


Gaither, William L.



 WILLIAMSVILLE - William L. Gaither, 86, of Williamsville passed away on December 25, 2009, at St. John's Hospice in Springfield.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne; two children, Lynne (Robert) Sagle of Williamsville and Stephen (Bridgette) Gaither of Weatherford, Texas; two brothers, Donald (Laura) Gaither of Godfrey and Robert (Fay) Gaither of Taylorville; a sister, Mary Alice Collins of Fairfield; four grandchildren, Kristine Salter,

Kendra (Chris) Schulbach, Brandy Gaither, and

Bryan Gaither; six great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Bill was born September 29, 1923, in Fairfield, the son of William and Mary Walker Gaither.

Bill and Jeanne married August 18, 1946.

He was preceded in death by a son, Martin; his brothers, Francis, Earl and Roy Gaither; sisters, Lillian Hedrick, Wilma Gaither, Helen Gaither, Evelyn Morell, and Jean Elkins; and his parents.

Bill began a long career in education first as a teacher in a one room country school. He later taught high school agriculture. He served as a principal, then as superintendent at Williamsville, District 15. He retired from the Illinois State Board of Education.

Bill served in the Army Air Corps during World War II in the South Pacific.

He was a member of Williamsville United Methodist Church and a 57-year member of the Masonic Lodge 206 in Fairfield.

Visitation will be held Monday December 28, from 4:30 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at Mott and Henning Funeral Home in Athens. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Williamsville United Methodist Church in Williamsville, the Rev. Dick Piscatelli officiating. Burial will be held at a later time at Fancy Creek Cemetery near Sherman.

Memorials may be made to Williamsville United Methodist Church or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Online condolences can be sent at www.mottandhenning.com.

