



Herbert W. "Bill" Wurtz

October 8, 1929 - February 24, 2023

Herbert W. "Bill" Wurtz, 93, of Clarks, died on Friday, February 24, 2023 at Journey House in Lincoln. Memorial services will be held on Thursday, March 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at Solt-Wagner Funeral Home in Central City with Pastor Nancy Spearow officiating. Visitation will be on Wednesday, March 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Solt-Wagner Community Room. Burial of ashes will be held at the Clarks Cemetery.

Memorials are suggested to the Clarks Methodist Church or VFW 4832.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.soltwagnerfuneral.com.

Bill was born on October 8, 1929 in Polk, NE to H.L. and Josephine (Lindburg) Wurtz. The family moved to Clarks when Bill was 3, where he attended school and graduated from Clarks High School in 1947. Bill then entered the United States Navy on December 19, 1950 and served in the Korean War. He was honorably discharged on October 8, 1954.

He was united in marriage to Patricia L. Morris on November 20, 1955 at Clarks Methodist Church. Bill was engaged in farming, and the couple lived on the Wurtz family farm east of Clarks. Bill retired from farming in the early 1990's, and then he and Pat moved into Clarks in 2013. Bill also worked at the Fullerton Sale Barn for 45 years. He was a strong advocate for Clarks, and was proud of his town. Bill was known to go around the area collecting aluminum cans. The money he collected was donated to different organizations within the community.

Bill was a member for over 50 years of the Clarks Methodist Church, VFW

4832 of Clarks, the Clarks Lions Club, The legion Club of Silver Creek, and the Masonic Lodge 134. He served twenty years on the Clarks township board and as a county supervisor. He also served one term on the Clarks school board. He was secretary of solar lodge for many years and served as the Chaplin of the VFW for over 40 years.

Survivors include his wife; Patricia Wurtz of Grand Island, son; Jeffrey (Cindy) Wurtz of Clarks, daughters and sons-in-law; Julie (Daryl) Van Pelt of Clarks, Janet (Tim) Beck of Benedict, and Jolene (Robert) Rieken of Osceola, 13 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren, and brother-in-law; Gary (Elaine) Morris of Waverly, sisters-in-law; Dale (Jan) Hogan of Lincoln, and Floydene Brown of Hershey, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sisters, Barbara (Bill) Kohl, Arlyce (Francis) Smeltzer, and Ruth (Don) Douglas, and sister-in-law; Marlene (Bill) Douglas.

Cemetery Details

Clarks Cemetery

Clarks, NE 68846

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 1. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-3095

Memorial Service

MAR 2. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Solt-Wagner Funeral Home
1507 17th St.
Central City, NE 68826
(308) 946-3303
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Tribute Wall

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“ To the family members of Bill Wurtz,
Although we haven't seen any of you for quite some time, we have felt much sadness especially for all of you left behind since we learned that Bill has passed on. As you know well, Bill was such a good, kind, and gentle person, and he always had a twinkle in his eyes. It was a pleasure to be around him. May he rest in peace.
Love,
Cathy (Schneider) Woodward, Steve Schneider, and Cheryl (Schneider) Smelt

Cheryl Smelt - March 02, 2023 at 02:07 AM

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“ Bill & Pat were wonderful neighbors and life-long friends of my husband, Max. I will always treasure memories of the good times we had together playing cards, sharing a meal or a special outing. Sending love to ALL the family. Nina Nelson

Nina Nelson - March 01, 2023 at 09:23 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Herbert W. "Bill" Wurtz.



March 01, 2023 at 08:33 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert W. "Bill" Wurtz.*



February 28, 2023 at 01:26 PM



“ *My parents, Freddy and Idona Swedenburg, and Bill and Pat shared so many good times at the VFW and the Methodist Church in Clarks. Losing a Dad leaves a hole in your heart that will gradually fill with memories. We're just so lucky to have had them in our lives. Peace be with you.*
Cindy(Swedenburg)Medinger

Cindy(Swedenburg)Medinger - February 26, 2023 at 06:59 PM



“ *Our heart and prayers go out to the entire family. Uncle Bill will certainly be missed.*
Much love,
Richard and Kristen Smeltzer, and family

Richard Smeltzer - February 26, 2023 at 06:49 PM



“ *When I was Pastor at Pierce Chapel & Clarks United Methodist Churches I enjoyed visiting with Bill during joint services, and at the Merrick County Men's Lenten breakfast services!*

Valjean Warman - February 25, 2023 at 04:06 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Herbert W. "Bill" Wurtz.*



February 25, 2023 at 03:09 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Herbert W. "Bill" Wurtz.*



February 25, 2023 at 02:31 PM



“ *Sending love to Pat and all Bill's wonderful kids. I have such great memories of Bill, especially our fun rides on the bus taking the seniors to the dinner theater. He had such a great sense of humor and a love for everyone around him. My life was blessed by knowing Bill and Pat and all their sweet children. May God surround you all with peace and grace as you journey through this loss.*

Jae Lynn Vyhldal - February 25, 2023 at 01:01 PM



“ *What a blessing to have Bill as my uncle. Have so many wonderful memories of the (not enough) times I visited all my grandparents Aunts, Uncles and cousins in Clark's. Bill loved his family, farming, country. He will be missed here on earth but there is a big party in Heaven right now!!*

Debbie Jo Sommerville - February 25, 2023 at 12:47 PM



“ *prayers of peace and grace to all what a great guy loved the time we had to spend with him during our ministry in Clarks (not to mention the sale barn) Vern and Cindy Olson*

Vernon S Olson - February 25, 2023 at 11:43 AM



“ *Always such proud citizen and supporter of the Clarks area and the VFW. Many great memories of Gus and Bill telling stories at the office. Rest in peace Bill. Janet Myers*

Janet Myers - February 25, 2023 at 11:42 AM