



William Harold Casto

February 28, 1928 - November 23, 2022

William Harold Casto of St Albans, West Virginia, passed peacefully at home on November 23, 2022 at the age of 94.

Bill was born in Vinton, Ohio on February 28, 1928, the tenth of eleven children born to William Granville and Cora Alice Smith Casto. He is preceded in death by seven brothers and two sisters. He is survived by one sister.

After graduating from Vinton High School in 1945 Bill enlisted in the United States Army and was stationed in Tachikawa, Japan with the 5th US Army Air Force from 1946 to 1948. After his discharge he attended Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio, graduating in 1953 with a degree in Chemical Engineering.

Bill married the love of his life, Fran, in May 1951 and sacrificially loved and enjoyed life with Fran for over 71 remarkable years until her death on August 23, 2022. Theirs was a marriage blessed by God.

Bill started his professional career at the Union Carbide Institute Plant in 1953. He worked as a chemical engineer for over 35 years and it brought him a sense of joy and accomplishment.

Bill, together with Fran, raised three children: Kevin (Vicki) Casto, Kim (Agnes)

Casto and Melissa (Tom) Rice. His first ministry was to his family. He had eight grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren whom he was able to know, love, and enjoy.

Bill served and was involved in the Lakeview United Methodist Church, St Albans, of which he was a charter member. He used his gifts to serve with integrity and had a profound impact on many.

In Bill's retirement years, he generously gave of his time and resources. He blessed many with woodworking projects, acts of kindness, or a helping hand. His kind disposition touched many people. He was a lifelong learner and a great storyteller with a wonderful sense of humor and wit. All of that made him a joy to be around. He will be greatly missed by many.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Friday at Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, St. Albans and one hour prior to the funeral service at the church.

Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Lakeview United Methodist Church, St. Albans, WV with Pastor Kerry Bart officiating.

Graveside service will follow at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, December 3, 2022 at Vinton Memorial Cemetery, Vinton, Ohio.

You can visit Bill's tribute page at bartlettnicholsfuneralhome.com to share condolences or memories with the family.

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home, family owned and located at 409 Sixth Ave.,

St. Albans is
honored to serve the Casto family.

Cemetery Details

Vinton Memorial Cemetery

Vinton, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 2. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Funeral Service

DEC 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

Lakeview United Methodist Church
2624 East Parkview Drive
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall

DK

“ I lived near Mr. Casto (in Riverlake) in the 80s and 90s, I remember riding my bike by his house and always seeing his garage open while sawing away with some woodworking project. Often he smiled / waived. As a kid, that really intrigued me & provided a strong memory and nudge to gain interest in woodworking. Blessings to your family! DK

DK - April 06, 2023 at 08:09 PM

KA

“ Sincere condolences to the Casto family on the passing of William Harold Casto.
Bev & Ken Allison



Ken Allison - December 03, 2022 at 09:34 AM

KB

“ I was 26 when I lost my own father suddenly. I was working on the hill at Carbide and Bill was in my group. He became my "adopted dad" shortly after that. When he retired and Gary and I moved to Spartanburg, SC, Bill and Fran made many trips to visit us and the outlet stores & for peaches. When checking out one day at the shirt factory, the clerk asked me if this was my dad - I said it's my adopted dad and it got a big smile from Bill and I think it really touched him as he talked about it later and told me how it made him feel. I always sent him a Father's Day card. Bill & Fran were so special to me...and to everyone around them. I now have two more angels to talk to and be assured that I will.

Karen & Gary Burgess, Charlotte NC

Karen Burgess - December 02, 2022 at 06:45 PM

DC

“ Duane, Becky, Oriana and Chuck purchased the [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) for the family of William Harold Casto.

Duane, Becky, Oriana and Chuck - December 02, 2022 at 12:39 PM

KB

“ I will forever remember every Sunday at Church, finding Mr. Casto to get a piece of juicy fruit or wrigleys spearmint gum that he always had in his shirt pocket. He was absolutely one of the BEST men I have known. Karen

karen bowyer - December 02, 2022 at 12:38 PM

DA

“ I sure hated to hear of Bill's passing. I miss my friend and neighbor as well as seeing his and Fran's empty house. He was a great man and was always willing to help others in need. His family gave him great joy and I often thought of just how blessed he was for having so much love around him. As with most long marriages, when one departs this earth, the other understandably has a tremendous burden of loss. I am thankful he didn't suffer for a long time and he and Fran (he would strongly agree the glue of the marriage)are now reunited.I witnessed great care and love from his three adult children and the grand/great grand children as well. Thanks for 23 years of being a great neighbor Bill. Denny

Denny Arnett - December 02, 2022 at 09:33 AM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of William Harold Casto.*



December 02, 2022 at 07:30 AM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William Harold Casto.*



December 01, 2022 at 09:02 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William Harold Casto.*



December 01, 2022 at 04:18 PM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with the family of Bill and Fran Casto. We were neighbors for years on Scenic/ Walk Drive. Bill spent time with our girls and showed them how he was building various woodworking items. Our daughter Emily spent a lot of time in the drive way watching him. Bill and Fran will always be special in the hearts of our family. They brought a huge positive light into the world. The Rezek's*

Janis & Alan Rezek - December 01, 2022 at 03:05 PM

CD

“ *CU Science & Math Department purchased the Sweet Tranquility Basket for the family of William Harold Casto.*



CU Science & Math Department - December 01, 2022 at 02:45 PM

JS

“ *Só sorry to hear of Mr Casto's passing. He was one of the nicest people I ever met. He was one of my customers at Chase Bank in St Albans & through our conversations learned we were cousins. His mother and my great grand mother Della Mae Smith Faber were sisters. He brought me family information and photos and I will be forever grateful. Sending prayers for his loved ones during this difficult time.*

Jean Ann Raines Shannon - November 30, 2022 at 10:33 PM

HB

“ *A truly wonderful man, that I never meet in person. We were e-mail pals, since 2015. We shared the same DNA as a Casto. That's how we got to know each other. He had wonderful stories to tell me about my family, well "Our" family, that I have printed and will remember.*

Holli L Bush - November 30, 2022 at 09:23 PM

BO

“ Bill & Melissa Onks purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of William Harold Casto.



Bill & Melissa Onks - November 30, 2022 at 06:03 PM

MO

“ Bill and Fran were two of the kindest people I have ever known. I worked with Bill for several years and it was always a pleasure. He absolutely was so friendly and spread joy everywhere he went. I was so sad to hear of his passing. I actually got to speak with him just two weeks ago with plans to see him in the spring on my next trip up to WV. He is the only person I ever worked with who got by with calling me by my childhood nickname. And it came across as an endearment from him. I loved him and Fran and will miss them both so very much.

Melissa Onks - November 30, 2022 at 05:53 PM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Harold Casto.



November 30, 2022 at 05:10 PM



“ *Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of William Harold Casto.*



November 30, 2022 at 01:50 PM



“ *Bill & Fran Casto were two of the nicest people I have ever met. They were a wonderful couple, always having a smile and a hug to give. I will miss them both. Our church will miss them. Sending prayers to family and friends.*

Mona Iddings - November 30, 2022 at 12:52 PM



“ *My heart goes out to his family. Billy and I were born 3 days apart. He and I went through school together and graduated High School. I was privileged to visit with him in my home in Vinton two weeks before his passing. He will be missed by all who knew him. He being my first cousin shared many fond memories.*

Mary Edmiston Lanier - November 28, 2022 at 04:04 PM



So sorry to read of Bill's passing. He was a God's child who lived life to the fullest every day. His humor, compassion, work ethic and love of family and God were a true example of how to live life. He taught all of us so much. He will be missed by all who knew him. My prayers for his family at this most difficult time.

Bill Bryan - November 29, 2022 at 10:05 AM

TK

So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He was such a great person. I worked with Bill at CDI in the late '90's. Bill walked in my office right after my grandmother passed and could tell there was something wrong. He shut my office door and I just burst out crying hysterically. He calmed me down, provided excellent advice to get through this difficult time in my life, and we remained friends since then, keeping in touch through email and the occasional visit. Fran was also a wonderful person. If there were more people in this world as kind and caring as Bill and Fran, the world would be a better place. I often think of Bill and will miss him terribly as I'm sure anyone who got to know either of them will. Sympathy and prayers to his family.

Terra King

Terra King - December 05, 2022 at 01:12 PM