



## Melvin August Schoneweis

August 2, 1936 - September 29, 2023

Melvin August “Bud” Schoneweis, 87, of Petersburg, IL passed away on Friday, September 29, 2023, at Sunny Acres Nursing Home in Petersburg. He was born on August 2, 1936, in Springfield, IL to Harvey and Juhl (Woodrum) Schoneweis. He married Suzanne Rieken on June 19, 1955, in Pleasant Plains, IL.

Bud is survived by his wife, Suzanne of Petersburg; his children, Renee (Greg) Tope of Sarasota, FL, Jeffrey (Wanda) Schoneweis of Tallula; grandchildren, Michelle Suzanne Baraga, Brian (Rachel) Baraga, Gregory Cody (Angelina) Tope, Amelia Grace Schoneweis, Lillian Lane Schoneweis; great grandchildren, Isabel Ailee and Weston August Baraga; and one sister, Marilyn Garren (Donald) Fugate. He was preceded in death by one son, Gregory S. Schoneweis; and a sister, Donna May Curtis.

Bud was a graduate of Tallula High School. He was a member of the Tallula Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) where he held many offices over the years. Bud also served on the PORTA School Board during construction of the new high school and promoted the building of the PORTA pool and auditorium.

Bud was a man of many talents and as a young boy began singing. He excelled in singing all throughout his school years and was later a member of the Menard County Singers.

Bud was a cattle feeder and farmer all his life. He farmed in Central Illinois all his life which he thoroughly enjoyed. One of the the things that made him

happiest in life was sharing the sweet corn he harvested with his friends, family, and community. He enjoyed golfing at Virginia Country Club with his friends from Cass County and enjoyed participating in many late night card games with them, and dinners with his friends.

Bud's love for horses began as a child and the passion continued as he became a member of the US Trotting Association, as well as the Illinois Harness Horsemen Association. In 2003, he began a new adventure with his sister-in-law Carol Rieken in harness racing and later with a friend and co-owner, Lyle E. Lipe. He always enjoyed watching his own horses (especially Fox Valley Langley) compete, particularly when they won.

A visitation will be held for Bud on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg, IL. Additional visitation will be held on Wednesday, October 4, 2023, from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Tallula Christian Church in Tallula, IL with a funeral service following at 11:00 AM. Pastor James Pohl will officiate. Burial will follow at Pleasant Plains Cemetery in Pleasant Plains, IL. Memorials may be made to the PORTA Foundation or the Simmons Cancer Institute SIU in Springfield. The family would like to invite everyone to attend a luncheon and celebration of life at Indian Creek Farmstead located at 19468 Curtis Black Top Rd, Petersburg, IL 62675, following the services from 1:00PM to 3:00PM.

Online condolences may be left for the family at [www.hurleyfh.com](http://www.hurleyfh.com)

Hurley Funeral Home in Petersburg is assisting the family with arrangements.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 3. 4:00 AM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Hurley Funeral Home - Petersburg  
122 West Douglas Avenue  
Petersburg, IL 62675  
(217) 632-2500  
<https://www.hurleyfh.com/>

## Visitation

OCT 4. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Tallula Christian Church  
311 N. Yates  
Tallula, IL 62688  
(217) 634-4431

## Funeral Service

OCT 4. 11:00 AM (CT)

Tallula Christian Church  
311 N. Yates  
Tallula, IL 62688  
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## Celebration of Life

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OCT 4. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Indian Creek Farmstead  
19468 Curtis Blacktop Rd  
Petersburg, IL 62675

# Tribute Wall

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“ To Suzanne and the entire family: We are so sorry to hear about Bud's passing! He was a wonderful man who loved his God, his church, and his family so much! We always enjoyed talking with Bud! We loved getting to know his family as well. I miss you all and am praying for you all. Love, Paula and Vi Gentry

Paula Gentry - October 05, 2023 at 05:05 PM

KH

“ We were so sorry to hear of Bud's passing. May your good memories help you through this difficult time. Sincere condolences.

Kenny and Bonnie Hills - October 03, 2023 at 02:21 PM

JW

“ Sue, Jeff and all family so sorry for the loss of Bud, a very nice man. You and all your family are in my thoughts and Prayers.

jeanie white - October 02, 2023 at 08:47 PM

KY

“ Keri Y. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Melvin August Schoneweis.

Keri Y. - October 02, 2023 at 05:43 PM

PV

“ Deepest condolences to you and your family for your loss. Michael and Patricia Vig

Patricia Vig - October 02, 2023 at 05:06 PM

SH

“ Steve and Patty Holaday purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Melvin August Schoneweis.



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Steve and Patty Holaday - October 02, 2023 at 07:38 AM

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Steve and Patty Holaday - October 02, 2023 at 07:38 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Melvin August Schoneweis.

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October 01, 2023 at 04:56 PM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Melvin August Schoneweis.



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October 01, 2023 at 04:56 PM

DP

“ *Suzanne and family: We are so sad to hear of Bud's passing. He and Suzanne showed us so much love and acceptance as we ministered at Tallula Christian Church. We believe he is singing with the heavenly choir. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you.*

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**Dave and Rhonda Poeschel** - October 01, 2023 at 04:01 PM

RS

“ *Remember our singing and dancing in Menard County singers. You and Sue were a great plus to our performances. Rich and Sally Schafer*

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**Rich and Sally Schafer** - October 01, 2023 at 03:28 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Melvin August Schoneweis.*



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October 01, 2023 at 03:26 PM

LH

“ *larry Mary Hundt sent a virtual gift in memory of Melvin Schoneweis*



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**larry and Mary Hundt** - October 01, 2023 at 11:08 AM

DI

“ Sorry for your loss. We always enjoyed visiting with Bud at The Grainery when we went for lunch. His eyes would light up when he spoke of his family and he loved to talk about his horses. Hang onto your memories.



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**Debbie and Rodney Ingram** - October 01, 2023 at 11:08 AM

JS

“ My heart is sad with this news. Always hard-working, fun, polite and mannerly, extremely thoughtful when it came to farming close to someone and kind almost to a fault. Love seeing him working next-door generally with Jeff, always waving. He will be dearly missed. Hugs, love and prayers to his family. Peace and blessings.

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**Judy Gerdes Schafer** - September 30, 2023 at 08:36 PM