



William E. LeBlanc Jr.

January 13, 1931 - July 15, 2011

St. Marys- Wm. E. LeBlanc 80, was killed, Friday, July 15, 2011 in a farm accident on the farm he lived on most of his life doing what he loved to do.

He was born January 13, 1931 at St. Marys the son of Wm. & Lucille Longtin LeBlanc. He attended Immaculate Conception Grade School and graduated from St. Marys High School in 1948.

Bill enlisted with the 174th MP unit of the St. Marys National Guard in 1948 and was activated to Ft. Sheridan, IL. He concluded his enlistment with the National Guard in 1962 as a 2nd Lt.

Mr. LeBlanc was employed by John Hardman Lumber Company, St. Marys, Kaw Lumber Company, and Whelan's Lumber Company both in Topeka, from 1951 to 1969. He retired from Payless Lumber Company in 1994 with 25 years of service. He owned and operated a cattle operation for many years. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys and Knights of Columbus Council No 657 at the church. He had been a past member of Jimmie Lillard Post No.31 of the American Legion in Rossville.

He was preceded in death by two children, Renee Leblanc, April 18, 1975 and Rex (Peggy) LeBlanc, Nov. 21, 1995. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Lila Frommelt in 2003 and a brother, Francis "Mick" LeBlanc in 2010.

He was united in marriage to Nadine Heder at Holy Family Catholic Church in Alma on February 14, 1953. She survives of the home.

Other survivors include his children William J. (Suzanne) LeBlanc, St Marys, Shelly LeBlanc, Maple Hill and David LeBlanc, St. Marys; four grandchildren, Rachel Wahl, Jesse (Paige) Brown, Philip LeBlanc and Shannon LeBlanc; two great-grandchildren, Adalynn Brown and Calvin Wayne Brown; four sisters, Agnes Montgomery and Theresa Simon both of Topeka, Rita Jones, Walkersville, MD. and Reva Wheeler, Canyon City, CO; a brother, Richard LeBlanc, Topeka.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 A.M. Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in St. Marys. Interment will follow at Mt. Calvary Cemetery, St. Marys. Mr. LeBlanc will lie in state after 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church where there will be a Prayer Vigil/Rosary recited at 7:00 P.M. Memorial contributions may be made to Make A Wish Foundation, St. Marys Museum or Immaculate Conception Youth Group and sent in care of Piper Funeral Home, 714 W. Maple St, St. Marys, KS. 66536.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Cemetery

St. Marys, KS 66536

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 19. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Immaculate Conception Catholic Church
208 Bertrand Ave
St. Marys, KS 66536

Rosary

JUL 19. 7:00 PM (CT)

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Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 20. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SS

“ *Nadine & LeBlanc Family,
Please accept our deepest sympathy in your loss. Bill was a great man. We always tried to have him help us with our needs at Payless years ago. He was so knowledgeable & the BEST salesperson they had! He will be deeply missed in the St. Marys community. Another Icon in Heaven.
The Stum's ~ Sis & Wilbur Stum, Jr.*



Sis Stum - July 25, 2011 at 09:18 AM

LG

“ *Nadine, Billy, Shelly and David, Words can not express how sad we are to hear of your loss. Bill was a wonderful man and he will be missed by more people then any of us will ever know. He was a friend to anyone he ever met. Knowing that he is with Renee and Rex is a good thing. But losing him from you lives is harder than we can explain. We are thinking about you all during this most difficult time in your lives. God please keep your arms around this family and give them the comfort they need. All of you keep those memories with you forever and no one can ever take that away from you.. Prayers to you all
Susan and Les Gordon and family*



Les and Susan Gordon - July 19, 2011 at 06:29 PM

JA

“ *Nadine & Family, Chub and I are so sorry for the loss of Bill. He will be greatly missed by everyone. Gaze at the stars at nite and know Bill is looking down on you and saying I will always be here for you all. God Bless you all.*
Chub & Jackie Acker

Jackie Acker - July 19, 2011 at 12:59 PM

CS

“ *Nadine;*
We are so sorry to hear the news. Bill was my very first boss - he gave me my first chance. He was a true mentor and friend. His memory shall live on forever.
Chris & Judi Slimm

Chris Slimm - July 19, 2011 at 09:09 AM



“ *Nadine;*

Love, Mike and Sally Koelling! I'm so sorry to hear about Bill.. He enriched the lives of so many just by knowing him. He will be remembered in our hearts FOREVER!

Mike and Sally Koelling

Sally Koelling - July 18, 2011 at 11:55 PM



JJ

“ *Nadine and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of Bill, you will be in out thoughts and prayers. I'll miss seeing him at the sale on Tuesdays.*

John and Tory Jost

John Jost - July 18, 2011 at 05:53 PM

LM

“ *Dear Nadine,*

Larry and I were so sorry to learn of Bill's passing. We have some special memories of the time we spent on a Payless trip with both of you. You and your family are in our prayers.

*Deepest sympathy,
Phyllis and Larry Morrissey*

Larry and Phyllis Morrissey - July 18, 2011 at 03:44 PM

SG

“ To the Family of Bill LeBlanc,
This note of sympathy in the loss of Bill. I was saddened to read of his passing.

I knew him through Payless Lumber. He was always kind and knowledgeable and good to deal with. I knew Rex as well and expressed my sympathy to Bill at the time of Rex's death.

Clearly, the Lord knows and cares in the hardships that we face in life. Please be assured of my prayers for you folks during this particular time.

*Sincerely,
Pastor Steve Gee*

Steve Gee - July 18, 2011 at 10:02 AM

CK

“ I extend our sympathy to the family of Bill LeBlanc at this sad time of his passingMay you feel God's love & peace in the months ahead ...

Sincerely Charlotte Kling

Charlotte Kling - July 17, 2011 at 09:21 PM

RR

“ I am sorry to hear of your loss. Carloyn and I offer our sincere sympathy and will keep Bill and your family in our prayers.

Rich and Carolyn Rehm

Rich Rehm - July 17, 2011 at 06:31 PM

RF

“ *Nadine and family, so sorry to hear of the loss of Bill, our prayers and sympathy go out to your family.*
Bob and Richard Freeby

robert charles freeby - July 17, 2011 at 04:12 PM

BH

“ *I am sorry to hear of your loss. I offer you my sympathy, and God Bless your family.*

Bob Hoferer - July 17, 2011 at 01:16 PM

WJ

“ *Nadine and family- We are so sorry for your loss. You will be in our thoughts and prayers. Wendy, Ty, Allie and Jayla Johnson*

Wendy Johnson - July 17, 2011 at 12:49 PM

JL

“ *Nadine and family, You are in my thoughts and prayers. I am sorry for your loss. May God give you courage, strength and comfort. In Christian love, Joyce Muller Lampley*

Joyce Lampley - July 17, 2011 at 10:15 AM

EB

“ Bill was one of my favorite people of all those I've met in the St. Marys area. He was genuine, good, kind, and thoughtful. He baled the best hay around and always let me know he had some of his best brome put aside for my horses. He was just here a few days ago, unloading the bales in his good humored way. He could make any conversation amusing, even about the weather. What a special and wonderful gentleman. I feel honored to have known him. I am so sorry about the accident and your very deep loss. He had the kind of spirit that will live on in all he touched. Ellen Byers

Ellen Byers - July 17, 2011 at 12:12 AM

CT

“ Bill was not only a "boss" to me but a lifelong friend! He taught me many things, from wheeling and dealing with lumber dealers to how to treat people to pull the best out of them. Anyone who worked with Bill appreciated the person he truly was. I am sad to know that Bill is no longer on this earth, but I know that God and his angels in heaven will appreciate his humor and wit. My love goes out to Nadine and Bill's family - may God be with you during this most sudden loss. Memories live on - what a blessing that is for those of us still here.
I am surely thinking of you!
Cheryl Trayer

Cheryl Trayer - July 16, 2011 at 07:44 PM



“ You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time.

Mike & Jami Piper & Staff



. - July 16, 2011 at 03:55 PM

BF

remembering Bill as a neighbor growing up as a friend to our boys, and a wonderful compassionate person.. He will be missed. Keeping you nadine and the kids in our prayers. love bernard and marge

bernard and marge fiedler - September 07, 2011 at 06:08 AM