

William D. "Bill" Mauk, Sr.
1926 - 2007



Bill was born in Augusta on Nov. 18, 1926; he was the son of the late John Gilbert and Lois (Bailey) Mauk. On March 13, 1948 he married Mary Lee Ripper in Marion. After serving in the U.S. Army during WW II, Mauk began his oilfield career as a roughneck and operating heavy dirt equipment for H. O. German and Sons. Later, he became a welder at Augusta Welding and Machine Shop and in 1963 he purchased the business. He performed oilfield repair work on all types of equipment. In 1981 Sentry Oil Field Equipment began manufacturing pumping units for Hesston Corp. As a result, Sentry hired Mauk as their National Service Manager. After he retired, Mauk began oilfield consulting work for Kansas Petroleum Inc. In addition to his work in oilfields, Mauk was elected as a Butler County Commissioner and served for several years.