



William "Bill" Henderson

June 15, 1931 - August 10, 2019

William "Bill" Henderson, 88
Kearney resident

William "Bill" Henderson, 88, of Kearney passed away on Saturday, August 10, 2019 at his home. A celebration of his life will be held 11:00 a.m.

Thursday, August 15, 2019 at Kearney E-Free Church. Pastor Tim Peterson will officiate. Private internment services will be held at Keene E. Free Church prior to the memorial service. Visitation will be 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday at O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral Home in Kearney.

William "Bill" Allen Henderson was born in Englewood, Colorado on June 15, 1931 to John Albert and Mildred Esther (Brown) Henderson. He was the fifth child in a family of ten children. They had a strong faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and Bill accepted Christ as his Savior at an early age.

Bill married Wilma Ann Marting on February 3, 1951 in Denver, Colorado. To this union five children were born: Kathleen Ann, Karen Annette, Stephen Allen, Susan Lynn, and Richard Lee.

In August 1954 they moved to Chicago, IL. where Bill attended Moody Bible Institute and graduated in 1958. They returned to Colorado where he graduated from the University of Northern Colorado in May, 1961 with a B.A. in education.

In August 1961 they moved to Kearney, Nebraska where Bill taught social studies at the Kearney Middle School for the next 33 years. He coached wrestling for many years and also managed the Buffalo County Fairgrounds for 14 years.

Bill ministered in many churches of the surrounding area including Riverdale Christian Church. He was pastor of the Keene Evangelical Free Church near Axtell and was a member of the Kearney Evangelical Free Church.

After retiring Bill and Wilma joined the RVICS, Roving Volunteers In Christ's Service. They took their fifth wheel RV to various volunteer projects in many different states across the nation for nine years, a very rewarding and enjoyable time. The work done was manual work such as painting, building, remodeling, pouring concrete, whatever was needed. Bill later volunteered at Good Samaritan Hospital.

Bill loved to fly and had his private pilot's license. He was an avid hunter and fisherman most of his life. He enjoyed camping, traveling and sightseeing. He loved his family dearly and would travel many miles to share in their activities and special occasions.

Bill is survived by his wife, Wilma; his children and spouses, Kathy and John Storm of Okla. City, OK, Karen and Bill Amstuz of Cedar Rapids, IA, Steve and Phyllis Henderson of Pittsburg, PA, Susan and Sam Gullion of Winder, GA, Rick and Pam Henderson of Kearney, NE; 13 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and sisters, Millie Garber and Charlotte Curtis of the Denver area and Eileen Booth of Nevada.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four sisters, and 2 brothers.

Memorials are suggested to the family for future designation. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com. Services are entrusted to O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral and Cremation Services.

Cemetery Details

Keene Evangelical Free Cemetery

Keene, NE

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG **14**. 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

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Kearney E-Free Church
4010 7th Ave
Kearney, NE 68845
<http://www.kearneyefree.com>

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Henderson*

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ *When I was in seventh grade we lived next door to the Hendersons. Mr. Henderson was my wrestling coach. To this day I continue to live by the lessons he taught me. God bless you all.*

Dick Leibbrand

richard leibbrand - August 16, 2019 at 11:59 PM



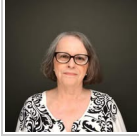
“ *Mr Henderson was one of my favourite teachers in Jr High, Reading his obituary I now understand what an awesome man he was outside the classroom. Blessings and comfort for his family and friends.*

Brenda Hogins Clark - August 16, 2019 at 02:54 PM



“ *I send my sympathy for your loss. Mr. Henderson, as he will always be called by me, was a wonderful teacher. As I look back on my school years in Kearney, he always comes to mind as my favorite. He enjoyed us kids, had a wonderful sense of humor and was entirely a gentleman at all times. Even after my school years were over and years later our paths would cross, he always remembered me. Some people make a positive difference in our lives, Mr. Henderson did. Sincerely, Charlotte Wilken Webb*

Charlotte Wilken Webb - August 14, 2019 at 06:44 PM



“ *Mr. Henderson was one of my favorite teachers of all time. He loved his subject matter, knew it well, and was respectful of his students. You can't ask for much more than that.*

Kathy and family, I know he will be missed. He was a great guy!

*Nancy McCammon-Hansen
Classmate of Kathy's KHS Class of 1970*

Nancy Hansen - August 13, 2019 at 03:54 PM

PB

“ *Paul, Carol and Nick Brill purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William "Bill" Henderson.*



Paul, Carol and Nick Brill - August 13, 2019 at 03:45 PM

CS

“ *What a wonderful teacher and human being Mr. Henderson was! I was his student for one year at Kearney Junior High School but remember how it felt to be able to come to his classroom everyday and be a part of an amazing educational opportunity! He made the subject matter come alive, but most of all he valued every student who was assigned to his class, and made sure they had the opportunity to shine! How blessed he was to have shared his enthusiasm for teaching and love of Christ with so many! Well done thou good and faithful servant!*

Cindy Glanzer Snell - August 13, 2019 at 10:51 AM

PS

“ *Mr. Henderson was one of my favorite teachers throughout school. I had him for 8th grade social studies in the 1960s. He made learning fun. Prayers for his family on his passing. Pat Ahrens Squier*

Patricia Squier - August 12, 2019 at 07:42 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Henderson.*



August 12, 2019 at 07:36 PM

ES

“ *He wasn't just a teacher for me but my pastor at the Evangelical Free Church in Keene, NE when I was younger! Such a wonderful and loving man!*

Edward E Schriener - August 12, 2019 at 04:19 PM

NH

“ *Mr. Henderson was a fine teacher. I learned so much from him. And he always taught with that hint of humor that kept us all attentive. His family is in my prayers. May you have as many happy memories as his students did.*

Nancy Hanson - August 12, 2019 at 02:48 PM

DR

“ *My absolute favorite teacher. He informed, challenged and required a student to think. RIP Mr. Henderson.*

Dan Reese - August 12, 2019 at 02:01 PM

BL

“ *By far, my favorite teacher when I was in middle school at Horizon. Mt condolences to his family*

Ben L - August 12, 2019 at 01:01 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Henderson.*



August 12, 2019 at 11:11 AM

LO

“ *My deepest sympathy to Bill's family. He was my teacher at Kearney Junior High and I really enjoyed his humor, especially "Little Rabbit Foofoo" . He was a wonderful teacher and enriched the lives of many students. Lori McCammon O'Brien*

Lori O'Brien - August 12, 2019 at 09:57 AM

DP

“ *Bill was a wonderful and kind person. Very knowledgeable. Praying for the family.*

Dean and Pat Pennington - August 12, 2019 at 08:45 AM