



## William "Bill" Prellwitz

August 31, 1924 - March 17, 2013

William C. "Bill" Prellwitz, 88, Topeka, passed away Sunday, March 17, 2013. He was one of ten children born to Julius and Mary Nutsch Prellwitz in Mahaska, Kansas on August 31, 1924. He graduated from Morrowville High School in 1943. Bill then entered the US Army in July of 1944 and rose to the rank of Sgt. and was assigned to the 232nd Infantry Regiment of the 42nd Rainbow Division. He was wounded at Wuerzburg and recovered at the 58th General Hospital in France. He then returned to his unit in Salzburg, Austria where he was part of a contingent responsible for guarding 7,000 to 8,000 war criminals. He was discharged in August of 1946. While serving his country in Germany he was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Bronze Star Medal, European-African-Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal, and World War II Honorable Service Pin. Bill married Orle Wells on August 17, 1946. She preceded him in death in January 1979. Bill farmed for a few years in Mahaska and Morrowville KS and then moved to Topeka in 1956, where he was then employed at Dupont for 27 years before retiring. He then went to work for Hayden Tower Service as shop foreman, retiring in 2009 at the age of 85. Bill was a founding member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church and previously a member of St. Matthew Catholic Church in Topeka. He also held membership in the Knights of Columbus, Council #534, the Disabled Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion Post 400. Bill is survived by three children, daughter, Joy of San Antonio; sons, Bob (Maggie)

of Topeka and Mark (Cindy) of Topeka. He also leaves four grandchildren, Christy, Jason, PJ and Matt; five great-grandchildren, Mali, Maci, Maya, Kalen and Ryker; and seven brothers and sisters, Paul, Fred, LeRoy, Lucy, Marge, Dorothy and Pat. Preceding him in death were his parents, Julius and Mary, his brother, Len, and sister, Josephine, as well as his wife, Orle. Viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd, Topeka KS 66614, where a parish rosary will be prayed at 8 p.m. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Friday at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka KS 66618. Saturday, March 23, 2013, a second viewing will be from noon to 1 p.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 807 F Street, Fairbury NE 68352. Mass of Christian Burial will then be celebrated at 1 p.m. at the Church. Interment will follow in St. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Morrowville KS. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Assoc. or to Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, sent in care of the funeral home.

# Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Prellwitz*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *We are so sorry for your loss. Thinking of you and praying for you. Your Dad was a great guy.*

*Lisa Bond and family*

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**Lisa Bond** - March 22, 2013 at 02:21 PM



“ *Mark,*

*We are very sorry for your loss. Please know that we send our thoughts and prayers for you and your family during this difficult time.*

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**KJ Bryan & Family** - March 22, 2013 at 01:46 PM



“ *Your your father a wonderful and humble man of few words. He will be missed by all he has touched.*

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**Craig and Jill Finden** - March 21, 2013 at 10:15 PM



“ *Mark and Family - Our thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time. Our sincerest and deepest sympathy.*

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**Brad & Terri Sandgren** - March 20, 2013 at 07:08 PM

TS

“ *Sorry about your loss Mark. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Todd*

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**Todd Shuford** - March 20, 2013 at 06:37 PM

KB

“ *MARK CINDY AND FAMILY  
IM SO SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS. HE WAS A GREAT MAN, HE  
WILL BE MISSED BY ALL .*

*SINCERLY KEVIN BRADFORD*

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**KEVIN BRADFORD** - March 20, 2013 at 06:05 PM

KG

“ *Mark, I would like to express our deepest sympathy for the loss of your Dad. Your family will lways be in our prayers. The Griffin family*

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**Keith Griffin** - March 20, 2013 at 03:16 PM

BY

“ *My deepest sympathy goes out to the family.*

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**Bob Young** - March 20, 2013 at 10:55 AM

RN

“ *Sorry to hear of Bill's passing. Thoughts, prayers and pleasant feelings toward your family in this time of sorry from the Nall Family. Smile as you remember and cherish the wonderful memories Bill provided while sharing his life with everyone he touched.*

*--Robert Nall*

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**Robert Nall** - March 20, 2013 at 10:17 AM

WM

“ *Mark, I am sorry to hear of the loss of you dad -my thoughts are with you.*

*Wayne Moon*

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**Wayne Moon** - March 20, 2013 at 08:55 AM

TN

“ *Mark and family,*

*Sorry to hear of the passing of your father. My heart goes out to you during this time.*

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**Tava Nocktonick** - March 20, 2013 at 08:31 AM

MM

“ *Mark, and family,*

*We are very sorry to hear about your dad. Please know that we are thinking and praying for you all. We will be home sometime this week-end, if there is anything we can do for you, don't hesitate to call. May God bless you all with comfort and peace during this difficult time.*

*Mike and Audrey McKinley*

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**Mike & Audrey McKinley** - March 19, 2013 at 05:32 PM

BB

“ *My condolences to Joy, Bob, Mark and all of your families. I feel fortunate that I grew up in Topeka and got to spend more time getting to know Uncle Bill and his family. Growing up, it was always a treat to go to the Prellwitz house.*

*One memory that comes back to me when thinking about Uncle Bill was when he gave me my first bicycle. It was an old bicycle that was hanging up in his garage. When I came by to pick it up, he sternly asked me "What do you want?" I shyly pointed to the bicycle and wasn't sure he was going to give me the bicycle. He took the bicycle down and gave it to me. I spent many hours riding that bicycle.*

*My deepest condolences to the family.*

*Bobby Brown*

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**Bob Brown** - March 19, 2013 at 08:41 AM

LC

“ We are so sorry for the loss of your wonderful Dad and Grandpa. We will all miss Uncle Bill tremendously-we always looked forward to visiting him whenever we could get back there-he always offered to let us stay with him. We remember his pond with the big fish he named an would call and feed. He also let our kids feed his longhorns by hand-an experience they'll never forget. I can just see his sweet face, his smile,(I loved his eyebrows)I can hear his voice and his laughter. He always enjoyed life! He made me feel special as well as my family-he always enjoyed children. We will sure miss his presence here but we find comfort in knowing he is no longer suffering and has had a joyous reunion with our Father in Heaven, his parents, brother and sister, loved ones, my Dad, and especially after waiting all these years-with the love of his life-OrleBell!!! We rejoice in knowing that we will also one day be reunited with him again too. We love you all and are keeping you in our prayers at this difficult time. Lisa & Kent Crosby and family

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**Lisa and Kent Crosby** - March 19, 2013 at 12:34 AM

BF

“ Mark, Jackson and I send our condolences.

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**Blake & Jackson Flanagan** - March 18, 2013 at 03:39 PM

RW

“ So sorry for your loss. He was an inspiration to all. They didn't make many like Bill, and they don't make them like that anymore.

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**Richard Williams** - March 18, 2013 at 03:19 PM

KH

“ I'm going to miss Uncle Bill so much. He is my favorite uncle and always loved talking to him. I saved wheat pennies for him and he was always amazed how I could still find them. He had the kindest heart and always seemed to be interested in what you would have to say. I know it will be very hard for your families without him. We are thinking about you all and love you all very much. Love, Kelli and Tim

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**Kelli and Tim Hazelwood** - March 18, 2013 at 01:03 PM

DK

“ Mark, Bob and families,

We are so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. We only met him a few times but what a great person. I remember him and I taking a walk at one of his parties at the lake. He'll be missed but oh the memories you have to get you through this.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you now and in the time to come. God Bless all of you.

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**Danny & Arlet Kern** - March 18, 2013 at 11:26 AM

CM

“ Maggie, Bob and Sons, my deepest sympathy on your loss.

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**Colleen F. Myers** - March 18, 2013 at 11:13 AM

PH

“ Bill will always hold a special place in my heart and will be missed by so many of us who’s lives he has touched. Bill was so knowledgeable and interesting to talk to. He taught me to blanch corn, prepare walnuts for freezing, bottle feed a sick calf, hang soap on the fruit trees to keep the deer away. I’m sure there were times when Bill worried about me as I tripped over cow patties or ran screaming when I experienced the loud holler of a mother calling for her calf. But when I would look over at Bill expecting to see disapproval he would give me that slow upward grin. That’s what I will miss the most. His smile that seemed to say a thousand words.

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**Pam Hazzard** - March 18, 2013 at 10:10 AM

DP

“ Mark, Bob & Families

*I always remember your dad with fondness. He was a great guy.*

*Sorry for you loss.*

*Sincerely,*

*Doug Pausewang*

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**Doug Pausewang** - March 18, 2013 at 09:23 AM

DR

“ Mark, sorry to here about your Dad. I've been there, it's tough.

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**Doug Renbarger** - March 18, 2013 at 09:12 AM

SF

“ I will sure miss Bill driving by in the Gator looking to see how everything is growing or to spray that new patch of weeds. When i would drive by his house i would always look over to see if he was outside so i could stop and chat for awhile about how the garden was coming or if the fruit trees were going to do good this year, he would always call when the fruit was ready to be picked. He was very happy cracking walnuts, picking fruit and vegetables, cutting firewood ( even when it was hot out ) cutting hay or taking care of the cows. Bill and hard work went together. We all will miss another of the greatest generation, veteran, Dad, brother, farmer or friend, whatever he was to you he was very good at it. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. We miss you Bill and hope to remain your neighbor always. The Fisher family

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**Steve & Deb Fisher** - March 18, 2013 at 08:20 AM

RB

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

*Nick, Sue and Randy Badsky*

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**Randy & Sue Badsky** - March 17, 2013 at 09:38 PM