



## Leonard ""Bill"" Grove

October 20, 2014

Leonard ""Bill"" Grove, 86 of Edinburg passed away Sunday, October 19, 2014 at his home. Service will be Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 11:00 am First Church of Columbia Furnace. Reverends Brian Duncan and Earl Painter will officiate. Friends and family will be received at the church one hour prior to service. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Friends and family viewing will be from 12:00 to 5:00 on Tuesday, October 21st at the funeral home. Mr. Grove was born January 10, 1928 to the late Earl Grove and Mary Ellen Sager Grove. Bill was a member of First Church of Columbia Furnace in Edinburg, VA. Bill centered his life around his faith in God and love of family. He married his true love 64 years ago and always said God meant for them to be together. They went onto have two daughters, two grandchildren and five great grandchildren. Bill owned and operated Groves Used Cars and Automotive Repair Shop with his wife, Peggy, for 34 years. Bill and Peggy always appreciated and felt truly blessed by the loyalty of their customers throughout those years. At the age of 53, Bill retired to the farm in Ridge Hollow to do what he loved with his son in law, Wayne, by his side. He then shared that love of farming with his grandson Jeremy and they worked the farm together up until the last 3 years. These last 3 years Bill has closely supervised from the porch as Jeremy carries his legacy on with the great grandchildren. Bill always wanted to make sure his daughters and grandchildren would have a place at the farm. Bill's other love was hunting and it wasn't much that would keep him from it. Up to the age of 82 you still

could not keep up with him in the mountain. The love of hunting is something he also shared with his family. Bill always said his "'cup runneth over with the blessings of God, love of his wife and support of his family'". The family feels truly honored to have been able to keep him at home in these last days and care for him as he cared for them always. Survived by his wife, Peggy Sine Grove, married 64 years. Daughters, Karen Grove Viar and husband Wayne and Brenda Grove Gerhardt and husband Nick , both of Edinburg, a sister Grace Darlene Grove Miller of Edinburg, VA, Grandchildren, Jeremy Viar and wife Cheryl , Amber Viar Holzbauer and husband Jeff , both of Edinburg, VA Great grandchildren: Mikayla Viar, Mariyah Viar, Tyler Holzbauer, Ryleigh Grace Holzbauer, and Jeremy Wyatt Viar. Roxie Grove Estep, sister in law, who came to live with them at a young age. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers, Clyde Bly, Ralph Grove, Winifred Grove, and Carroll Grove; 2 sisters, Mary Frances Grove Day and Charlotte Grove. The family sends out a special thank you for the support from the members of First Church and Pastor Brian Duncan, the support of the community, the continuing care of Blue Ridge Hospice. In remembrance of Bill, those who wish to make contributions to First Church of Columbia Furnace Building Fund: Treasurer, Janet George 674 Back Rd, Woodstock VA 22664 or Blue Ridge Hospice of Winchester. Pallbearers will be Jeremy Viar, Wayne Viar, Nick Gerhardt, Jeff Holzbauer, Tyler Holzbauer, Jeremy Wyatt Viar and Branson Ritchie. Honorary pallbearers will be Jeff Grove, Andy Bly, William Miller, Gary Miller, D.J. Viar, and John Reynolds.

# Tribute Wall

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“Peggy and Girls, I am so sorry for the loss of your beloved husband and father. My husband and I recently moved into the Dellinger Farmhouse and I wanted so many times to just stop in and say hello to Bill and Peggy but I just never had the time. I would see Bill sitting on the porch in his chair and he would always wave everytime I passed by. I always got a kick out of seeing him driving up and down the road, when I knew he shouldnt be but I just smiled and shook my head. I found it to be amusing that he hadnt changed any in all the years I was gone. I know how hard this time is for you and your family. If you need anything at all please dont hesitate to stop by and let us know. Hugs and Prayers going out to you and your families. Melissa Dellinger Richman

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**Melissa Dellinger Richman** - October 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM

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“Peggy & family, So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We knew him for a long time, he always knew you wherever he saw you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Pray that the Good Lord wraps his arms around you and comfort you. God Bless you, Virginia & Bobby Rhinehart.

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**Virginia Rhinehart** - October 20, 2014 at 12:00 AM