



William "Bill" Buckendahl

May 3, 1940 - March 5, 2018

PIERCE -- Funeral service for William J. "Bill" Buckendahl, 77, of Pierce will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, March 10, 2018 at the Zion Lutheran Church in Pierce. Officiating will be Rev. Gordon Bruce and Vicar Jesse Baker. Interment will be held at the Prospect View Cemetery, rural Pierce. Visitation will be held 4:00-7:00 p.m., Friday also at the Zion Lutheran Church. Bill passed away Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Heritage of Bel Air Nursing Home in Norfolk. Stonacek Memorial Chapel in Pierce is in charge of the arrangements.

William J. H. Buckendahl was born May 3, 1940, in rural Pierce, to Richard and Louise (Ehlers) Buckendahl. He was baptized May 26, 1940, by the Rev. H.A. Hilpert and confirmed March 29, 1953, by the Rev. A.H. Krueger, both at St. John's Lutheran Church of Pierce. He attended St. John's Parochial School through eighth grade and graduated from Pierce High School in 1957. He graduated from the Nebraska Vocational Technical School at Milford with an emphasis on diesel and farm tractor technology in June 1959. He was employed by Schinkel Implement in Gibbon as a diesel mechanic and shop foreman from 1959 to 1968. William married Sandra Ahlman on June 21, 1964, at Zion Lutheran Church of Pierce. They were blessed with two sons, Chad and Brice. After graduating from Kearney State College with a major in industrial management on May 29, 1968, he became a service representative for the Oliver Corporation in Charles City, Iowa, and traveled the United States and Canada. William served in the Nebraska National Guard from 1959 to 1968. He achieved 2nd lieutenant and served a short time as a company commander in Grand Island. In August 1971, he was hired by Northeast Technical Community College in Norfolk to start a diesel mechanics program. He was on the salary committee when Norfolk Junior College combined with the technical college to become Northeast Community College under Dr. Robert Cox. In January 1978, he acquired Kolterman Farm Equipment from Erwin Kolterman. He and Sandra operated the business until May 2014. They sold many different brands of equipment and parts, as well as providing service and repair of equipment. William's faith was very important to him, so he was willing to serve his church as an elder, a voter, an usher, a choir member, a Sunday school teacher, a Bible study leader and chairman of the congregation. William was a past member of the Pierce Jaycees, Pierce Lions Club, Pierce Chamber of

Commerce and served on the Pierce Public School Board for 12 years, as well as the Pierce zoning board for a number of years. He was an emcee for the Pierce Threshing Bee parades. William loved his family very much and worked hard to provide for them. He enjoyed his grandchildren and was very proud of them.

Survivors include his spouse, Sandra; his sons, Chad (Sarah) of Las Vegas, Nev., and Brice (Julie) of Pierce; his grandchildren, Morgan of Clearwater and Mason of Lincoln; his sisters, Beverly Buckendahl of Pierce and Marilyn (Larry) Hixson of Lake Havasu, Ariz.; his sisters and brothers-in-law, Sherry (George) Bradley of Randolph and Sheila (Dick) Meyer of Kearney.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Richard and Louise Buckendahl, and a sister-in-law, Sylvia Ahlman.

Organist will be Celine Fehringer and soloist will be Rick Higgins, singing "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" and "Thy Word." The congregational hymn will be "Amazing Grace."

Casketbearers will be Ron Kramer, Reuben Riedel, Clay Silhacek, Andy White, Pastor Gordon Bruce, Dave Colsdon, Bill Fehringer and Harold Blair. Honorary casketbearers will be his nieces and nephews.

Online condolences may be sent to www.stonacekfuneralchapel.com.

Cemetery Details

Prospect View Cemetery - Rural Pierce

Pierce, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *William "Bill" Buckendahl*

October 05, 2023 at 03:46 AM

KK

“ *Sandy, I am so sorry to hear of Bill's dearh. This is such a hard time...I will keep you and your family in my prayers. You have been in my thoughts since I heard the news.*

Kathy Krier - March 10, 2018 at 09:45 PM

WC

“ *We're sorry for your loss. We will keep your family in our prayers at this difficult time.
My memory of Bill goes back to Kearney State College when he was helping with Metals lab in the Industrial Arts program. I graduated in 1969 with an Industrial Arts degree and taught 32 yrs. in Madison, NE. I bought a 1951 model Oliver 77 Row Crop tractor in 1983. Through the years our tractor needed parts and that is where I met Bill at Kolterman Farm Equipment. Always had time to share a story and catch up on what was going on.*

Wayne & Betty Cross - March 10, 2018 at 08:40 AM

AO

“ *We were sorry to learn of your loss. Arnie was thinking of the many conversations he had with Bill, especially about starting the Diesel Mechanic program at Northeast. We pray God will give comfort to you and yours through His Holy word. with Sympathy, Arnold & Jeanne Oltjenbruns*

Arnold Oltjenbruns - March 08, 2018 at 05:02 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Buckendahl.*



March 08, 2018 at 01:24 PM

DK

“ Dear Sandy and family,
So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. We send our sympathies and prayers for your loss. I was glad to have had the opportunity to see Bill when I was down in October to see my brother Mike. It is sad to see so many of our class already passed. Our prayers are with you at your time of loss.
Dennis and Gale Korth
Appleton, WI

Dennis M Korth - March 07, 2018 at 04:48 PM

TS

“ Dear Family,

I purchased my T/L center pivot from Bill in the Fall of 2004 and began using it in the Spring of 2005. During that time, I got to know Bill quite well. I knew Bill somewhat from his days at Northeast College and visited with him about his days as an Oliver Territory Manager. Bill was a great guy and will be sorely missed by all who knew and loved him. I am sorry about his struggles late in his life but now his pain is gone and he can rest in peace. May God bless and keep you all at this trying time in your lives.

Terry and Gloria Spence

Terry and Gloria Spence - March 07, 2018 at 04:11 PM

BH

“ So sorry for your loss. My sympathies to all of your families. God's Blessings.

Barb Herian-Oppliger - March 07, 2018 at 02:16 PM

DR

“ My heartfelt sympathy, Sandy and family. Bill was a great boss and friend.



Delpha Riley - March 07, 2018 at 09:00 AM