



Bill Butler

October 8, 1928 - August 16, 2012

Mr. Bill Butler of Brush Creek, TN passed away on August 13, 2012 at Summit Medical Center. Born Billy Ray Butler in the Gladdice Community of Jackson County on October 8, 1928, he was the eldest son of Carlos Frank Butler and Laura Betty Russell Butler who both preceded him in death. He married Helyn Hudson Sheppard on January 10, 1954 at the Hartsville United Methodist Church. Helyn preceded him in death on October 29, 2006 after 52 years of marriage. He was also preceded by his Brother, Charles Butler in 2010. Bill was a member of the New Middleton United Methodist Church since 1964. A life-long farmer, Bill and Helyn made their home in Brush Creek. He enjoyed raising, working, and showing mules and won hundreds of blue ribbons and championships. Bill possessed a remarkable memory and could recall countless mules he had worked beginning when he was 7 years old. He participated in shows and parades as long as he was able. He will always be remembered as honest and hardworking. Mr. Butler is survived by his Children: Elizabeth (Duane) Cates of Gallatin, TN; Barbara (Jim) Fuller of Lebanon, TN; Tommy (Connie) Butler of Pleasant Shade, TN; Bryan Butler of Brush Creek, TN; Step-Children; Bill (Harriette) Sheppard of Detroit, MI; and Susan (Tom) Hedges of Berkeley, CA. Grandchildren; Casey, Kelli, Sarah, Cristi, Laura, Emily, Matt, Mike, and David; Great-Grandchildren; Davis, Ava, Ethan, and Lily Grace; Sister; Bonnie Woodard; Brothers; Bobby, James, and Harold Butler. Funeral Services for Mr. Butler are scheduled to be conducted Thursday, August 16, 2012 at 1PM at the Gordonsville Chapel of Bass

Funeral Homes. Bro. Floyd Massey will officiate and Interment will follow in the Brush Creek Cemetery. Visitation with the Butler family will be held on Wednesday from 2 PM to 8 PM and on Thursday after 10 AM until service time at 1 PM. In lieu of flowers, the Butler Family requests donations in Bill's memory be made to the New Middleton United Methodist Church or the Brush Creek Cemetery. BASS FUNERAL HOME, GORDONSVILLE CHAPEL, DIRECTORS.