



## William Ballou

May 19, 1944 - October 26, 2024

William C. Ballou, age 80, of Cherokee, Iowa died Saturday, October 26, 2024 at his home in Cherokee.

Memorial services will take place Saturday, November 2, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. at Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. Visitation will take place one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial will be at a later date. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

William Craig Ballou was born on May 19, 1944, to David and Dorothy (Howland) Ballou in Sibley, Iowa. William, aka "Billy", spent his early years in Sibley, until moving later to family farms near Archer, Iowa and Lake Park, Iowa, where he enjoyed his days playing with his siblings and cousins, and helping with chores on the farm. Following his graduation from Hartley Community High School, in Hartley, Iowa, Billy enlisted in the Army Reserves military police unit out of Pocahontas, Iowa.

He was united in marriage on June 5, 1965 to Sandra Zemke, at the Newell Methodist Church. To this union two children were born: Cassandra and Jason. Following his divorce in 1990, Billy was later united in marriage to Denise Dierenfeld on July 30, 1994 at the Storm Lake, Iowa St. John's Lutheran Church. From this union, Billy acquired children: Marcus, Amanda,

DeAnna, and stepchildren: Tina Akin, Cora Akin, and Seth Akin.

Billy enjoyed spending time with his family, fishing, and talking on the phone with his siblings, and trucking across the country until his retirement.

He is survived by his wife, Denise, children and stepchildren: Cassandra (Ballou) Woods and husband Gerry; Jason and Erin Ballou; Amanda (Ballou) Price and husband Houston; Deanna (Ballou) Grant and husband Ryan; Marcus and Jenna Ballou; Tina and Kevin Dewey; Cora and Ed Mcbride; and Seth Akin. He is also survived by his grandchildren: Wyatt Ballou and wife Megan; Mackenzie Ballou and fiancée Caleb Hess; Grace Ballou; Bryce Ballou; Hudson Ballou; Patrick Price; and step-grandchildren: Kayla Drost; Craig Dewey; Sami Kist; Stormie Akin; and Sky Akin. Bill is also survived by his twin sisters: Cynthia Jeffery and Susan Morrow, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; stepfather: Carl Rau; siblings: Patricia, David Jr., Judith, and Donald; and brothers-in-law: Cliff Mulenburg and John Jeffery.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV 2. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (CT)

Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - Storm Lake  
1615 W Milwaukee Ave,  
Storm Lake, IA 50588  
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## Memorial Service

NOV 2. 2:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William Ballou*



**Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home** - November 01, 2024 at 08:47 PM



“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



**Jensen Funeral Home** - November 01, 2024 at 04:41 PM



“ *Danette M. purchased the Small Garden Dish for the family of William Ballou.*



**Danette M.** - October 31, 2024 at 05:54 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Ballou.



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October 30, 2024 at 09:40 PM



“ On behalf of the Smith's originally from Newell, Bradley and Sara Smith, Russell Smith, Susan Smith, Nancy (Smith) and Dan Burkhart family, Jack and Tami Smith, We offer our Prayers to Jesus and Heartfelt Sympathy, Support, Encouragement and Condolences to Family and Friends.



*I , Bradley, always enjoyed casual Good Natured Fun loving conversations with Bill growing up and as an adult ! He always had a sense of adventure and unique perspective in life's events. He traveled across America in his trucks! God Bless and Take Care, Family and Friends. A couple favorite Holy Bible passages to strengthen our Faith - Proverbs 3:5-6. and Philippians 4:4-9. Thanks for reading and taking Encouragement from Creator God and the Good Lord Jesus.*

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**Bradley S. Smith** - October 29, 2024 at 11:59 AM

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“ Amanda,  
Your Dad was so proud of you and the gift  
you and Houston had given him in Patrick. He  
will forever be a Guardian Angel too all of you  
and watch over you. His love for you will  
never stop.  
Julie Menin



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**Julie Menin** - October 28, 2024 at 09:37 AM