

Seneca, KS



William H. "Bill" Huerter 91, of Seneca, passed away November 18, 2017, at Life Care Center in Seneca, KS.

Bill was born January 4, 1926 near Goff, KS. He was the son of Emil and Valeria Johnstone Huerter. He graduated from Goff High School in 1944.

Bill married Carolyn JoAnn Holthaus on October 16, 1947 at St. Bede's Catholic Church in Kelly, KS. The couple celebrated 70 years of marriage. They lived their entire lives in Nemaha County. They were the parents of 2 children: Sharon and William J.

He was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church and the St. Joseph Society, Bill was on the cemetery committee for many years and a church user.

Bill grew up on a farm near Goff, KS. He was self-employed as a plumber for 10 years. He purchased his first backhoe in 1958 and started his own business, Huerter Excavation in Seneca, KS. He completed many years of services to the community and rural areas before retiring at the age of 88. Bill and his wife owned and operated Huerter Office Supply on Main Street. He was grounds keeper at the Seneca Golf Course and Marysville Country Club for multiple years. He was Mayor of Seneca in the 1960's - 1970's. During this time, he was instrumental in bringing CR Industries to Seneca, KS which provided employment to many.

His only grandson who is currently serving in the military said it best: "Heaven got another angel. My grandfather, William Huerter passed last night. He was 91 years old and lived a great, long life. Respected by all who knew him as a honest, hardworking man. He taught me about hard work and doing a job right the first time, how to clean and gut a fish, how to hunt rabbit and quail, and most importantly about how to put your family first. Wish I could have been home to see you one last time, wish you could have seen me in my uniform, I know how proud you were before I left and you made me promise to come home safe. Miss, you so much already Granddad. Go find yourself a quiet fishing hole and have a great time."

He was preceded in death by his parents; Emil and Valeria Huerter.

Survivors are his wife, JoAnn; daughter, Sharon (Arthur) Rangel, Topeka; and son, Bill J. (Kathy) Huerter, Marysville. Three grandchildren, Cynthia Priest, Kansas City, Michael Huerter, Wichita, and Sarah Wann, Hays. One great grandchild; Joel Priest, Kansas City. Brothers: Robert Huerter, Chanute; James Huerter, Seneca; Alfred "Smitty" Huerter, Goff; and Daniel Huerter, Bellevue, NE.

Visitation will be Monday, November 20, 2017 at Lauer Funeral Home, Seneca, KS. A Rosary will be prayed at 2:00 PM.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Sts. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Seneca, KS. Burial will follow at Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Seneca, KS.

Memorials in Bill's memory will be designated at a later date, and may be sent in care of the family.