



Willis "Bill" G. Schnuerle

March 7, 1938 - December 5, 2015

Willis G. "Bill" Schnuerle, 77, of Kearney, died Saturday, December 5, 2015 at Good Samaritan Society-St. John's.

Memorial services will be at 2:00 pm Wednesday, December 30th at First United Methodist Church. Reverend Gary Main will officiate. According to his wishes Mr. Schnuerle was cremated. O'Brien Straatmann Redinger Funeral home is serving the family. Condolences may be shared online at www.osrfh.com.

Memorials are suggested to the family for later designation.

Bill was born on March 7, 1938 in Bushnell, Nebraska to George and Lilah M. (Hatten) Schnuerle. After the death of his father in a farming accident, the family moved to Naponee, Nebraska when Bill was nine months old. He graduated from Naponee High School in 1956. After attending trade school in Omaha he moved to Kearney where he worked for Ransom Body Shop.

Bill was united in marriage to Marilyn Kay Williams on June 5, 1960 at First United Methodist Church in Kearney. They made their home in Kearney where he worked for Baldwin Filters for 47 years. In retirement he worked for a short time at Napa Auto Parts.

Bill was an animal lover, he and Marilyn raised and trained Quarter horses together for many years. He enjoyed fishing, camping, working on cars and barbeques with family and friends. In the 1960's he was part of the pit crew for outstate Nebraska favorite, Willie Hecke. Most of all Bill loved spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren. Bill and Marilyn were foster parents for many years, and over those years provided a caring home and loving family atmosphere for countless foster children.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church, Kearney Volunteer Fire Department, the Sheriff's Posse, the Western Wranglers, the Elks Club and the Eagles Club. Bill and Marilyn were also members of the Foster Parents Association for over 30 years.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn of Kearney; four sons, Billy (Nicole) Schnuerle of Scott, AR and Wendell Jones of Southwest City, MO, Joseph (Zoe) Schnuerle of Lincoln and Jeremiah (Kathy) Schnuerle of Lincoln; four daughters, Deb (Ed) Schnackenberg of Omaha, Susan (Jim) Vavra of Amherst, Lynda (Kirk) Schmidt of Bryant, AR and Sonya (Gerald) New of Sherwood, AR; 17 grandchildren, Chelsie (Derek) Bonzagni, Robert, Rebecca (Tyler) Warland, Gabrielle, Scott, Matthew, Katie, Devin, Antares, Renee, Emma, Jennifer, Derek, Michael, Matthew, Jake and Kayleigh; ten great grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; two sisters, Vera Wohleb of Hastings and Maxine Stover of Oxford; and a sister-in-law, Alice Schnuerle of Clay Center.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Kenneth Schnuerle, two nephews, Michael Stover and Randall Schnuerle, and brother-in-laws, Verlyn Wohleb, and Lemoine Stover

Previous Events

Memorial Service

DEC 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Willis "Bill" G. Schnuerle

January 28, 2023 at 08:01 AM



“ RIP Bill. If Marilyn is still alive id love to get in contact. You were my foster parents for 4 years. From 80-84. Please get in contact with me. Marthakalina@yahoo.com



Martha Baker (Fialo as they know me) - August 10, 2021 at 05:05 PM



“ Marilyn, you may not remember me, but I worked at Kearney HHS with the foster care program when you and Bill were foster parents. I was so sad to see his obituary, and I did not realize he was at St. John's, indicating he has not been well. I am sending my sympathy to you and your family, along with many fond memories I have of you both and all the kindness and love you gave to your foster children, as well as great support to other foster parents. Love and prayers to you Marilyn.
Linda L. Boucher

Linda L. Boucher - December 30, 2015 at 01:47 PM



“ I am very sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I have many, good old memories of living in your basement on E. 28th. I will never forget that he was the first and LAST to introduce me to fried frog legs!
Donna "Mousel" Taylor

Donna Taylor - December 29, 2015 at 04:24 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of Willis "Bill" G. Schnuerle.



December 26, 2015 at 10:35 PM