



William Rast

May 8, 1918 - June 5, 2014

Obituary of William Rast

William O. "Bill" Rast, 96, of Fruitland Park was born May 8, 1918 to Henry Holland and Mamie Cannon Rast. He was a lifelong resident of Leesburg and Fruitland Park and a graduate of Leesburg High School, Class of 1936. A World War II Veteran, he enlisted in the Army in 1944 and served in the infantry in Italy for 2 years. Upon his return, he worked for the Seaboard Coastline Railroad as a clerk for 30 years before retiring in 1973. He continued working for another 12 years at Sumter Motor Co. in Wildwood and was active in his community as a Commissioner for Fruitland Park for 19 years. He was a member of Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park for 70 years and was active in many facets of the church.

Survivors include: wife Winifred Knight Howell Galbreath Rast; daughters: Nancy Rast Lipps and Billie K. Rast Golden; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; and nephew G. M. "Ken" Rast; Winifred's 3 daughters: Linda Howell Myer White, Margaret "Peggy" Howell Farrell and Mary Clarice Howell. He was preceded in death by: his parents; first wife Thelma Lee G. Rast; brother George H. Rast; sister Nellie R. Munden and nephew Charles R. Munden.

The family will receive friends on Monday June 9, 2014 in the chapel of Beyers Funeral Home in Leesburg from 5-7 PM. Graveside services will be at 9:30 AM at Shiloh Cemetery in Fruitland Park on Tuesday June 10 and a Celebration of Life Service will follow at 11 AM at Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park with the Rev. Mike Fordham officiating. For those who wish, memorial donations may be made to: Community United Methodist Church Building Fund, 309 College Ave., Fruitland Park, FL 34731 or Cornerstone Hospice, c/o Lane Purcell Hospice House, 2452 County Road 526 E, Sumterville, FL 33585.

Visitation

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Services

A Celebration of Life Service will be held on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at 11 AM the Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park with the Rev. Mike Fordham officiating.

Interment

Graveside services will be held at 9:30 AM on Tuesday June 10, 2014 at

Shiloh Cemetery, Fruitland Park, Florida.

Memorials

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Tribute Wall



“ *William Rast*

October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Winifred, Mary Clarice, Margaret & Charlie, We express our sympathy for your and your families. We will have you in our prayers. Fred & Karen O'Brien*

Karen & Fred O'Brien - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Dear Winifred, Mary Clarice, Peggy and Charlie, You are all in our thoughts and prayers. We are so sorry to read of your loss. With Much Sympathy, Love, Linda and Jim*

Linda and Jim Raymond - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were saddened by the news of Bill's passing. Our prayers are with your mom and the entire family. We hold on to the promises of God that we will see him again in Heaven. Blessings and strength in these difficult times*

Bea & Andrew Murphy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *He was one of the finest men I have ever known and so honored to call "friend". To the family, I know Bill will be missed as he was very loved. God be with you all. Love and prayers.*

Judy Hux Rainey - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with your mom and family in this very difficult time. God gives us strength to get thru all things. May he rest in peace.. God Bless you all.*

Sue Murphy - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ *DeWinnie: You are in my prayers, I am so sorry to hear about Bill. He was always a gentleman, with a gentle and warm heart. I am truly honored to have known all of you; may he rest in peace with George and Midge. My deepest sympathy.*

Desiree Coleman-Cohrn - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *my dad Briggs Chandler worked with Bill at Sumter Motors for a number of years. Bill was a sweet man. I know him and my dad are seeing each other in heaven now and having a great time there.*

carilyn chandler mcneely - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM