



Hill Bernard

February 14, 2011

Bernard "Hunky" Hill November 23, 1933 - February 14, 2011 Bernard "Hunky" "Sonny" Lyle Hill, 77, of Wayne, Ohio died on Monday in his home after a long battle with cancer. He was born November 23, 1933 in Napoleon, Ohio to the late George and Cora (Flint) Hill. On July 20, 1968 he married Mary Lee Eberle in Florida, Ohio, and she survives. He is also survived by children; Daniel Hill, Wayne; Lynda Hill, Fostoria, Ohio; Synthia (Ed) Mahler, Risingsun, Ohio; Vonna (Joe) Bridges, Ramona, North Carolina; Charline (Don) Crispen, Rossford, Ohio; Jenny Hill, Wayne; Debra Hill, Naples, Florida; grandchildren, Daniel; Dianna; Renee; Scott; Traci; Jeremiah; Adam; Tyler and Justine; great-grandchildren, Julia; Zackery; Noah; Madilyn; Alison and Addison; brothers, Larry (Ruth) Hill; Fred (Evelyn) Hill; sisters, Lois Mahnke; Shirley Boyett; Bonnie (Bill) Shafer; Doris Ann Rippee, Janet Scott and Becky Martinez; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Don (Joyce) Eberle; Charles (Estelle) Eberle; Tom (Debbie) Eberle; Sheryl (Jim) Dobbelaere; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by brother, William; sister, Eunice; father and mother-in-law, Don & Jeanette Eberle; and brothers-in-law; George Mahnke; Pete Boyett and Lee Martinez. Bernard attended Malinta-Grelton School. He served in the U.S. Army with the Heavy Tank 7th Infantry Regiment during the Korean War. He started working at a young age for Pohlman Farms, often feeding cattle before and after school. In later years he raised his own cattle, pigs, chickens and ducks. He always had one or two dogs following him and though he never liked cats, the past four years, his

special friend Spike, slept on his lap part of the day. Bernard started working in the construction field in his teens. He was a 50+ year member of the International Union of Operating Engineers, working with District 2, Toledo. In 1985 he formed B Hill'z Excavating, Inc. with Steve Zachmann. He retired in 1995, and sold his share to Steve; who continues to run the business. Hunky was an excellent heavy equipment operator, and enjoyed running his dozer, excavator and tractors even when his health made it hard to get on the seats. Bernard loved the outdoors, raising a big garden every year to share with family and friends. He enjoyed being in the woods and planted many trees. He liked hunting, fishing, spending time at his cabin, and playing cards; his favorite games were pinochle, poker and rummy. After retirement, you could find him most mornings at the Friendship drinking coffee and talking with his buddies. He loved spending time with his grandchildren, giving them rides on the gator, picking vegetables, hunting and just being with them. He was a member of Wayne Church of Christ and considered Minister John a good friend; and Bradner American Legion. Services are 11:00 a.m., Thursday at Rodenberger Funeral Home, Napoleon, with Minister John Amstutz officiating. Graveside Military Honors will follow in the Cole Cemetery, Florida. Visitation is 3-8 p.m., Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials to Bridge Hospice; Wayne Church of Christ or Wayne Public Library. www.rodenbergerfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



“ Mary Lee this has been a long road for the both of you. My heart goes out to two great people. You will talk for years of Hunky and you'll laugh and cry. That is the power of healing. Our sincere sympathies to all the families.##imported-begin##Becky And Hoppy Sickmiller##imported-end##

February 20, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you throughout your journey. Grandpa on the farm was an amazing person, who lived a beautiful life. We are eternally grateful he (and grandma on the farm) raised a wonderful daughter that touches our lives daily. May the lord continue to guide you and bring you strength.##imported-begin##Krista And Kent Samuelson##imported-end##

February 18, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Mary Lee, I'm sorry to hear about Hunky. So glad that I did get to see him when he was feeling better. I know that my Dad thought the world of him. He was a great guy. This is a really rough time, but God always helps us to find that peace that we need. Love Jean##imported-begin##Jean Keller##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ Sorry for your loss your in our thoughts n prayers##imported-begin##Jon & Keri Little##imported-end##

February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mary&Family Our Deepest Sympathies, Bill will be deeply missed by our family.##imported-begin##Deb & Rab Stiger##imported-end##*

February 17, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Renee and family, my deepest sympathies. Prayers for your whole family.##imported-begin##April Meeker-rath##imported-end##*

February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *We were so sorry to learn of Bernard's passing. He will truly be missed by all who knew him as friend and neighbor. Our thoughts and prayers go out to you during this difficult time. May God bless.##imported-begin##Harley & Dawn Tyson##imported-end##*

February 16, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *Please know that you are in our hearts and prayers. Our deepest sympathy,The Skala FamilyTim, Lori, Zachmann & Graci##imported-begin##Lori Skala##imported-end##*

February 15, 2011 at 12:00 AM



“ *God our Father,We thank you for Bernie, the years we shared with him, the good we saw in him, the love we received from him. Now give us strength and courage to leave him in your care, confident in your promise of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.With Heart felt sympathy##imported-begin##Frank & Mary Weasel##imported-end##*

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“ Thinking of all of you in your time of sorrow. He was a great man and will be missed by many.##imported-begin##Julie Kauffman##imported-end##

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“ I am deeply sorry for your loss. My prayers are with you during this time. Stay strong and know that GOD is with you now and always.##imported-begin##Melissa Benedict##imported-end##

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“ Very sorry to hear about your loss, our prayers are with you in this time of grief.##imported-begin##Chuck & Rochelle Meyer##imported-end##

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“ To Mary Lee and the entire Hill family, Our deepest condolences for the loss of your cherished loved one. May God bless each and every one of you. From Mike Cooper and Family##imported-begin##Mike Cooper##imported-end##

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“ I am very sorry for your loss. May you find peace and love in the memories you cherish.##imported-begin##Virginia Monroe##imported-end##

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“ Rely on GOD for all your needs. *Psalm 91* 1 He who dwells in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust.”
Gene Sherman

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