



William H Pettit Sr

December 8, 1925 - November 1, 2016

William H. Pettit, Sr. of Juliustown, Springfield Twp, passed away on Tues, Nov. 1, 2016 on his farm, surrounded by his family. He was 90 and a Birth Right member of the Rancocas Friends Meeting.

Born in Rancocas NJ, Bill was a left handed pitcher and batter, and a member of the only undefeated Baseball Team for Rancocas Valley High School. Senior year he pitched and won 8 games with a batting average of .500. He was recruited by the Brooklyn Dodgers and Philadelphia A's. Bill served in the US Army Air Corp during WW II and attended Rutgers University. He and his wife Dorothy operated a 206-acre dairy farm known as Huff 'n Puff farm in Springfield Township. Bill served on the Planning and Zoning Boards, Township Council and served as Mayor for 8 yrs. He was of Pres. of the local School Board for 7 years.

Bill is a former National Director and Chairman of the Executive Committee for the National Holstein Assn, Past President of the NJ Holstein Assn. A former member and Treasurer of the Board of Directors of NJ Farm Bureau for 16 years, former member and Chairman of the American Farm Bureau Dairy Advisory Committee for 14 years. He served as Chairman Burl.Co. Agriculture Development Board for 25 yrs., preserving over 20,000 acres, Former President of the NJ Board of Agriculture, member of the NJ Agricultural Development Committee, and Trustee of the NJ Agriculture Society. He

served on the First Pioneer Farm Credit Board for 27 yrs and a member of Executive Committee. Bill and Dorothy were former 4-H Dairy Club Leaders for over 12 years.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Dorothy Stevenson and four sons: 4 sons: Dr. William H. Pettit, Jr., DVM and his wife Carolyn of Southampton, NJ, James P. Pettit and his wife Pam of Virginia, Christopher B. Pettit of Dover, MN. and Joel S. Pettit and his wife Sarah of MN. 13 Grandchildren: Julie Smith (Greg), Jennifer Tarpley (Trevor), Dr. Jeannette Pettit, DVM, William H. Pettit, III (Beth), Kim Torrey (Lucas), Kelly Pettit, Kista Hejl (Chris), Thomas Pettit, Craig Pettit (Rachael), Morgan Patten (Josh), Dr. Kalie Pettit, DVM, Maddison Pettit, Jared Pettit. Bill is "Pop-pop" to 5 great grandchildren.

Memorial Services will be held on Sat. Nov. 12, 2016 at Huff 'n Puff Farm, 451 Juliustown-Georgetown Rd., Juliustown, NJ. Friends may visit with Dorothy and family on Sat from 12:30 -2 PM followed by the Memorial Service. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bill's memory may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center, c/o Dr. Michael Millenson, 333 Cottman Ave., Philadelphia, PA 19111. Arrangements by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly. www.perinchief.com

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV 12. 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Huff 'n Puff Farm
451 Juliustown-Georgetown Rd.
Springfield Township, NJ 08042

Service

NOV 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall



“ *William H Pettit Sr*

October 29, 2022 at 11:57 AM



“ *William H Pettit Sr*

October 29, 2022 at 09:53 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William H Pettit Sr.*



November 11, 2016 at 04:20 PM



“ *Dear Pettit family:*

I wish to convey my sincerest condolences to your entire family. Losing a loved one in death is one of the hardest things that anyone will ever have to deal with. There is a great hope held out to us for the future because God promises to bring those we lost back to life by means of a resurrection to a paradise earth, where sickness and death will be no more. I hope this brief message will bring you a measure of comfort in this difficult time.

Johnson family - November 07, 2016 at 08:07 AM

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“ *My heartfelt condolences to the Pettit family. Bill was much more than a farmer. He was a pioneer in farmland preservation when, for many, it was a passing fad. Bill was both a participant and an avid proponent of the program. And we are all better for his dedication. I'm proud to say I knew him. - Ralph Shrom*

Ralph Shrom - November 06, 2016 at 04:27 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William H Pettit Sr.*



November 04, 2016 at 11:54 AM

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“ *Dave and Karen Kritz wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Ditty and the entire Pettit family on the loss of your beloved Bill. He was a kind and giving man, true steward of the land, and the loudest cheerleader for farmland preservation and supporting New Jersey's farmers. We are fortunate that we had the opportunity to have Bill in our lives.*

Dave and Karen Kritz - November 03, 2016 at 04:46 PM