



William L. "Bill" Bethards Jr

February 16, 1936 - October 22, 2017

NORFOLK -- Memorial service for William L. "Bill" Bethards Jr., 81, of Norfolk will be held at 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2017 at the Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk with Rev. Chip Winter officiating. Private family inurnment will be held at a later date. Visitation will be 4:00-6:00 p.m., Thursday at the Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk. Bill died Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Faith Regional Hospital in Norfolk. Stonacek Funeral Chapel in Norfolk is in charge of the arrangements

Born Feb. 16, 1936, in Omaha, he was the son of William and Ruth (Rupp) Bethards Sr. He was baptized and confirmed on Jan. 21, 1958, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Omaha. He attended Omaha North High School. After high school, Bill worked with his dad doing lath construction work in the Omaha area.

He married Vergean Leitzke on Aug. 23, 1957, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Omaha. Bill and Vergean lived in Omaha, where Bill worked at the Sac Air Force Base and Safeway in Omaha before moving to Norfolk in 1967, where Bill worked at Vulcraft for 27 years.

Throughout Bill's life, he enjoyed hunting and fishing, being active in the kids' scouts and field trips, a lot of camping with family, doing wood work, as well as raising livestock, such as cows and chickens.

Bill was a very involved father for his children; his family was always a very important part of his life. He was a member of Christ Lutheran Church in Norfolk.

Survivors are two children, Jeff Bethards of Pilger and Mary Jane and spouse Curt Hill of Stanton; 10 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Judy (Steve) Werner of Omaha.

He was preceded in death by his spouse, Vergen Bethards on July 18, 2014; a son, Christopher; and his parents, William Sr. and Ruth.

Organist for the service will be Starla Landkamer. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **26**. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (CT)

Stonacek Funeral Chapel - Norfolk
1200 N.13th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
(402) 371-7676
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Service

OCT **27**. 11:00 AM (CT)

Christ Lutheran Church - Norfolk
605 S 5th St.
Norfolk, NE 68701
<http://tiger.clnorfolk.org/index.php>

Tribute Wall



“ *William L. "Bill" Bethards Jr*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM



“ *William and Vergean were good neighbors. Our condolences to the family on William's recent passing.*

Ta-Ha-Zouka Park staff.

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