



William P. Kestel

December 29, 1929 - August 31, 2019

William P. Kestel, age 89 of Storm Lake, Iowa died Saturday, August 31, 2019 surrounded by his loving daughters.

Funeral Mass will be held on Thursday, September 5, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. at 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 Wednesday, September 4, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. with a rosary at 5:15 p.m. and a vigil service at 7:30 p.m. all at the Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in STORM LAKE. The Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home in Storm Lake is in charge of the arrangements.

He was born December 29, 1929 on his family's farm near Storm Lake, the son of William Michael and Mae (Grigsby) Kestel.

Growing up, Bill attended a one room schoolhouse, Hayes Consolidated School, and later graduated from Storm Lake St. Mary's in 1947. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951 and was stationed at Stead Air Force Base in Reno, NV. His time in the service brought him lasting memories and many stories. He proudly served his country for two years until his honorable discharge.

On January 3, 1953, Bill was united in marriage to Mary Alice Smith at Saint

Mary's Catholic Church in Storm Lake. Together they were blessed with four daughters, Colette, Alice, Lisabeth "Libby", and Ann.

A man of faith and a lifetime member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, Bill supported all aspects of the church and school including being a 3rd Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus, delivery trips for SOS, and attending numerous school activities while his children were growing up.

Bill began farming as a young boy and never lost his love for being on the land and on his tractors. Airplanes were always a big interest to him. He could identify the model and year of any airplane he saw. Living next to the airport he often spent time there watching the airplanes and talking with the hanger staff and pilots.

Other cherished memories were his many travels with his wife Mary, including trips to the Panama Canal, Hawaii, Alaska, Europe, and the Caribbean. He loved coffee with his friends, going on tractor rides, and participating in the AmVets Honor Guard.

Probably the thing that Bill was best known for was his kind and gentle nature. As he greeted people he was quick to ask about their family or give them a compliment. Everyone knew they could always trust and count on him to help in any way.

Bill's biggest love and enjoyment was being with his family. He continued to regularly attend games and activities of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was always beaming with pride anytime he had his family gathered around him. He had the ability to make each grandchild feel important in their own special way. Bill had a long life well-lived and will be greatly missed by all.

Those left to cherish his memory include daughters Alice Graves, children Peter (Maggie) Graves, and Eric Graves all of Ventura CA; Libby Kestel, Iowa City, and Ann (Mark) Meyer; children Matt, Makenzie, Megan and Macy of Mason City; son-in-law Tom King, Johnston, Iowa; children Brian (Erin), Nantucket MA, David King, Newport Beach CA, Aaron (Kelli) King, West Des Moines, Sarah (Reggie) Voyles, Sac City; Lisa (Mat) Beaman, Ankeny; great grandchildren; Sydney, Kinnick and Charlie King; William, Landon, and Millie Voyles; brother John (Mary Ellen) Kestel, Goleta, CA.

Preceding Bill in death were his parents; wife, Mary Alice; sister, Dorothy Kestel; daughter Colette King; and granddaughter, Laura King.

Previous Events

Rosary

SEP 4. 5:15 PM (CT)

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Visitation

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Vigil Service

SEP 4. 7:30 PM (CT)

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Funeral Mass

SEP 5. 10:30 AM (CT)

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

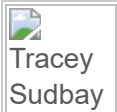
Tribute Wall



“ *Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of William P. Kestel*

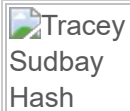


Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 04, 2019 at 11:25 AM



Beautiful video, beautiful memories! Will always remember Bill fondly! A great guy!! Wishing you all peace and comfort during this time of grief and mourning. May he rest in peace with the loved ones who went before him. He is certainly surrounded with love in heaven, and love from those left here on earth.

Tracey Sudbay Hash - September 04, 2019 at 09:54 PM



“ *Alice, Libby, Ann and all extended family... my deepest condolences to you all. Bill was such a great man! Many fond memories of him! He was the best! May he rest in peace. Hugs and love to all of you.*



Tracey Sudbay Hash - September 04, 2019 at 10:05 PM

PS

“ Dear Kestel girls - your Dad was such a sweet man and I always enjoyed talking with him when I was in Storm Lake. He loved to tell everyone about you and all of the various trips and activities. My condolences to all.



Pat Sudbay - September 04, 2019 at 06:55 PM



“ Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of William P. Kestel.



September 04, 2019 at 01:09 PM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of William P. Kestel.



September 04, 2019 at 12:58 PM



“ 189 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Fratzke & Jensen Funeral Home - September 04, 2019 at 11:13 AM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of William P. Kestel.*



September 04, 2019 at 09:05 AM



“ *Be assured of my sympathy and prayer! Your dad was such a good and faithfilled man. May he be enjoying deep peace and freedom from all pain.*
Sr. Annette Kestel

Sr. Annette Kestel - September 03, 2019 at 07:34 PM



“ *My sincere condolences to the family of William Kestel:*

Alice, Libby, and Ann, each of you brought so much joy to your Dad's life. I admired him so much for his gentle, kind nature. He and your Mom were such great team---your Mom & Dad were such opposites. Theirs was a family-oriented home that provided such a wholesome home for you girls. I am sad, across the miles, thinking of all the wonderful times spent with your parents---such great friends. Ole & your dad went way back to school at St. Mary's. One could not ask for such a genuine friend.

His love of planes must have been "caught" from his Uncle Greg! Your Dad will be remembered for being a loyal friend, and his kindness, and his genuine, unassuming nature. I feel privileged to have known him.

*My sincere sympathy to each of you. May God bless your family
May he R I P,*

Sincerely, Bonnie Mester

Bonnie Mester - September 03, 2019 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of William P. Kestel.*



September 03, 2019 at 01:50 PM



“ Lynn Snyder lit a candle in memory of William P. Kestel



Lynn Snyder - September 03, 2019 at 10:39 AM



“ Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten lit a candle in memory of William P. Kestel



Dave, Deb, Logan & Jenna Merten - September 03, 2019 at 09:20 AM



“ Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh lit a candle in memory of William P. Kestel



Tim/Pegi Cavanaugh - September 03, 2019 at 08:22 AM

JG

“ *Kestel Family,
What a great guy, that Bill Kestel was! He loved
his kids and grandkids so much. Libby shared
so many events that Bill attended....he is loved
and will be truly missed by sll who knew him!
Forever treasure the memories!*



Joan Goeser (a college friend of Libby's)

JOAN GOESER - September 03, 2019 at 02:03 AM

LH

“ *Dear Kestels-Your dad and mom were such
wonderful people and dear friends. My words
fail me now, but not my prayers. Eternal rest
grant unto them O Lord and let the perpetual
light shine upon them. May their souls and the
souls of the faithful departed through the mercy
of God rest in peace. I hope to be able to see you at the visitation.*



Laura (Hahn) Hanna - September 02, 2019 at 04:43 PM


Jennifer
Mailliard
Reed

“ *My condolences to all. I will miss seeing Bill at Iowa women's
basketball games in Carver-Hawkeye Arena. But I am sure that he,
Mary, and Teenie will cheering the girls on from up above. I hope
happy memories console you during this difficult time.*

Jennifer Mailliard Reed - September 02, 2019 at 03:51 PM

JC

“ Jeff And Jean Chindlund sent a virtual gift in memory of William P. Kestel



Jeff and Jean Chindlund - September 02, 2019 at 12:43 PM

JC

Sorry for your loss, Bill was a very kind man.

Jeff and Jean Chindlund - September 02, 2019 at 12:46 PM



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September 02, 2019 at 09:20 AM

JP

“ Jennifer, Matt & Kaylee Peters lit a candle in memory of William P. Kestel



Jennifer, Matt & Kaylee Peters - September 01, 2019 at 10:38 PM

SN

“ *Bill was one of the best. This truly is the end of an era in the Kestel family. Sheila and I have so many fond memories of the times we spent together over the years. Rest in peace friend.
Our sincere sympathy to the entire Kestel family.
Steve and Sheila Neuroth*

Steve & Sheila Neuroth - September 01, 2019 at 09:21 PM

PG

“ *WE ARE SO SAD ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR DADDY & GRANDPA & GREAT. WE WILL CERTAINLY MISS BILL, BUT YOU KNOW NOW HE IS IN A BETTER PLACE WITH YOUR MOM,N GRAM & GREAT GRAM. BET THEY ARE AGAIN HAPPY TOGETHER WITH JESUS. CAN'T FORGET TEENIE. TOO. PRAYERS FOR ALL.*

*LOVE & PRAYERS,
LARY & PATTY GUNVILLE*

PATTY GUNVILLE - September 01, 2019 at 07:03 PM

DM

“ *In Memory of Bill & Mary our neighbor & HyVee breakfast friend
Russ & Diane Meyer*



diane meyer - September 01, 2019 at 05:12 PM