



William "Bill" A. Anderson

April 1, 1932 - August 23, 2024

Bill Anderson, age 92, went home to Jesus on August 23, 2024. Bill was born April 1, 1932 to Fritz and Serine Anderson. He was raised in the small township of Cushing, MN where he attended a one room school house through 8th grade, completed his high school education in Little Falls and graduated in 1950. Following graduation, Bill helped on the family farm until he moved to Minneapolis to complete a two-year drafting program at the U of M. He graduated with honors and was offered a position at NSP. Shortly after Bill was hired, he was drafted into the army. At the completion of his service, Bill returned to NSP (Xcel Energy) where he worked until he retired in 1988.

Like many of his generation, Bill was raised to value the bond of family, the importance of hard work, a gratitude for life, and a strong and sincere faith in God. If asked, Bill would happily and confidently tell you the life he led was rich, full and undeserved. He never failed to mention his love for Myrna and his gratitude for their marriage of 66 years. He would tell you life consisted of ups and downs, but there was never regret and there was always love and gratefulness.

Following their marriage on April 27, 1958, Bill and Myrna built their first home and settled in Fridley, MN. There they raised their children, Dianne and Mike. Like other young couples, their lives largely revolved around good neighbors who became life-long friends, numerous family activities and an involvement

at a church which fostered faith and relationships. They remained in their first home until Bill retired in 1989; returning to Cushing and enjoying 13 years of lake life in a beautiful home Bill designed and built. Their years on Lake Alexander were filled with relaxation, family visits, travel, fishing, sunsets and many fond memories.

Bill enjoyed his leisure. He could spend endless hours fishing in his boat or on a frozen lake. He enjoyed Arizona's winters with Myrna, year-round RV travel and treasured time at Campfire Bay Resort with his family. Bill loved sports of all kinds; but those most enjoyed, were the ones his grandkids participated in or coached. There was rarely a game, recital, concert, or special event he wouldn't willingly attend.

Bill was often described by others as a kind and generous man. He found great joy in fostering relationships and serving others. To his family, Bill was known for his fun-loving antics, his teasing, his Swedish pancakes, a good Ole and Lena Joke, a big smile and a huge hug. To neighbors and friends, Bill was the man who greeted you in the hall, offered assistance, extended a kind word and made sure you knew you were welcomed and belonged. To his wife, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren he was the "glue" that held our family together, our compass when life was confusing, our rock when life was hard and the person we could always count on. He loved well, lived well and will be missed more than words can ever say.

Preceded in death by his parents, Fritz and Serine; mother-in-law, Jennie Carlson; siblings, Forrest (Harriet), Wallace, Kieth, Roger (Dorothy), Dale, and Robert; and brother-in-law, Arlo Kneeland. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 66 years, Myrna; children, Dianne (Wayne) Westberg and Michael (Kim) Anderson; grandchildren, Andrea (Drew) Worthing, Laura (Riley) Heggem, Erin (Cody) Kielsa, Hanna (Josh Bidwell), Christian, and Emilee Anderson; 3 great-grandchildren; siblings, Marie Kneeland, Carl

(Kathy) Anderson, Elise (Ron) Karger, and David (Eileen) Anderson; sisters-in-law, Amber, Dee Dee and Clarice Anderson; many other loving family and friends, especially those from Realife Cooperative.

Memorial service will be Saturday, September 7 at 11 AM with visitation at 10 AM at First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave. NE, Columbia Heights. In lieu of flowers, memorials preferred to Solid Rock Free Lutheran Church, Anoka or the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. The livestream of Bill's service can be viewed starting at 11 AM on September 7 at:

<https://youtube.com/live/yXf7tmBbiNY?feature=share>

Previous Events

Visitation

SEP 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

First Lutheran Church of Columbia Heights
1555 40th Avenue NE
Columbia Heights, MN 55421

Memorial Service

SEP 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *BILL WAS A WONDERFUL PERSON HE WAS LOVED BY SO MANY GOD BLESS EACH ONE WHO KEEP BILLS MEMORIES IN THERE HEARTS,,HE WILL BE MISSED.*

BOB PROVOST1941@gmail.com - August 28, 2024 at 10:45 AM



“ *Bill was the go to guy for any information regarding NSP's transmission system. Wonderful man to work with.*
Earl Wiesner

Earl Wiesner - August 28, 2024 at 10:27 AM