



## William "Bill" Dean Bent

June 13, 1932 - October 25, 2020

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William Dean Bent, age 88 of Marcellus passed away Sunday October 25, at home.

He was born in Michigan on June 13, 1932 the son of Leon Carlton and Lucille Elizabeth (LaBarre) Bent.

On April 5, 1953, he married Mary E. Griffin who preceded him in death in 2014.

Bill served in Korean War in the Army, was a Lifelong farmer, working for many years on his farm in Marcellus.

Bill is survived by one son Richard (Linda) Bent of Marcellus; One daughter Lisa (Euene) Beadle of Marcellus, 5 Grandchildren, and 11 Great grandchildren.

Bill is preceded in death his wife Mary Bent, his parents Leon and Lucille bent, one grandson and one Great granddaughter.

Cremation has taken place. A private graveside service will be held in the Marcellus Cemetery with Pastor Josh Wiggins of Edwards Corner Bible Church officiating. Memorial donations may be directed to the Edwards Corner Bible Church. Online condolences may be left at [www.marcellusfuneralhome.com](http://www.marcellusfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery

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## Marcellus Cemetery

M-216

Marcellus, MI, 49067

# Comments

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“ To the Family of Bill Bent. Just heard of the passing of Bill. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. He and Mary were such friendly and nice people. They were so nice to visit with. Our condolences are with the family. Jim and Cindy Schten

**cindy schten** - November 06, 2020 at 07:00 PM

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“ My condolences to the entire Bent family.

Over 35 years ago, Bill (and Mary) gave me my first job on their farm in Marcellus. Not only did I learn the value of a hard days work but I also learned how to be a good person/neighbor. Bill was always cheerful and positive and I cherish those memories. Both Bill and Mary had a tremendous impact on my life and I will pray for them both.

Wade Rohrer  
Virginia Beach, VA

**wade rohrer** - November 02, 2020 at 12:23 PM

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“ It is with a deep sadness and a heavy heart that we learn of Bill's passing. Bill has been a family friend and neighbor for many years. As a great friend of dad, we have known him all our lives. His wit, charm, and caring heart are only some of the qualities that made him the special person that he was. All four of us, will have the warmest memories of waving to Bill as he drove by the house or farm, either on a tractor or in his pickup.  
With our deepest sympathy,  
The Ken Reish Family

**The Ken Reish Family** - October 28, 2020 at 08:18 PM

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“ I remember the many times Mr Bill stopped at the Pallet shop just to chat with me. He and Mary would stop in at Pork Chops and we would visit. He missed her so after she crossed over! I can only imagine the reunion with our lord and his family and friends at this time! He will always be a fond memory in my heart!

**Mary Pastorick** - October 27, 2020 at 03:26 PM

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“ To Dick & Linda. And Lisa & Kim. ; Jim & Sandy Southworth want to give our condolences to you, Having known Bill & Mary Ellen for more years then we can count, and not a finer two people. We're thinking of your whole family.

**Jim& Sandy Southworth** - October 26, 2020 at 08:43 PM

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“ My sympathies to the family of one of the sweetest men I know. He was always smiling and giving me a hard time I have missed him since going to Schoolcraft. I will always remember him his love for farming and his horses. RIP Bill.

Carey Beurmann

**Carey** - October 26, 2020 at 08:07 PM

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“ Words can't begin to tell how this sweet man captured the hearts of the gals at the Citgo, or how empty and sad those same hearts now feel. An almost daily visitor to our station, "Mr. Bill" would get a diet pop, deli sandwich, chew, chips or coffee. On rare occasion, he might sneak a small package of donuts. Whatever the reason or purchase, Bill would insist that the cashier keep some part of the change, and while not much, the gals would fight to wait on this kindly gentleman. Bill's farmhouse was on my way home from work, and as I would round that bend in the road, I would flash my headlights. One evening, earlier this year, I was later than usual in closing the store (by at least 1/2 an hour). As I was finally pulling out of the lot, Mr. Bill pulled in. Rolling down my window to inquire what he was doing in town so late, he responded that he hadn't seen me flash my lights on my way home and he was worried that something might have happened - he'd come to see if I was alright. So very sweet and kind of him! Last night, after his grandson stopped by the station to tell me of his passing, I made a special stop to flash my lights on my way home. I'm safely on my way home, Bill - as I know you are now, too. Godspeed sweet man, Godspeed.

**Josephine Schultz** - October 26, 2020 at 04:22 PM



“ I didn't know old bill very long, but he was a pleasure to wait on, very nice man, amen

**Dawnmikel** - October 27, 2020 at 12:12 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Seems like I've known Bill forever. He will be missed.

Dorris Pyle Bowman

**Dorris (Pyle) Bowman** - October 27, 2020 at 02:07 PM



“ Bill was such a sweet and wonderful person! Seems like we have been his neighbor forever. If he wasn't stopping by for a chat or taking Andy on a drive to check out the deer at night, he was seen driving by making his rounds for the day. It just won't be the same not seeing him out on the roads. I remember the day Bill took me to the Topeka Livestock Auction to check out the draft horses. What a fun day that was! Bill knew our grandson loves tractors and just recently gave him old Oliver tractor that he had in his garage. He loves it, keeps it tucked safely in his tractor barn, and mentions regularly that Bill gave it to him. Such a special person that will be missed but not forgotten!

**Pat, Leigh, and Andy McCrorey** - October 27, 2020 at 02:34 PM



“ Thanks for all you did for him!

**lisa beadle** - October 27, 2020 at 04:11 PM



“ So very sorry ! Bill was such a sweet man !! I know Mary Ellen was right there at Heaven's gate to welcome him !!! Thinking and praying for his family !

**Jenny Brown** - November 02, 2020 at 06:15 AM