



Celebrating 100 years!
Bill Huff has been a faithful member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church for over 75 years. You can see him sitting near the center aisle at the 9 a.m. Mass every Sunday. He also oversaw the construction of the current St. Charles church and the rectory building.

Born on April 6, 1924, William E. "Bill" Huff was raised in White Sulphur Springs and Renick, West Virginia. As a child, Bill spent most of his summers in Renick with his much-loved grandparents, learning about cattle, horses, and life in the country. He enjoyed simple pleasures like eating his grandmother's mincemeat before she could bake it into a pie, teaching his cousin Bob Whiting to ride the horse, trying with Bob to dig a hole to China, and damming up a creek that later washed out the road during a torrential rainstorm.

Bill was fortunate to have met the love of his life when he was in sixth grade. Margaret was the younger sister of Bill's lifelong friends, Leo and Vincent O'Neil. In high school at White Sulphur Springs High School, Bill acquired a lifelong love of football, where he played with Leo and Vincent O'Neil. Immediately after graduation, Bill and Leo enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, as Vincent had previously done in 1942 and who earned a Silver Star for his service. Following his discharge from the Marines in March 1946, he enrolled at West Virginia University and later transferred to West Virginia Tech where he obtained his degree in Industrial Arts with the help of the GI Bill.

In 1948 he married Margaret O'Neil at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Together they raised four children, always stressing faith, family, and country. Bill taught school, served on the local school board, built homes, raised cattle, and was named on the 1960 Greenbrier County ballot along with President John F. Kennedy when Kennedy ran for President, and Bill ran for the school board.

Second to his service in the Marines, Mr. Huff is most proud of providing college educations for his children and serving as the associate superintendent for the Greenbrier County Schools. He oversaw building the two high schools that consolidated the many small county high schools into two large high schools to provide better educational opportunities for the students of Greenbrier County.

At 100 years old, he is still active politically, sharing his views openly, and supporting local and national candidates for election. His views are well known by the signs in his yard. Helping others in need is something that he has done his entire life. He still mows the yards of several of his neighbors while driving his new John Deere tractor and his last words to everyone when they visit or call is always., "Let me know if you need anything and I'll be right there," which is the sentence that defines his life.

Please join us in the Parish Hall at St. Charles at 10 a.m. on Sunday April 14th for a Coffee Hour celebrating Bill's 100 years. Happy Birthday Bill!