



## Billie "Bill" Wessendorf

July 1, 1929 - December 11, 2023

Billie "Bill" Wessendorf, age 94, of Newell, Iowa died Monday, December 11, 2023 at Trinity Regional Medical Center in Fort Dodge, Iowa.

Funeral services will take place Friday, December 15, 2023 at 11:00 a.m. at the First Congregational Church in Newell, Iowa. Burial will be in the Newell Cemetery. Visitation will be held Thursday, December 14, 2023 from 5-7 p.m. at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

Bill was born July 1, 1929 to William H. and Alice (Minglin) Wessendorf in Storm Lake, Iowa at Swallum Hospital. He was baptized as an infant at the Methodist church. Bill grew up in Nemaha, Iowa where he attended school, graduating in 1949. After graduating high school, Bill served in the United States Army from 1951-1953 and was stationed in Korea. He then owned and operated the Station, Bill's Standard in Newell, Iowa until 1999, including 24 hour wrecker service.

On June 15, 1952, Bill was united in marriage to Grace Piercy at the First Congregational Church. The couple was blessed with four daughters: Suana, Lauri, Launi, and Alicia.

Bill enjoyed playing catcher on the Newell town baseball team. Later in life, he

found joy in gardening and was proud of his 2000 pound potato harvest one year. Every week after church, Bill and Grace would join Don and Marcella Piercy for Sunday dinner. They also enjoyed getting together with their card club friends. More than anything, Bill treasured time with his kids, grandkids and great grandchildren. He loved taking his family on trips, especially every five years to Estes Park, Colorado. Bill enjoyed fishing and he loved to support his daughters, grandkids, and great grandkids in their various activities.

Bill was a member of the First Congregational Church in Newell where he served as a deacon and trustee. He was also a member of the American Legion, Lion's Club and was a Newell fireman. Bill served as President of the Newell Chamber of Commerce.

Left to cherish Bill's memory include his beloved wife: Grace Wessendorf of Newell, Iowa; daughters: Suana Wessendorf of Sac City, Iowa; Lauri (Mitch) Lyman of Newell, Iowa; Launi Dane (Rich Wagner) of New London, Iowa; Alicia Bohlke of Polk City, Iowa; grandchildren: Mandy (Brad) Mahler; Justin (Ginger) Lyman; Kristopher (Shanie) Dane; Kraig Dane; Daniel (Rosalie) Dubbohlke; Trevor (Anelyse) Bohlke; great-grandchildren: Aden (Peyton) Mahler; Treyton Mahler; Nevaeh and Guyson Lyman; Maci Parcel; Charlotte Dane; Jackson Bohlke; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; brothers: George (Ruth) Wessendorf; Fred (Donna) Wessendorf; parents-in-law: Ernest and Florine Piercy; brother-in-law: Don (Marcella) Piercy; sister-in-law: June (Bob) Parker; great-grandson: Charles Ray Dane; and special nephew: Frank Parker.

# Cemetery Details

## Newell Cemetery

E. Jensen St.  
Newell, IA 50568

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC **14**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
(712) 732-1911  
jensenfuneralhomes@gmail.com  
<https://www.fratzkejensen.com>

## Funeral Service

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

First Congregational United Church of Christ  
310 E. 3rd St.  
Newell, IA 50588

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 14, 2023 at 11:22 AM

DJ

“ *I will always remember Bill having that heartwarming smile and twinkle in his eyes! Everyone was blessed who knew him and those memories will bring us comfort. Hugs to the family. 🙏*



Debra (Hirsh) Jacobson - December 21, 2023 at 11:41 AM

MB

“ *Marilyn Bauer lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



Marilyn Bauer - December 17, 2023 at 07:23 PM



“ *Marti Christensen lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



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**Marti Christensen** - December 16, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Steph/Sharon Mickelson lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



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**Steph/Sharon Mickelson** - December 15, 2023 at 09:50 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Service Recording*



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**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - December 15, 2023 at 04:07 PM



*It was a very beautiful and heartwarming service. ❤️*

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**Debra (Hirsh) Jacobson** - December 21, 2023 at 01:11 PM

TT

“ Theresa Tymeson lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf



Theresa Tymeson - December 15, 2023 at 05:16 AM

FH

“ 2 files added to the tribute wall



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - December 14, 2023 at 05:53 PM

KL

“ Bill was always so very kind. My sincere condolences to Grace and daughters.  
Kim Larsen



Kim Larsen - December 14, 2023 at 03:24 PM

MB

“ Grace and Family: So sorry to hear of the death of Bill. We remember what a wonderful man and neighbor he was for the 25 years we lived in Newell. We'll never forget all the times we visited with him when he was out in his beloved garden. He always had a smile on his face and was so friendly. Grace, may you and your family have peace and strength in your time of sorrow.

*Merle & Jean Boerner*

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**Merle & Jean Boerner** - December 14, 2023 at 02:44 PM



“ Peg Anderson lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf



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**Peg Anderson** - December 14, 2023 at 11:50 AM

SH

“ So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. He always had a smile on his face and was very friendly. May God's loving arms hold you through these past few days and at difficult times for the future.



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**Sonia Haahr** - December 14, 2023 at 11:25 AM

RJ

“ Ronald Jensen lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf



Ronald Jensen - December 14, 2023 at 10:18 AM

RS

“ Our prayers to Bill's family on his call Home. Bill was such a kind friendly gentleman. He and Grave always showed a special warmth when you visited with them. May Christ's Peace be with you this Christmas and in the days ahead.

Randy & Marilyn Schmitt - December 14, 2023 at 08:49 AM

SB

“ Scott Bodholdt lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf



Scott Bodholdt - December 14, 2023 at 08:11 AM

DW

“ Darvin Will lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf



Darvin Will - December 14, 2023 at 07:32 AM

RB

“ We are sorry to hear of your loss. Our prayers are with all of you. What can I say except that Bill answered every call. I won't say how many, but 24-hour towing service was great.  
Judy and Rex

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**Rex and Judy Beazley** - December 14, 2023 at 06:33 AM

DJ

“ Deb Kevin Jesse lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf



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**Deb and Kevin Jesse** - December 13, 2023 at 08:12 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.



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December 13, 2023 at 06:50 PM

JL

“ Junior, Randy & Mary Anne Law planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.

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**Junior, Randy & Mary Anne Law** - December 13, 2023 at 06:50 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*.



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December 13, 2023 at 04:15 PM



“ *bobbie wise lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



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**bobbie wise** - December 13, 2023 at 03:45 PM



“ *Bev Reis lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



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**Bev Reis** - December 13, 2023 at 03:17 PM



“ *Bob Baschke lit a candle in memory of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf*



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**Bob Baschke** - December 13, 2023 at 01:58 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.*



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December 13, 2023 at 01:50 PM



“ *Becky White lit a candle in memory of Bill Wessendorf*



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**Becky White** - December 13, 2023 at 12:37 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.*



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December 13, 2023 at 11:49 AM



“ *Peg Flynn lit a candle in memory of Bill Wessendorf*



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**Peg Flynn** - December 13, 2023 at 10:44 AM


TF

“ *The Wagner and Wilka Families purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.*



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**The Wagner and Wilka Families** - December 13, 2023 at 09:43 AM

 Terra Sheehan-Sievers

“ *Terra Sheehan-Sievers lit a candle in memory of Bill Wessendorf*



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**Terra Sheehan-Sievers** - December 13, 2023 at 09:06 AM

CB

“ *Chris, Nancy, and Beth purchased the Strength & Solace Spray for the family of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.*



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**Chris, Nancy, and Beth** - December 13, 2023 at 09:06 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Billie "Bill" Wessendorf.*



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December 13, 2023 at 07:41 AM

ET

“ Bill was a good friend of mine and he always had a quick smile whenever I drove into his station. He had a wonderful family and I'm sure everyone that knew Bill considered him a great person and will miss him. *Elvin Thomas - former Vo-Ag teacher at Newell.*

Elvin E Thomas - December 12, 2023 at 11:56 PM

RW

“ Ruth Westergaard lit a candle in memory of Bill Wessendorf



Ruth Westergaard - December 12, 2023 at 10:03 PM

BT

“ Bill Danis Thompson sent a virtual gift in memory of Bill Wessendorf



Bill and Danis Thompson - December 12, 2023 at 09:59 PM

SM

“ R.I.P Bill God will be there for you.



Steph&Sharon Mickelson - December 12, 2023 at 08:08 PM