



William "Bill" W. Longenecker

March 30, 1928 - December 9, 2019

William W. "Bill" Longenecker, 91, of Mount Joy, joined the great cloud of witnesses on Monday, December 9, 2019 at his residence. Born on the farm in Mount Joy Township, he was the son of the late William W. and Barbara G. Wolgemuth Longenecker. Bill was the husband of Peggy Smith Longenecker with whom he celebrated 60 years of marriage this past July 25th.

Bill was ordained in the Church of the Brethren where he served as pastor of 4 congregations. He was interim pastor at 6 congregations while farming, raising sheep and using the property to host day camps, reunions, Jesus People, baptisms and other gatherings. He held 180 preaching missions in 13 different states. He enjoyed woodworking and kept most of the Risser Mill covered bridge after the 2002 fire to make wood crafts.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Peggy, are two children, Tom Longenecker, husband of Cyndi Leard Longenecker of Derry Township and Kathy Longenecker Nornhold, wife of Richard Nornhold of Mount Joy; five grandchildren, Maura and Bella Longenecker and Anna, Seth and Liam Nornhold; and two sisters, Ethel Shelly of Manheim and Verdella Spickler of Mount Joy.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Arthur, Earl, Ellen, Chester, Mildred, Lineaus, Samuel and Dorothy.

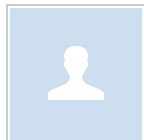
A funeral service honoring Bill's life will be held on Sunday, December 15, 2019 at Florin Church of the Brethren, 815 Bruce Avenue, Mount Joy at 4 PM. Family and friends will be received on Saturday, December 14, 2019 at the Sheetz Funeral Home, Inc. 16 East Main Street, Mount Joy from 3 PM to 5 PM and again on Sunday before the service at the church from 3 PM to 4 PM. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, PO Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604.

Tribute Wall



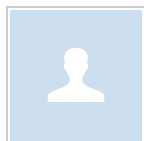
“ Some people should live forever so they could continue to be a witness of Christ's saving love. My father"Joe Whitacre" and Bill had a long-lasting friendship through their many times of conducting evangelistic meetings. It was always a delight to interact with Bill, ever since I was a teenager and continuing into my adulthood. I am now 84! Bill's compassion, dedication and passion to bring the unsaved souls into a new life made quite an impression on me. I'm thankful that Bill's spirit is still alive. We have the assurance that we will meet again!Sincerely, Joyce Whitacre Bohn

Joyce Whitacre Bohn - December 14, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ William "Bill" W. Longenecker

December 13, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ William "Bill" W. Longenecker

December 12, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ RIP MR. LONGENECKER. WILL TREASURE THE CROSS YOU MADE FROM THE BRIDGE IN MOUNT JOY THAT BURNED. IT IS WITH US HERE IN IRELAND NOW. SYMPATHIES TO YOUR WIFE AND FAMILY. I GRADUATED WITH YOUR SON TOM FROM DONEGAL CLASS OF 1984. LOVE TO YOU WIFE PEGGY AND TO YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY FROM IRELAND. WILL NEVER FORGET THE DAY ON THE FARM WITH YOU AND OUR AWESOME CONVERSATIONS AND THE HOLY MAN YOU ARE AND WERE. YOU REPRESENTED GOD TO US AND WE ARE HUMBLY GRATEFUL. GOD BLESSED US WITH YOU AND NOW WITH A JOB WELL DONE WE ASK FOR YOUR GUARDIANSHIP OVER THIS WORLD AND ALL THE EVIL THAT EXISTS. LOVE FROM DENNIS KENDELL YATES AND KENNETH GLENN HARTMAN.

DENNIS KENDELL YATES AND KENNETH GLENN HARTMAN - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *William "Bill" W. Longenecker*

December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Peg, Kathy, and Tom, I am so sorry to hear of your loss. May you be blessed with all of the wonderful memories that you have created over the years. I know how difficult it is to lose a family member so close to the holidays, we did the same on 12/10/09 with my father. May Christmas be a time of gathering to cope as a family, sharing some of your cherished moments and preparing to hold new traditions, as you continue to enjoy each and every moment with those that we hold close. Sincerely, Lynne (Williams) Sweitzer*

Lynne (Williams) Sweitzer - December 11, 2019 at 12:00 AM