



## William "Bill" O'Meara

March 1, 1928 - March 15, 2019

William "Bill" O'Meara, age 91, of Storm Lake, Iowa died on Friday, March 15, 2019 at the Methodist Manor Retirement Community in Storm Lake.

Funeral Mass will be held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Burial will be in the St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Storm Lake. Visitation will take place on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. with a vigil at 6:30 p.m. and a rosary to follow all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

William Lewis O'Meara, the son of William and Viola (Schuelke) O'Meara, was born on March 1, 1928 in Galva, Iowa. In his youth, Bill was baptized and confirmed at Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church in Holstein.

Bill attended grade school and high school in Galva graduating in 1945.

Right after high school, Bill enlisted in the Navy to serve his country. He was stationed in Hawaii for two years and then in the reserves for four years.

On February 3, 1951, Bill was united in marriage to Beverly Dugaard in Holstein. The couple was blessed with four children: Debra, Connie, Teresa, and Mary.

His Catholic faith was central in his life, and an inspiration to his family and friends. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as a eucharistic minister.

He worked for 20 years for Hygrade and later IBP/Tyson. Other jobs throughout the years included postmaster, delivering milk for a creamery in Holstein, insurance salesman, and he published the Galva Shopper. He worked until he was 89 years old weighing trucks at Tyson.

Bill loved golf and played or practiced any time he could. Sports was also a big part of his life whether it was watching his grandkids, watching on tv, or listening on the radio. Bill had a big, tender heart and was very kind and compassionate towards others and generous..... but he was an Irishman.

“Son of a buck”..... he definitely will be missed. Deeply.

Those left to cherish his memory include his children: Connie (Steve) Sippel of Schaller, Iowa; Teresa Mahn of Pflugerville, Texas; and Mary (Kevin) Richardson of Hillsboro, Oregon; brothers, Gerald (Rose) O’Meara of Schaller, Iowa and Ron (LaVonne) O’Meara of Hinton, Iowa; sister-in-law, Dorothy O’Meara of Rochester, Minnesota; grandchildren: Nicholas Sippel, Sarah (Adam) Babcock, Daniel Sippel, Thomas Sippel, Jason (Patti) Mahn, Chelsea (Sturgis) Cunningham, Marissa (Jack) Billups, Simone (Andrew) Richardson, and Alexander Richardson; 10 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; and extended family and friends.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents, William and Viola; wife, Beverly; brother, Jim O’Meara; daughter, Debra O’Meara; and son-in-law, Richard Mahn.

Unseen, unheard, but always near. Still loved, still missed, and very dear. –  
An Irish Blessing

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 19. 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>

## Vigil Service

MAR 19. 6:30 PM (CT)

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## Rosary

MAR 19. 6:45 PM (CT)

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## Funeral Mass

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MAR **20**. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

# Tribute Wall

SS

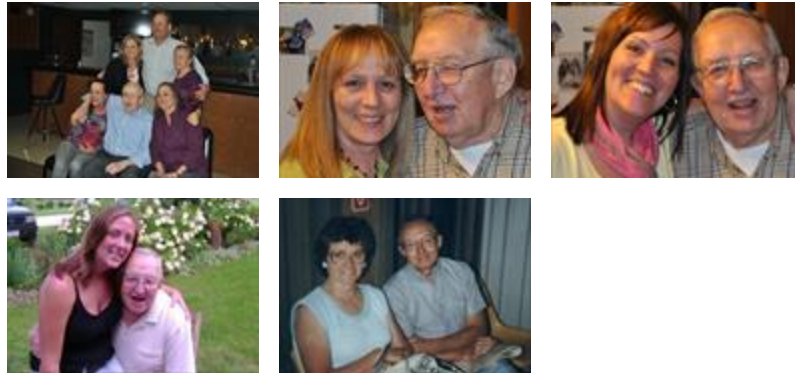
“ *Deepest sympathy and love from his great grandchildren Kaylee, Nicholas and Brandon Sippel. His great, great grandchildren Rosaline and Everliegh. May you rest in peace grandpa.*



Sandy Stevenson - March 20, 2019 at 08:50 AM

SS

“ *23 files added to the album Memories Album*



steve sippel - March 19, 2019 at 02:50 PM



“ *Peaceful Wishes was purchased for the family of William "Bill" O'Meara.*



March 19, 2019 at 11:49 AM

LM

“ Love always, Ciaran & Meliza purchased the White Standing Spray for the family of William "Bill" O'Meara.



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**Love always, Ciaran & Meliza** - March 19, 2019 at 04:05 AM

ME

“ Meliza lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" O'Meara



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**Meliza** - March 19, 2019 at 02:57 AM

BV

“ Dear Jerry and Rose, Ron and LaVonne, and family of Bill,

*I was looking at obituaries in the Sioux City Journal to find my Holstein neighbor's obituary, and came upon my cousin Bill's obituary. My husband Byron and I moved back to Lincoln last August, and I was looking forward to making a trip to Iowa this year to visit my O'Meara cousins, so was sad to read Bill had passed. Please know you all have my sincere sympathy at this time of loss. I have fond memories of seeing you when I would visit your mom and dad in Galva years ago....Ron and Jim often popped in for a chat when my mom and I were visiting my Aunt Ole! Have lost track of you all in these last few years while we lived in Aiken, South Carolina for 12 years.*

*I know Bill will be missed in many ways by your family. My healing prayers are with you in the days ahead. I hope to connect with Ron and LaVonne, and Jerry and Rose this year. God's blessings to you and may good memories of Bill bring joy to your hearts.  
Love, Bette (Agnew) and Byron Vanier*

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**Bette Vanier** - March 18, 2019 at 09:19 PM

MR

“ Mary Richardson lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" O'Meara



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**Mary Richardson** - March 18, 2019 at 08:30 PM

PG

“ A CANDLE HAS BEEN LIT IN MEMORY OF BILL. PEACE & PRAYERS TO HIS FAMILY. HE IS NOW AT PEACE, NO PAIN OR SUFFERING.

LOVE & PRAYERS,  
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE  
STORM LAKE, IOWA



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**Patty Gunville** - March 18, 2019 at 06:34 PM

TC

“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" O'Meara



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**Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh** - March 18, 2019 at 07:31 AM

KS

“ Dear Mary, Teresa, Connie, and our Iowa family: We share your sorrow. Uncle Bill was a precious piece of work. He helped us understand that guys with tattoos were not bad guys - just guys with tattoos. He had a perpetual smile on his face, and a corny joke to go with it. We knew how much he cared for you and for us. He helped my boys (as toddlers) learn how to put stinky bait on what looked like pink foam hair curlers. Then he helped them process a 24" catfish from Storm Lake. Bless his heart. So glad we got to share his 90th birthday with him last year. And so sad that we can't be with you for his funeral. The biggest of hugs to you all! --- Karen

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**Karen Seeton** - March 17, 2019 at 06:35 PM

JW

“ You'll always be in my heart, Uncle Bill. I'll always remember your smile and laugh, along with your great sense of humor! Memories of you from throughout the years will always be a cherished part of my life, as you were a part of my life. Give 'em heck up there, Uncle Bill!  
Loving you forever,  
Jacki

Jacki Wilson - March 16, 2019 at 04:29 PM

MH

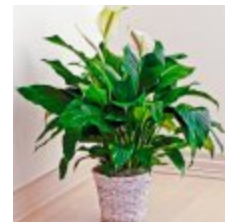
“ Marcy Hallengren lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" O'Meara



Marcy Hallengren - March 16, 2019 at 01:45 PM



“ Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of William "Bill" O'Meara.



March 16, 2019 at 01:11 PM

KZ

“ Kim Zimmerman lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" O'Meara



Kim Zimmerman - March 16, 2019 at 09:44 AM