



William O. Meyer

September 4, 1925 - September 23, 2017

William "Bill" Odie Meyer, age 92, passed away at his home in Kearney, Nebraska on September 23rd, 2017.

Bill was born on September 4th, 1925 in Ft. Crook, Nebraska to Martha and Wilhelm H. Meyer. Although he spent twenty years abroad while serving in the Navy, Nebraska was his home, and he loved the people in it. Some of his fondest childhood memories were made on the family ranch near Burwell where he spent endless hours hunting, reading and riding his horse.

Bill was a product of a generation that had lived through The Great Depression and World War II. He was hard-working, loyal, honest, brave and patriotic. At seventeen, he enlisted in the Navy so that he might join the battle to fight for his country. After twenty outstanding years serving under three admirals, he attained the rank of E8 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer and subsequently retired in 1963. Feeling the need to raise his family in his beloved home state, he moved back to Nebraska where he started and grew two successful businesses, Meyer Electric and Village Cleaners.

Anyone who knew Bill also knew that the title he cherished most was "Dad." He loved his family with all his heart and was so proud of each and every one of them. One of his greatest talents was his ability to find the best qualities in people and help them find a way to achieve their full potential. He not only did this for his family, but anyone that needed encouragement or a helping hand. He was our hero, our inspiration, our champion.

Bill was a Mason for over sixty years and a Shriner for over fifty years as

well. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW and Lyons Club where he served as president from 1986-1987.

He married the love of his life, Marilyn Jean Meyer, on May 2nd, 1954, and they spent nearly fifty years raising a family of nine children. He lost Marilyn to Alzheimers in 2004, but never stopped loving her. Even when her memory slipped away and she could not recall his name, Bill would drive to see her 2-3 times a day. He was a devoted husband, father and friend. We will miss him dearly.

Bill is survived by his children and their spouses, William V. Meyer, John T. Meyer and his wife Sally, Raymond C. Meyer, Pamela Meyer Rasmussen and her husband Greg, Robert "Bob" Meyer and his wife, Karyn, Michael J. Meyer and his wife Roxanne, Deborah Meyer Carland and her husband Jim, Kimberly Meyer Hanzlik and her husband Duane, Gregory "Scott" Meyer and his wife Michelle. He also leaves behind his sister Ann Meyer Larsen, 26 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Marilyn, his sisters Maria Meyer, Irene Meyer Norris, and Mary Meyer Burson.

Funeral Services will be 10 AM, Friday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney. Interment will be at the Kearney Cemetery. Military rites will be provided by the U.S. Navy in conjunction with the American Legion Post #52 and the VFW Post #759 of Kearney. Masonic rites will also be conducted at graveside by the Rob Morris Lodge #46 AF&AM Masonic Lodge of Kearney. Visitation will be 5-7 pm, Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials will be established for Alzheimer's research. Online condolences may be shared at www.osrfh.com. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney is in charge of arrangements.

Cemetery

Events

Kearney Cemetery **SEP**

4400 Avenue I

Kearney, NE, 68847

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Visitation

05:00PM - 07:00PM

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N, Kearney, NE, US, 68847

SEP

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Funeral Service

10:00AM

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Comments



“ Kearney Lions Club sends its condolences to honor a Past President.

Kearney Lions Club - October 03, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ You are all in our thoughts and prayers at this time of grief and change. Bill was a wonderful man, and Mick thought the world of him. We trust he is enjoying an eternity of peace and rest now.

With deepest sympathy,
Mick, Eileen, Emma, and Heath Jahn

Eileen Jahn - September 29, 2017 at 09:14 AM



“ One of the most friendly, caring, and professional gentlemen I had ever met. Always accommodating and go out of way to serve....Family was the same, and would go no farther for laundry service. Always did more than asked...THANKYOU , for serving me so well at my business , Godberson Mortuary of Kearney....Felt like home...M. Brandt Godberson.

M. Brandt Godberson - September 28, 2017 at 10:10 PM



“ Your friends at Buffalo County Buildings & Grounds purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of William O. Meyer.



Your friends at Buffalo County Buildings & Grounds - September 27, 2017 at 05:37 PM



“ Bob & Karyn & the rest of the Meyer Family - We are so very sorry to hear of the loss of Bill! We know how very important he was to you all & we feel so very sad for your loss! You have our deepest sympathy! Brad & Deb Schrack

Deb Schrack - September 27, 2017 at 11:22 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William O. Meyer.



September 26, 2017 at 02:23 PM



“ Always enjoyed visiting with Bill when we worked together at YDC. He enjoyed talking about his family. Prayers and thoughts to all of you. Kathy Larson

Kathy Larson - September 25, 2017 at 07:10 PM



“ He had a huge living and caring heart to so many. Love you!

Lillian Buettner - September 23, 2017 at 08:18 PM