



# Eugene J. "Red" Billman

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## Eugene J. "Red" Billman

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Eugene J. "Red" Billman, age 84 of Batesville, died Monday, December 2, 2013 at his home. Born May 25, 1929 in Batesville, he is the son of Lena (Nee: Eckstein) and Charles Billman Sr. He married Ruth Weisenbach October 23, 1954 at St. Anthony's Church in Morris, Indiana. Red served in the army during the Korean War as a medic. He was a member of the Batesville V.F.W. and lifelong member of St. Louis Church. After the service, he would work for the Western Furniture Company, the NYC Railroad, Wilbur Siebert Trucking, the Koester Dairy and Batesville Casket Company. He was the second driver to be hired by the casket company. In 1954 he went to work for the Batesville Telephone Company as a lineman, where he would retire from in 1991 after 37 years. In those 37 years with mergers and acquisitions the phone company went from the Batesville Telephone Company, to the Public Telephone Company, to the Indiana Telephone Company, to Contel and finally GTE. Red was the only employee to work under all five companies and was honored for it with a plaque. Red loved the simple life. An avid gardener, he delighted in sharing his bounty with friends and neighbors. He also loved to fish and liked touring the town with that big catfish in a washtub to show off. Additionally, he enjoyed building birdhouses and bird shelters so he could give them away. He is survived by his wife Ruth; daughters Lynn (Don) Howe of Grand Rapids, Michigan, Kay Lohmeier of East Peoria, Illinois; sons Brent Billman of Hamilton, Ohio, Dale (Kristen) Billman of Indianapolis, Indiana, Luke (Melanie) Billman of Brandon, Mississippi and grandchildren Austin, Q. Steven and Cassie Lohmeier, Tyler Howe and Kyle, Kaitlin, Callie and Mathis Billman. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded death by his sister Viola Prickel and brother Charles Billman Jr. Visitation is Monday, December 9th, from 9 – 11 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will follow at 11:30 a.m. at the St. Louis Church with Rev. John Geis Officiating. Burial will be in the church cemetery with military rites conducted by the Batesville V.F.W. Post



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#3183 and the Prell-Bland American Legion Post #271. The family requests memorials to the Lil Kennel Scholarship Fund at St. Louis School.



## Tribute Wall

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DO

**Dorothy Loew Cameron Of Columbus, Ohio** posted:

Dear Ruth, Everything--from high school on--I ever heard about Red was GOOD. Sympathy in your and our loss.Dodo

December 13 at 8:00 PM

BB

**Bill Hartman Of Batesville** posted:

Sorry to hear of Red passing away. He was a good one. Know that your family is in our daily prayers. Love Bill Hartman

December 8 at 8:00 PM

CI

**Clarke Zeigler Of Fishers, Indiana** posted:

Mrs. Billman please accept my deepest condolences. We are lifting you and your family up in prayers and pray that you find comfort. Blessings, Clarke and Valerie Zeigler

December 4 at 8:00 PM

MI

**Monica Siefker Of Bloomington, Indiana** posted:

Extending our deepest sympathies to you, Aunt Ruth, and to all of your family. We promise our continued prayers for all of you. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Perpetual Light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.All our love, Dale & Monica Siefker & Family

December 4 at 8:00 PM

MB

**Mary Wernke Of Batesville** posted:

Ruth and family,You are in my thoughts and prayers. Those we love don't go away. They walk beside us everyday. May the Holy Spirit help you remember the good times and walk with you during the tough times.You have my sympathy,Mary

December 2 at 8:00 PM



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