

## Bill Grant

September 10, 1933 - November 15, 2016

Bill Grant, age 83, of Bolivar, Missouri was reunited with the love of his life, Eulala in heaven on November 15, 2016. Bill, the son of Lester M & Lora Morton Grant was born on September 10, 1933 in Springfield, Missouri. He was raised on the farm in Morrisville, along with his older sister Susanne and younger brother Mark. Bill was baptized at the Brighton Baptist Church at an early age. He graduated from Marion C Early in 1951, continuing on to Southwest Missouri State where he met Eulala Bray. They were married on November 13, 1954 and celebrated 60 years before her death 1 yr and 10 months ago.

Bill and Eulala came to Polk County to start a dairy farm where they raised a son Kelly and daughter Kim. He actively pursued his passion for farming and his beef cattle operation continues to this day.

Together, Bill and Eulala founded Bill Grant Ford-Mercury in 1976. This year, the dealership is celebrating 40 years in business.

Bill served on the Morrisville School Board, Production Credit Association board, and Southern Division Board for Mid-America Dairyman. He was active in the Bolivar community, serving as a founding investor and board member of Bank of Bolivar, and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Bill and Eulala enjoyed traveling on many Heart of the Ozarks Model T Club tours in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas, & Colorado in the 90's. Together, they hosted the national tour of 200 Model T's visiting Bolivar in 1994.

Bill was a charter member of the International Harvester Tractor Collectors Association and enjoyed attending Red Power Roundups across the country. Over the years, Bill restored an extensive collection of Farmall tractors.

Daughter Kim married Greg Horton from Fair Play in December 1982. Their children Bryan and David through the years, spent treasured time on the family farm with grandpa learning many life lessons.

Son Kelly married Anne Abney from Springfield in August, 1988. He joined the dealership 29 years ago. Bill was proud Kelly and Anne chose to reside on the family farm.

Preceding him in death are his parents Lester M and Lora (Morton) Grant, wife Eulala, in-laws Georgie & Ernie Bray, and sister-in-law Mary Sue Grant.

Survivors include daughter Kim and Greg Horton of Springfield, son Kelly and Anne Grant of Morrisville, grandsons Bryan and David Horton, sister Susanne and Virgil Walden of Trenton, brother Mark Grant of Kansas City. Nephews Dan and Terri Walden, Michael and Irina Grant, and Scott and Janis Grant. Nieces Gena and Carl Crowdis, and Jane and Tim Fischer and their families. Along with Bill's extended family of cousins, great nieces and nephews. Services are at 2 p.m. Sunday, November 20, at Butler Funeral Home in Bolivar with burial to follow at Slagle Cemetery south of Bolivar. Visitation is from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, November 19 at the funeral home chapel.

The family requests memorial contributions on Bill's behalf be made to the First Baptist Church Living Beyond Us building campaign.



# Cemetery Details

## Slagle Cemetery

S 142nd Rd  
Morrisville, MO

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **19**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Butler Funeral Home - Bolivar  
407 E. Broadway  
Bolivar, MO 65613  
(417) 326-5233  
<https://butlerfuneralhome.com/>

## Funeral Service

NOV **20**. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



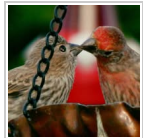
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“ *Bill Grant*

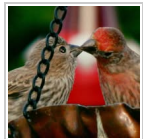
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“ *Our hearts go out to your family, Kenneth and Linda Laird*



**Lindy Mitchell** - November 19, 2016 at 11:19 AM



“ *Kelly, Anne, your father was always so nice to our family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Jim and Lindy*



**Lindy Mitchell** - November 19, 2016 at 11:01 AM



“ *Vivid Recollections was purchased for the family of Bill Grant .*



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November 17, 2016 at 10:40 AM



“ *From your friends at Star Wholesale purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Bill Grant .*



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**From your friends at Star Wholesale** - November 17, 2016 at 08:25 AM



“ *Kelly and Family,  
We are so sorry for your loss. Bill was a great neighbor and we loved to visit with him at the dealership. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Ronnie and Lorna Farrell, Devin, Bailey, Brantley and Addilyn Keltner, Ben and Kendra Farrell*

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**Lorna Farrell** - November 16, 2016 at 07:00 PM



“ *Thought today about old times in his office with him and my dad telling him what options we wanted on our trucks. We always knew the deal would be made because he put it out there like it should be.*

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**Scott Bilyeu** - November 16, 2016 at 07:00 PM

JW

“ I always enjoyed visiting with Bill. He was always honest with me when I was looking for a car. Will be missed. James H. Whitman

James H. Whitman - November 16, 2016 at 11:59 AM

KG

“ Bill and Eulala always treated me like one of the family. Sitting around the kitchen table listening to Bill is a memory I will cherish forever.~Kimberly Gambriel

Kimberly Gambriel - November 15, 2016 at 08:55 PM

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MM

“ Bill was a wonderful, sweet man. He will be greatly missed.



Missy (Covert) Morris - November 15, 2016 at 06:33 PM

BY

our condolences to the family bill & linda yarberry

bill yarberry - November 16, 2016 at 07:47 AM

KC

*Sorry for your loss. May your memories help you to heal. Kathy & Beryl Cowan*

**Kathy Cowan** - November 16, 2016 at 10:19 AM

RC

*So sorry for your loss. Bill was a great guy and will be missed*

**Ronda Crabtree** - November 16, 2016 at 10:54 AM

DS

*Sorry for your loss. Bill and Eulala were like my second parents as I worked for Bill all through high school. It was sitting at their table that I learned to drink unsweetened tea. Bill put up with a lot from me and never said a word. He taught me a lot about farming and had to have a lot of patience all those years.*

*David and Donna Sikes*

**David & Donna Sikes** - November 16, 2016 at 12:30 PM

KD

*Bill and Eulala were a wonderful couple. I enjoyed their hospitality many times. Both were a pleasure to be around. Cherish your wonderful memories.*

**Kathy Drake** - November 16, 2016 at 03:40 PM

CR

*Bill and Eulala were wonderful people who always made you feel great. I know they are happy to be together again*

**Carol (Covert) Roush** - November 16, 2016 at 06:56 PM