



William "Bill" Herman Merten

December 4, 1940 - February 8, 2022

William "Bill" Herman Merten, age 81, of Storm Lake, Iowa died February 8, 2022 at Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Memorial Services will be held on Saturday, March 5, 2022 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake, Iowa. A private family burial will be in Sacred Heart Cemetery in Early, Iowa at a later date. Visitation will be prior to services at 9-10:45 a.m. with a KC Rosary at 10:45 a.m. at the CHURCH. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to St. Mary's School or BVRMC Oncology.

William "Bill" Herman Merten was born on December 4, 1940 to Herman Merten Jr. and Clela (Shellenberger) Merten in Storm Lake, Iowa. He was baptized and confirmed at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. Growing up, he attended school at Sacred Heart and graduated in 1959. Bill was an active member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. He served on St. Mary's School Board, St. Mary's Booster Club and St. Mary's Foundation. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus.

On November 24, 1962, Bill was united in marriage with Joleen Marie Coon at

Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Early, Iowa. From this union, four children were born: Paul, Donna, David, and Kevin.

He enjoyed wintering in Arizona with Joleen and going on fishing trips to Canada, Minnesota, and South Dakota. Bill loved playing card games with Joleen and anybody who was brave enough to play with him. He attended many gatherings at the "House of Knowledge" coffee shop. Bill possessed a deep love of the farm and passion for agriculture. He was known for having the best sweet corn in Iowa and participating in antique tractor rides. Family was important to Bill. He treasured his family vacations to Florida and Branson, Missouri. Bill always enjoyed following his children and grandchildren's sporting events and school activities. He especially enjoyed playing mini golf with his grandkids. He never knew a stranger and could never say "no" to anyone who asked. Bill will be dearly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Bill is survived by his wife, Joleen of Storm Lake, Iowa; children: Paul (Stef) Merten of Storm Lake, Iowa; Donna Merten of Omaha, Nebraska; David (Deb) Merten of Storm Lake, Iowa; Kevin (Danielle) Merten of Omaha, Nebraska; brother: Rich Merten of Storm Lake, Iowa; sisters: Jean Owen of Storm Lake, Iowa; Rosemary (Sal) Zoucha of Omaha, Nebraska; Kathy (Tom) Bumgardner of Omaha, Nebraska; sister-in-law: Susan Merten of Gold Canyon, Arizona; grandchildren: Alex Merten of Ames, Iowa; Dane (Amanda) Ewald of Omaha, Nebraska; Cale (Morgan) Ewald of Kansas City, Missouri; Logan and Jenna Merten of Storm Lake, Iowa; Kyle and Addison Merten of Omaha, Nebraska; in-laws: Janice Coon; Jean Wolfe; Victoria Coon; James (Bonnee) Coon; Jay Coon; Julie (Joe) Wadsley; many nieces and nephews, cousins, extended family and friends.

Bill is preceded in death by his parents: Herman Jr. and Clela (Shellenberger) Merten; brother: Thomas Merten; parents-in-law: Leonard and Genevieve

(Drey) Coon; sisters-in-law: Liz Merten; Anita Coon; brothers-in-law: John Owen; John Coon; Jerome Coon; William Wolfe.

Cemetery Details

Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery -- Early, Iowa

Church St.
Early, IA 50535

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 5. 9:00 AM - 10:45 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Rosary

MAR 5. 10:45 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

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Funeral Service

MAR 5. 11:00 AM (CT)

St. Mary's Catholic Church -- Storm Lake
320 Seneca Street
Storm Lake, IA

Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - March 02, 2022 at 03:17 PM

FH

“ *2 files added to the tribute wall*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Homes - March 06, 2022 at 07:31 PM

PB

“ *Bill was a great man and will be missed my many! I always enjoyed chatting with him. My thoughts and prayers are with the Merten family right now. I hope you're able to find peace and comfort during this difficult time. Take comfort in the memories that you have of Bill.*



Paula Burns - March 04, 2022 at 12:13 PM

TC

“ *Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - March 03, 2022 at 09:49 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Herman Merten.*



March 02, 2022 at 01:17 PM

SN

“ *Bill was such a great guy! My sympathies to you Joleen and all your family. Sherry Vilas Neid.*



Sherry Neid - February 15, 2022 at 11:04 PM

SM

“ *Steph Mickelson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



Steph Mickelson - February 14, 2022 at 10:03 AM

RH

“ We have known Bill for several years .He was always a great guy to know. We worked together several years with Bill and Jolene on the St Marys Booster Board. We had good times but also worked hard could always count on Bill to be there to help. He will always be remembered. Our deepest sympathy and thoughts are with you Jolene and your family. May God help you and your family during this sad time. Bob always enjoyed visiting with Bill. Bob and Rose Hogrefe

Rose Hogrefe - February 13, 2022 at 07:23 PM

CR

“ Connie Roche lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten



connie roche - February 10, 2022 at 07:56 PM

BH

“ We worked several years with Bill and Joleen on the St. Mary's Booster Board. Bill was always a quiet, driving force to get work done. You never had to ask him twice about tackling a new project. He was always ready and willing to give his time, talent and support to St. Mary's. We were blessed to have gotten to know and work with Bill. Thoughts and prayers for Joleen and family. Bud and LuAnn Hott

Bud and LuAnn Hott - February 10, 2022 at 07:34 PM

DP

“ *Bill was a great man and will be missed. Our sympathies to Joleen and family. Diane and Don*



Diane Porter - February 10, 2022 at 05:39 PM

JD

“ *John/Connie Demers lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



John/Connie Demers - February 10, 2022 at 05:05 PM

PG

“ *A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM (Bill) MERTEN. MAY HE RIP. TO HIS WIFE, JOLLEEN & FAMILY ARE SYMPATHY & PRAYERS.*



*JOY, PEACE & LOVE, LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE & FAMILY
(HINNERS KIDS)*

patty gunville - February 10, 2022 at 02:35 PM

CD

“ *Cheryl DeMan lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



Cheryl DeMan - February 10, 2022 at 11:08 AM

MS

“ *If everybody lived their life the way Billy did-helping each other out and not caring soooo much about the damn money= what a wonderful wonderful life this would be*

Marty shellenberger - February 10, 2022 at 10:52 AM

MM

“ *Michelle Munoz lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



Michelle Munoz - February 10, 2022 at 10:26 AM

WT

“ *Sympathy to the family. Bill was such a friendly person. God give you strength during this trying time.*



Wil & Karen Triplett - February 10, 2022 at 08:11 AM

MY

“ *Mark/Chris Young lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Herman Merten*



Mark/Chris Young - February 09, 2022 at 10:52 PM