



## William (Bill) Lee O'Brien

March 14, 1931 - April 27, 2015

William (Bill) Lee O'Brien, 84, of Holden Missouri, passed away Monday, April 27, 2015 at his home.

Bill was oldest of 2 children born to Richard Lee O'Brien and Laura Murray Tackett O'Brien in Kingsville MO on March 14, 1931. He graduated from Holden High School in 1949 and lived in the Holden area all his life. As a Corporal in the United States Marine Corp. he was a radio telegraph operator during the Korean Conflict.

He was preceded in death by wives, Patsy Jane Greer O'Brien on January 20, 1964 and Sandra Marie Sechrest O'Brien on April 5, 2007. Bill was also preceded in death by both parents; his sister, Goldie Elaine O'Brien Callahan; daughter, Carol Ann O'Brien Hammond; son-in-law Paul Peterson.

Bill was a Kansas City Star Carrier for 18 years followed by a 23-year career at Stahl Specialty Company. He was a member of the American Legion Post #90 for 54 years. He was one of the original founders of the Holden Gun Club and competitively shot trap for over 50 years. He enjoyed fishing and talking on the CB Radio.

He is survived by daughters; Sherry Lynn O'Brien Peterson, Lisbeth Jean O'Brien Thomason (Sam), Tammy Sue O'Brien Thompson (Charles), sons; Timothy Lee O'Brien, and Michael Todd O'Brien (Kelly). He had 9 grandchildren, 6 great-grand children, 1 aunt (Erlene O'Brien) many cousins, 2 nephews, and lots of friends. He was known affectionately as "Mr. Bill" by extended family.

A memorial service will be held Saturday May 2, 2015 at Ben Cast & Son Wood Funeral Home in Holden.

Visitation is at 11a.m. - 12 noon, with funeral services immediately following. Military Honors with burial at Holden Cemetary. Memorial contributions are suggested to Holden American Legion Post # 90 or Camp Valor in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## Holden Cemetery

West 10th Street  
Holden, MO 64040

# Previous Events

## Visitation

**MAY 2.** 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Stewart Family Funeral Home Inc. DBA:Campbell-Cast Funeral Home  
407 South Pine Street  
Holden, MO 64040  
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stewartfamilyfuneralhome@gmail.com  
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## Service

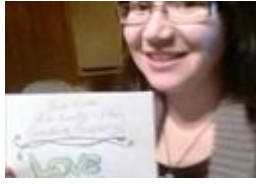
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# Tribute Wall

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**sherry peterson** - May 02, 2015 at 12:23 AM

CB

“ *My memories of Mr. O'Brien are wonderfully fond ones. His oldest daughter was one of my dearest friends, and during high school we spent a lot of time together. I especially remember the summer Carol and I ran that paper route for him so he could take a long, much needed vacation. What a hoot! He was a kind, gentle soul, and I'm sure he and Carol are having a nice reunion. My thoughts and prayers are with Sherry, Jeanie, and the rest of his family.*

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**Connie Beach** - May 01, 2015 at 09:51 PM

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**sherry peterson** - May 01, 2015 at 02:50 PM

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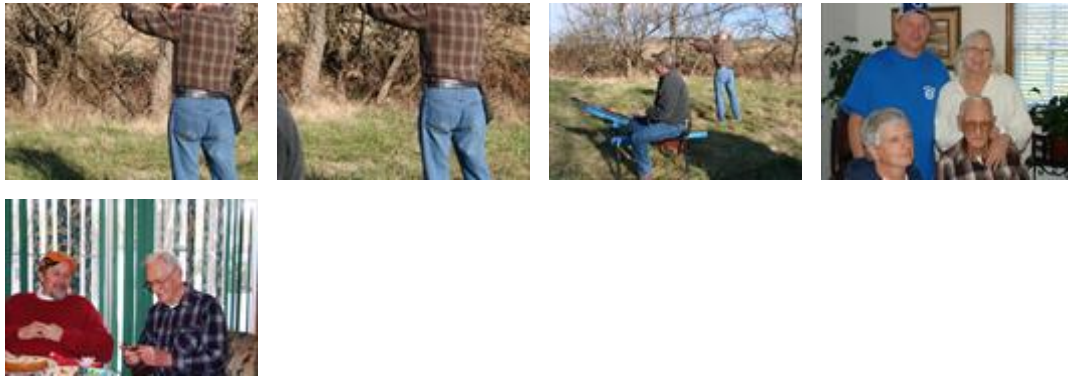
“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of William (Bill) Lee O'Brien.



May 01, 2015 at 10:26 AM

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sherry peterson - May 01, 2015 at 03:25 AM

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sherry peterson - May 01, 2015 at 02:39 AM



“ *Mr Bill was a wonderful man. He had a heart of gold and was always there for me and my daughter. He made my mothers last years happier than anything. thank you mr Bill for everything you brought into our family. I told you once that you were the best and you always will be and will never be forgotten. We love you and will miss you and your good advice.*



Kim Fox-Gerdes - April 30, 2015 at 05:36 PM

SB

“ *Just wanted to let the family know how sorry we are for the loss of a wonderful man. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all . Sincerely Dennis and Suzan Brown*

Suzan Brown - April 30, 2015 at 03:56 PM

JB

“ Mr. Bill, as all of moms kids affectionately called him, truly made our mother the happiest I had ever seen her. She finally had a husband who treated her like a woman should be treated - with love and respect. He accepted all of us kids as his own and enjoyed all the grandchildren and great grandchildren. He spoke from his heart and didn't mind if you had a different opinion - but his was always the right one - tee hee. He was always willing to help and didn't look at us as if weren't part of his family. Thank you Mr. Bill for making our moms last years here on this earth the happiest she ever had. You are loved and will be missed. By all of your stepchildren and stepgrandchildren.  
Julie Brown

Julie Brown - April 30, 2015 at 08:56 AM

RS

“ Mr Bill was an excellent husband to my mother. I appreciate how he made her feel loved and secure. He was a wonderful care taker, making mom as comfortable as possible while her health was deteriorating. He accepted moms kids as if we were his own. Loving and supporting us in what ever made us happy. He absolutely adored my kids, and all of his grand kids. I have many wonderful memories of Mr Bill and I am proud to call him my step dad. I could not have asked for a better man to love my mom and us kids. I love him and will truly miss him.

Robin Stevenson - April 30, 2015 at 08:34 AM

SW

“ Scotty And Paula Walker lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Lee O'Brien



Scotty and Paula Walker - April 29, 2015 at 10:50 PM

JA

“ So sorry for your loss. Bill had a caring heart and would help anyone. Hold onto your memories and God will see you through this. In my thoughts and prayers. Jennifer Adams



Jennifer Adams - April 29, 2015 at 07:44 PM

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sherry peterson - April 29, 2015 at 05:41 PM

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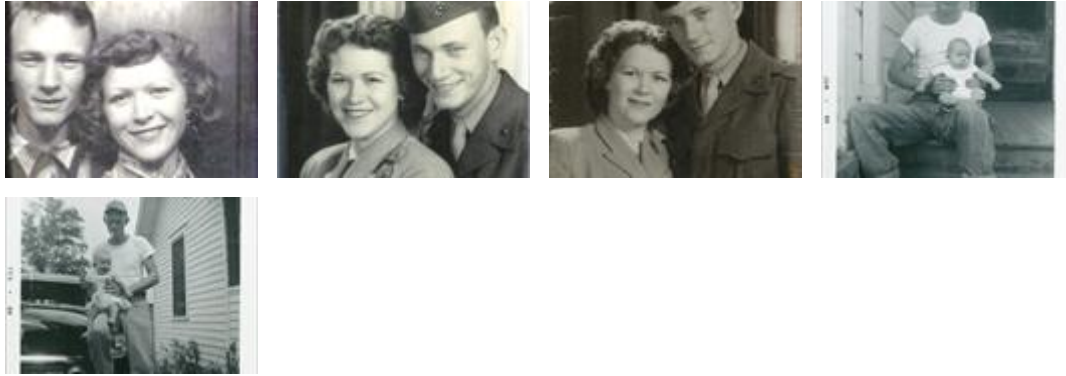


*Mr Bill had a heart of gold and will be dearly missed by all*

**Kim Fox-Gerdes** - April 30, 2015 at 05:16 PM

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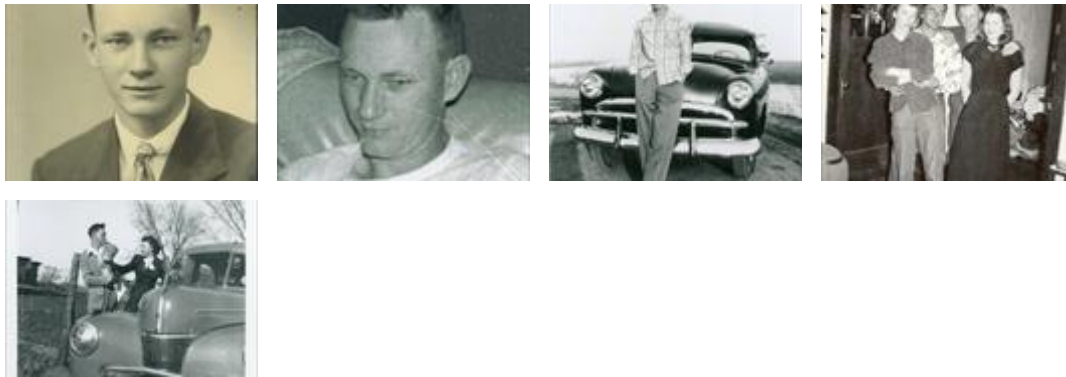
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sherry peterson - April 29, 2015 at 05:31 PM

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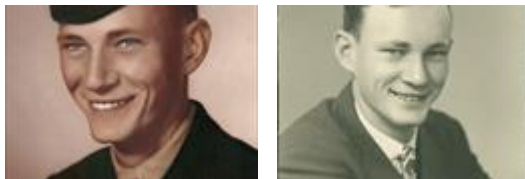
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Sherry Peterson - April 29, 2015 at 04:17 PM

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Sherry Peterson - April 29, 2015 at 02:39 PM

ML

“ So many good memories to mention. Sorry for your loss he will be missed by so many.

Mary Ann Locke - April 28, 2015 at 05:57 PM