



Fred Bushong

April 11, 1915 - May 1, 2013

Fred Bushong passed on Wednesday, May 1st, at his home in Beecher. Born April 11th, 1915, Fred grew up in Streator, Illinois, with his sister and two brothers, Mary, Richard, and William. His parents were Mary Teresa and Walter Scott Bushong. Well known for his cheerful and outgoing personality, Fred was a teacher, craftsman, golfer, and lover of cowboy stories. He also served our country during WWII in the United States Army Air Force. Fred met his wife, Violet Garner, in 1948, while they were both teaching in the Beecher public schools. Fred sang his way into Violet's heart (he loved music, too), and they married shortly after. In 1949, Fred and Violet moved to Oregon where Fred completed his Master's Degree in Industrial Arts at Oregon State University. Fred and Violet returned to Illinois, and Fred continued his teaching career at Peotone High School, where he taught school for 32 years and also coached the golf team. Beloved father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, Fred had a unique talent for story-telling. His 6 children, 14 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren can attest to that. Just ask his two sons, Walter Scott Bushong, Michael Bushong (Beth), four daughters, Nora Larimer (Preston), Rachel Arasin (Joe), Becky Stevens (Peter), and Sarah Taylor (Kit), or one of his many grandchildren. Fred's captivating and well-loved stories, as well as the inspiring strength of character he exemplified throughout his life, have made an enduring impression on all who knew him. Fred will long be remembered with gratitude, love, and appreciation. Notes of condolence or appreciation can be sent to the family at PO Box 414 in Beecher. Send emails

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Tribute Wall

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“ *My sincere sympathies to entire Bushong family during this difficult time.*

RaeAnn Hartke Minter - October 02, 2019 at 07:05 PM

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“ *Scott, Mike, Nora, Rachel, Becky and Sarah- My sympathy and condolences on the loss of your father. I remember spending time at your home during high school, and he was always quite tolerant of our nonsense. I know he will be greatly missed.*

Ruth Bernhard Herzog - October 02, 2019 at 07:05 PM

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“ *i remember nora and sarah from school. my condolences to the family.*

Lorie

lorie baker - October 02, 2019 at 07:05 PM