



Billy D. "Bill" Crapson

January 12, 1940 - May 2, 2018

Billy D. "Bill" Crapson, 78
Kearney resident

The Lord called Billy D. "Bill" Crapson, 78, of Kearney, NE to his heavenly home on May 2 at the Saint Francis Medical Center Skilled Care Unit in Grand Island due to complications of Pulmonary Fibrosis.

Services will be held Tuesday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. at the Faith United Methodist Church in Kearney with the Rev. Robert Perry and Pastor Dean Pofahl officiating. Interment will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Wauneta, NE at 2:30 pm MST. Visitation will be Monday, from 5-7:00 p.m. at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home.

Condolences or reflections may be submitted online at www.osrfh.com.

Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Bill was born January 12, 1940 in a two-room house in Wauneta, Nebraska that belonged to his grandpa, Greenberry Crapson. Bill was the 5th of 5 boys, son of Roy Leo and Edith Wilma (Billie) (French) Crapson.

On May 14, 1961, Alta (Schwasinger) and Bill were married at the Congregational Church in Ogallala, NE. They were blessed with two

daughters, Regina Jo and Rhonda Jayne.

Bill attended the first grade at Wauneta Grade School and then the family moved northeast of Palisade, Nebraska where he attended grades 2 through 5. The family moved back to Wauneta and graduated high school in 1957. While a sophomore in high school, he worked part-time at The Wauneta Breeze. Bill and his brother "Jiggs" purchased The Breeze in 1965. At that time, the two were the youngest newspaper owners in the state. In 1969, he sold his interest in The Breeze to Jiggs and moved the family to Grand Island where he was employed by Federated Insurance in sales. In 1984, Alta and Bill purchased Flower Evans Insurance Agency in Grand Island. The agency merged with five other insurance agencies in 1988 which became The Insurance Group. The couple moved to Johnson Lake in Elwood, NE in 1990. Bill worked for Fasse Valves and continued until his retirement in 2007. Kearney, Nebraska became the couple's home in 2000.

Bill is survived by his wonderful and longtime bride, Alta; his daughters Regina (Doug) Somer of Grand Island and Rhonda (David) Theis of Ainsworth, NE. Grandchildren cherishing his memory are Kelsey (Adam) Maas, Jonathan Theis, Hannah Rathman, Amanda Theis and Trey Rathman. Brother Frank (Maria) Crapson and sister-in-laws Patricia Crapson and Bev Crapson.

Bill and Alta enjoyed traveling all over the United States. He also enjoyed attending his grandchildren's events, UNK sporting events and making Saturday morning pancakes. He loved people and often had a hug and a smile. Truth be told, he liked watching TV, too. He was an active member of the Faith United Methodist Church in Kearney.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Roy Crapson, mother Billie Fanning brothers, Roy, Tom, G.B. "Jiggs" and Jim as well as his sister Jane Molter and infant sister Susan.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the Faith United Methodist Church of Kearney, Chateau Theater, PO Box 211, Wauneta, NE 69045 or Wauneta Community Building, P.O. Box 95, 319 N Tecumseh Ave., Wauneta, NE 69045.

Cemetery Details

Riverside Cemetery

Wauneta, NE 69045

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 7. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Homes and Cremations
4115 Ave N
Kearney, NE 68847
(308) 234-3500
info@osrfh.com
<https://www.osrfh.com>

Celebration of Life

MAY 8. 10:00 AM (CT)

Faith United Methodist Church
1623 Central Avenue
Kearney, NE 68847

Graveside Service

MAY 8. 2:30 PM (CT)

Riverside Cemetery
Wauneta, NE 69045

Tribute Wall



“ *Billy D. "Bill" Crapson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *I am saddened to hear of your leaving us Billy! I have so many wonderful memories of our friendship when we were growing up and beyond. I will miss our emails my friend! See you in the next life. God Bless you and your family. -Bob Simpson*

Bob Simpson - May 09, 2018 at 07:24 AM



“ *Alta, I have many fond memories of working with Billy D. at Fasse Valves. I will never forget the time I stopped, accompanied by a couple of other employees of Fasse Vales, at your home at Johnson Lake. Lots of beer and jokes were shared!!! You were the perfect host to put up with us. Billy D. I and I had a good time harrassing each other, not only at work, but whenever we ran into each other out and about in town. My life was blessed by knowing Billy D. and you. Be a good girl, because I know Billy D. is watching you!! Both Billy D. and your friend, Phil Feese*

Phil Feese - May 08, 2018 at 04:45 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson.*



May 08, 2018 at 12:16 AM

JC

“ Sympathy to the Crapson family!
Bill was one of a kind, I felt like I became one of the family when Rhonda became my freshman college room mate. I was his Jean Jean.
And Anastasia was his Anna Maria Alberghetti, which I always thought he made up this name, but it was a real person.
I loved him like a father! My girls like a grandpa, they always got a good ribbing when around Bill.
I know we ll all miss him, but with all the memories and jokes and stories and comments he made, he shall never be forgotten!
I love you Alta and Regina and Rhonda!
God bless you and your families at this time of sorrow!
Jeanne, Anastasia, Clarissa, and Gabriella Czarnick

Jeanne Czarnick - May 06, 2018 at 11:23 PM

DW

“ *Alta, so sorry to hear about Bill. My first husband & I purchased your house in Wauneta and lived there a number of years beside Leland and Glendene. Donna Taylor Whiting*

Donna Whiting - May 06, 2018 at 09:20 PM

FB

“ *Billy was a great friend and will be missed by all. Fred Bosselman and family.*

Fred Bosselman - May 05, 2018 at 05:05 PM

RS

“ We will always remember Bill's friendly greetings to family and friends alike. He just loved people. And, we will remember the pancake breakfasts he prepared at each of our family reunions. He will be missed.

Ruth Schwasinger and Kathryn Vollmer

Ruth Schwasinger - May 05, 2018 at 09:45 AM

RM

“ *Rejina C Milanovich purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson.*



Rejina C Milanovich - May 04, 2018 at 04:04 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson.*



May 04, 2018 at 10:21 AM

KW

“ *So sorry to hear about Bill. I think of you often, Alta. I remember working at the courthouse (Chase County) with you. Hope you are well. Deepest sympathy and prayers for you and your family.*

Karen Welch - May 04, 2018 at 08:20 AM



“ Uncle Bill we will miss u like crazy. U made everybody laugh at ur jokes. Until or stomach would hurt from laughing so hard. U were a wonderful and kind uncle 😭😭. I will Miss U Alot... Now u can rest. R.I.P. my dear Uncle Bill.. 😭😭😭😭

Dianne Crapson Brown - May 04, 2018 at 02:41 AM



“ Dianne Crapson Brown lit a candle in memory of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson



Dianne Crapson Brown - May 04, 2018 at 02:35 AM



“ I will miss you Bill....especially that smile. We'll take care of Alta.... Prayers for you family....❤️



Janelle Beatty - May 03, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson.



May 03, 2018 at 06:53 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson.*



May 03, 2018 at 06:08 PM



“ *Lorie Cook-Benjamin lit a candle in memory of Billy D. "Bill" Crapson*



Lorie Cook-Benjamin - May 03, 2018 at 05:52 PM



“ *One of the things I will always remember about Mr. Crapson was he always called me Jake until he found out that was a nick name after that it was always DJ. I hadn't seen Bill for a long time but I know he would have been happy to see me, because he was always a happy guy who was kind to all he came across.*
David Jacobs

David Jacobs - May 03, 2018 at 05:03 PM