) of Orland Park, Illinois, and Jerry Mallory of Orland Park, Illinois; grandchildren Paige Mallory, Daniel (Meagan) Mallory, and Patrick Mallory (Tina Bacon); 10 great-grandchildren; sister, Mildred Troyer of Centralia, Missouri; and numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family; not to mention a community that loves him.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Rheba; sister, Dessie Aufdembrink; and brothers-in-law, Jack Troyer and Ben Aufdembrink.

Pallbearers will be Patrick Mallory, Daniel Mallory, Mike Troyer, John Troyer, Don St. Clair, and Brock Bailey.

Memorials may be made to the BGHS Bill Mallory Ag Scholarship Fund.

Cemetery Details

Green Lawn Cemetery

Bowling Green, MO 63334

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 14. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Bibb-Veach Funeral Home's & Crematory LLC - Bowling Green
606 West Main Street
Bowling Green, MO 63334
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Funeral Service

JAN 15. 10:00 AM (CT)

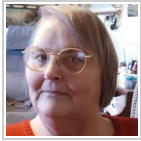
First Christian Church
Bowling Green, MO

Burial

JAN 15 (CT)

Green Lawn Cemetery
Bowling Green, MO 63334

Tribute Wall



“ *Lawanda Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory*



Lawanda Willis - January 15, 2022 at 03:50 PM



“ *Lawanda Willis sent a virtual gift in memory of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory*



Lawanda Willis - January 15, 2022 at 03:49 PM

SO

“ I was a senior in high school the first year Mr. Mallory began his teaching years at BGHS. He taught both my kids and visited the ag shop many days when one of my grandchildren was an ag student. She always marveled as to how straight he could cut a piece of tin. What a legacy he leaves for so many students and parents. His farm visits were always an education to everyone being there. I remember his barbeque skills and the big grills he made for Pork Days. I wonder how many porkburgers that man cooked! A funny story was when Melaney was in a speaking contest in Columbia, I rode along with she and her mom. We went the "back way" to drop Reba off to visit relatives for the day. After letting her out, we speeded things up and got 3 tickets before getting to Columbia. His remark was, "Reba doesn't need to know everything about this trip!"

The only time I saw him speechless (for just a little while) was the year Pike County Pork Producers presented "This is Your Life" honoring Mr, Mallory. I helped Kay write the script and it just got longer and longer because there was so much to tell about the man. In his later years, I loved sitting by him at the county and state fair. He had a story about every kid that walked in the show ring and then he would say "and that's all there is to say about that". I feel so honored to have known Mr. Mallory and Reba too.

Susie Oberdahlhoff - January 14, 2022 at 03:48 PM

LS

“ From an email sent to my classmate Kenneth Gregory Mallory; So sorry to hear about your Dad. He was a great man, had a great life, was a great influence on so many lives and admirably had a great ability to call you by name after so many years. I'm confident he was a great Father and the steadfast pillar of your family! The lives he touched were evidenced just last week when one of the guys in our group asked; "What's the gestation period for a hog?" One guy answered 114 days and then several said: "Nope, as Mr. Mallory would say it's 3 months, 3 weeks and 3 days!" Worth noting is that some in the group were his students over 50 years ago.

God bless Mr. Mallory and God bless your family, Len Scherder

Len Scherder - January 14, 2022 at 01:01 PM

CM

“ *Carla Mills lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory*



Carla Mills - January 13, 2022 at 06:45 PM

AE

“ *Bill Mallory was the ag instructor during my tenure at BGHS. He built an outstanding ag program that was recognized state wide and many of his students pursued ag related careers once leaving high school . If you stepped on his toes , he certainly would let you know but he was always supportive of the district and staff. He was a good person. Condolences to the family.*

Argil Ellison - January 13, 2022 at 06:22 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory.*



January 13, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory.*



January 12, 2022 at 06:51 PM



“ *Robert Mallory lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory*



Robert Mallory - January 12, 2022 at 05:11 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory.*



January 12, 2022 at 03:18 PM



“ *Finest Farewell Spray was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory.*



January 12, 2022 at 02:58 PM



“ *Cousin Kenneth. You were a great influence on all who knew you, myself included. Your were a big influence when I was making the decision to complete my military service obligation. I remember you and your brother-in-law (Jack Troyer) arguing about which branch of the military I should enlist in, you won and I joined the Air Force. Yes, what a gardener you were, I'm trying to figure out how to send a "peck" of tomatoes or a "shock" of corn in lieu of flowers to your memorial service. Many fun memories and such is life some not so much fun. To my fellow veteran and Masonic Brother you lived a good life. Evening has come, symbolizing the close of a busy career. Evening will spread its wings over your final resting place, and will seem to promise that all is peace beyond. Until. Then farewell my Brother, farewell.*

Robert Mallory

Robert Mallory - January 12, 2022 at 01:06 PM

DW

“ Mr. Mallory was a good man. I had I'm in shop class and remember him asking me to make a windmill. Not only was he part of the greatest generation,(WW2 veteran) but being a vet myself makes him a brother, teacher, and one of the most generous men I've ever known. My prayers and thoughts go out to his family. I will always remember the story of his MA DUCE qualification story he told me from his time in the service. Still makes me smile and shows brotherhood that was in the military then and today.

David Wilkinson - January 11, 2022 at 11:05 PM

TC

“ Our condolences to the family! He was a great neighbor and friend and loved his stories. We learned a few things about gardening. Reba made the pie shell and Bill finished it and always delicious! Bill and Reba together again, Amen!

Tim and Donna Calicott - January 11, 2022 at 09:28 PM

CS

“ When we all showed up to his late wifes funeral in full FFA dress. Thats when many of us younger kids realized Mr. Mallory was a big big deal. Cannot express enough how much of an impact that man made. ❤️

Crystal Salfen - January 11, 2022 at 06:37 PM

DE

“ Mr. Mallory was a great man . Liked by everyone who knew him. He will be greatly missed.



Deanie Ebers - January 11, 2022 at 06:05 PM

JP

“ John C. Parcell lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Kenneth Mallory



John C. Parcell - January 11, 2022 at 05:44 PM

JP

“ I did not have Mr. Mallory for any classes, but he always spoke to me in the hallway. He certainly was a 1st class faculty member at BGHS. Prayers for the family at this time. He is held in very high esteem by many former students and our community. They do not come any better than him. God bless his family in this time of loss.

John C. Parcell - January 11, 2022 at 05:42 PM

HS

“ Mr. Mallory was my childhood neighbor. I have many fond memories of him from my childhood. One of my favorites was inviting the neighborhood children (the Spegals and St. Clairs) to share a watermelon from his garden.

As I grew older, I got to visit with Mr. Mallory at Me-Me's Pantry. He shared with me many words of wisdom about being a teacher, advice I still practice in my own classroom. I had fond memories of sitting with Marvin Darnell and Mr. Mallory one Saturday while they traded stories about gardening and life. It was very educational for a teenage girl.

The family has my deepest condolences and is in my prayers.

--Heather Spegal-Ritchey

Heather Spegal-Ritchey - January 11, 2022 at 04:02 PM

LG

“ *Mr. Mallory was the most influential teacher I encountered during my school years at Bowling Green. I learned much from listening to him eagerly share his wisdom with anyone who would listen. He taught me that much of your education doesn't necessarily come from the textbook.....it comes in the form of life lessons. He had many phrases that he would frequently share in Ag class but one in particular has stuck with me for nearly 40 years.....it was what Mr. Mallory referred to as ten 2 letter words that would serve you well. "If it is to be it is up to me". Rest in peace Mr. Mallory. I know you have received your eternal reward and are celebrating with the Saints this day.*

Larry Gamm - January 11, 2022 at 03:55 PM

DT

I was humbled and honored to be Mr. Mallory's pastor for a brief time. He impacted my life. He was insightful, full of wisdom and always kind.

He would pick me up at the church and he would tour me at the high school. He would tell me all the details of the ag department.

I would come back to the parsonage and in my kitchen, I would find vegetables from his garden.

He is of the greatest generation and heaven gained a hero.

Dawn Marie Turner - January 11, 2022 at 04:09 PM

LC

Bill Mallory was an outstanding ag teacher. When I started teaching in 1966, I met him at the teachers conference. He was the most likable person I have ever met and was an ag teacher I admired. When I was working in the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, I was the northeast district supervisor of agricultural education. I will never forget visiting his classroom. He had each class start with the FFA meeting opening ceremonies. Every student was engaged and learning every minute of the class period. He was a great man and he touched many lives, including me! Thank you Bill Mallory for your service to our country and to the many students you taught. May you Rest In Peace! I will be praying for the family!

*Larry D. Case
National FFA Advisor, Retired*

Larry Case - January 11, 2022 at 05:08 PM

LS

Mr. Mallory was such a special individual. He was admired by his students and the community. His example touched many lives.

Lucy Scherder - January 12, 2022 at 01:25 PM

LG

A couple more of Mr. Mallory's "sayings" came to mind today as I reflect on my years in his classroom. One such phrase was "boys, if you don't know.....don't give out knowledge ". Another was "you are now becoming what you are going to be when someday you can no longer do anything about it". Wisdoms from a wise man!

Larry Gamm - January 14, 2022 at 03:49 PM

JR

Mr. Mallory... I found out about his passing ..I feel compelled to write a couple of jots down for the absolutely most influential man and Program that I experienced in my High School years. his classes seemed to always start with writing down a objective...and it developed from there ..what was the objective of todays lesson and how we were to get there. his insight was great he really knew his students ..I remember him encouraging me yo go seek a cleanup boy job at Woods Locker ..and mentioning that it could lead to a career..well for 15 years it did do just that ...thanks for taking the time to guide this kid towards a worthy goal and try and help steady my floundering aimlessly around. sooo much more to say ...but i will simply say Thanks! Thanks for caring and passing on selflessly to those of us that "knew not"

Johnny Ritcheson - September 02, 2025 at 12:15 PM