



William T. Stout

December 10, 1923 - April 5, 2016

William T. Stout, 92, of Greens Fork, died at his home on Tuesday, April 5, 2016. He was born in Hagerstown to Clarence B. and Thelma (Byrket) Stout on December 10, 1923, the oldest of four children. He attended grade and high school in Hagerstown, graduating from Hagerstown High School. He had completed two years of engineering at Purdue when called to serve his country. He married Ruth Lucile Lumpkin on December 31, 1942 and entered the service February 1943. He was assigned to the 91st Battalion of the US Naval Construction Battalions hence the word "Seabees". He served overseas in the South Pacific for 25 months. He joined the Seabees because he wanted to help in the war effort but not be involved in the hand to hand fighting. His Seabee Battalion built many base hospitals, destroyer and submarine repair bases, staging areas for troops going to the front and several chapels where worship services were performed each Sunday, airstrips and air bases. As the war kept moving up from the South Pacific he moved from Milne Bay, New Guinea to Finchafen, New Guinea and then on to the Philippines.

On returning home from the service he started farming in the Hagerstown community and continued farming in the general area until he reached 80 years of age when he rented his farm to a neighbor. In that time he also served the community by becoming a Director on the local REMC Board for 22 years, with seven years serving as President of the Board. He also served on the statewide REMC Board for over ten years as a representative of the

local Board.

But his true love was his large family and his church, The Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren. He and his wife Ruth were elected as Life-Term Deacons in the council meeting in 1947. He served the church in many capacities through the years by being a SS Teacher for over 60 years. He also served as Chairman of the Executive Board and Moderator for more than 30 years. He and Ruth were true adventurers and had traveled widely through the years. They had visited all 50 states and more than 30 countries around the world.

He was especially proud of his family and kept in touch with all through many e-mails.

Survivors include his wife of 73 years Ruth, Ward Stout (Dori) of Salem, SC, Jeanne Maddock (Mel) of Greens Fork, Barbara Winterer (Bob) of Ft. Myers, FL, Neil Stout (Janice) of Lawrence, KS, Claire Sullivan (Mark) of Economy, a sister Janice Coleman of West Lafayette. His family consists of 21 grandchildren and 31 great-grandchildren.

He was predeceased by his parents, Clarence and Thelma, two younger brothers Phillip and Murray, and three brother-in-laws Harold, Howard and Frank Lumpkin. He and Ruth also lost their eldest daughter, Theresa Anne Poole (Jack) to a massive brain tumor in August, 2010.

Visitation will be Monday, April 11, from 11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., at the Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren, with services following at 1:00 P.M. Pastor Brian Mackie will officiate. Burial will be in Brick Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to Heifer International or Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren.

Cemetery Details

Brick Cemetery

5352 N. Brick Church Rd.
Hagerstown, IN 47346

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 11. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (ET)

Nettle Creek Church of the Brethren
5352 N. Brick Church Rd.
Hagerstown, IN

Service

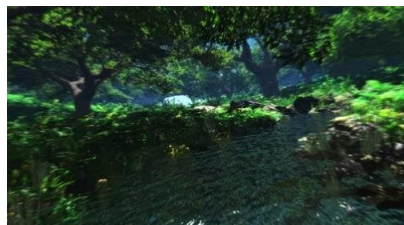
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Tribute Wall



“ *Culberson Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William T. Stout*



Culberson Funeral Home - April 10, 2016 at 01:25 PM

PM

“ *Dear Ruth and family,
How sad we are to learn about Bill. Those we love live forever in our hearts!
You two have always been so special to me.
It was so kind of Bill to share his written WW II experiences with me.
The picture of you two with new baby in his navy uniform is unique....a favorite of mine since your 60th or 70th? wedding anniversary.
You two have been blessed to have Jeanne and Claire nearby recently.
Thinking of you with love,
Phyllis and Jerry Mattheis*

Phyllis Mattheis - April 10, 2016 at 03:42 PM

PA

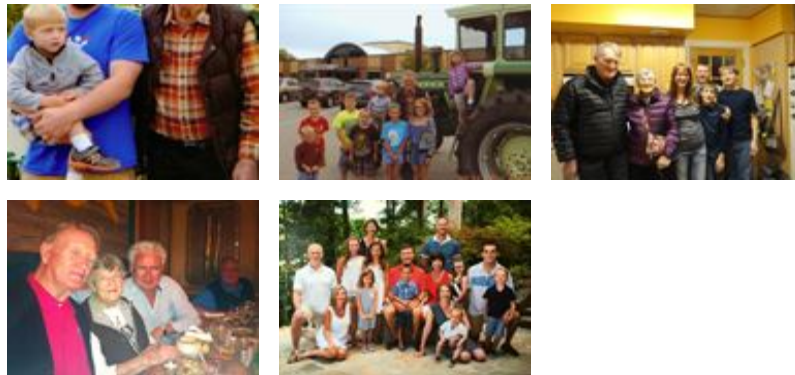
“ I always remembered uncle Bill with a smile on his face. One Christmas when I was around 10 years old the adults let me sit at the big table with them for the first time. Well, this was already a special occasion, and to top it off I got to sit next to Bill. He was always known for eating the most dinner rolls, so I challenged him to a competition to see who could eat the most that day. Although I gave it my best shot, uncle Bill won. He was always a kind man and I'm so glad that I had a chance to be a part of his life. You will be missed and our thoughts are prayers are with your family.

Love,
Patty Oldaker (Lumpkin) and family

Patty - April 10, 2016 at 01:19 PM



“ 49 files added to the album Life Tributes



Culberson Funeral Home - April 10, 2016 at 12:29 PM

TE

“ *The Roberts Family - Donnie, Jill, Isabella & Evie purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of William T. Stout.*



The Roberts Family - Donnie, Jill, Isabella & Evie - April 09, 2016 at 02:41 PM

KC

“ *Keith Ulerick and Children purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William T. Stout.*



Keith Ulerick and Children - April 09, 2016 at 10:21 AM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of William T. Stout.*



April 07, 2016 at 07:27 PM

JT

“ *John Gooldy and Sandy Taylor purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of William T. Stout.*



John Gooldy and Sandy Taylor - April 07, 2016 at 07:24 PM



“ *Footprints Tribute Blanket was purchased for the family of William T. Stout.*



April 07, 2016 at 03:23 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with Ruth & family. We have many fond memories of Ruth & Bill, especially on the REMC convention trips. Celebrating your 50th anniversary seems just like yesterday. You both are very special people. Bill will be missed by so many whose lives he touched.*

Bill & Anita Beard

Bill Beard - April 07, 2016 at 02:38 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William T. Stout.*



April 07, 2016 at 11:46 AM



“ *Peace Eternal Wreath was purchased for the family of William T. Stout.*



April 07, 2016 at 09:59 AM

BO

“ Bruce and Cheryl Oesterling purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William T. Stout.



Bruce and Cheryl Oesterling - April 07, 2016 at 07:03 AM

CM

“ Carol A Mechuta purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of William T. Stout.



Carol A Mechuta - April 06, 2016 at 04:52 PM

PW

“ When ever you saw Bill and Ruth they always had a smile on there face that made you feel welcome. He and Ruth showed me around at my first National Rural Electric Convention in Orlando, Florida mid 1990's.

My Sincere Sympathy

Phyllis Wray

Retired from Whitewater Valley REMC

Phyllis Wray - April 06, 2016 at 01:59 PM