



William Leroy Block

August 13, 1937 - December 30, 2020

William L. Block, "Bill," passed away Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at Fairview Ridges Hospital in Burnsville, Minnesota.

Bill was born on August 13, 1937 to William C. and Clara (Borchardt) Block, in Hassan Valley Township in rural McLeod County, Minnesota. Bill was the third William Block; his grandfather was William A. Block. He attended school in Silver Lake until the Block family moved to rural Kandiyohi in 1952. Following graduation from Atwater High School in 1955, Bill enlisted in the United States Navy, serving for three years as a journalist. He then began doing construction work in the Twin Cities, where he worked on many of the area's original freeways.

Bill was united in marriage to Audrey Jensen of Bloomington. They had three children: Sheri, William C., and Bonnie. They resided in Bloomington, and later moved to Grand Rapids, MN where he helped build a new sewage treatment plant for the city. The family, with lots of help from relatives and friends, built a new home on Prairie Lake. Bill later opened his own business called "The Building Blocks," doing house remodeling and construction. In 1985 they relocated back to Bloomington. After retirement, Bill worked seasonally for the Minnesota State Fair in the parking department, and loved it.

Over the last several years, Bill had many serious health issues, but he was an overcomer. Sadly this time that was not to be. He was admitted to Fairview Ridges Hospital on Christmas Eve where he entered his heavenly home on December 30th. Even up to his final days, Bill had a keen mind, staying in touch with world and local events, reading, watching his grandson's baseball games via the computer--and he never lost his love for the outdoors and fishing.

At the time of his death, there were five generations of William Blocks:

First - William A. Block

Second - William C. Block

Third - William Leroy Block

Fourth - William C. Block

Fifth - William L. Block

Bill is survived by his children: Sheri Cleveland of Bloomington; William (Karla) Block of Ithaca, New York; and Bonnie (Troy) Heck of Foley. Also surviving are seven grandchildren: Matthew Drewek, Amanda Drewek; Madeline Block, William Block; Eric (Danielle) Heck, Alex Heck, and Angela Heck along with two great-grandchildren: Cooper and Reed Heck. Bill is also survived by two sisters, Ardelle Messenbrink of Otsego and Corinne (Dennis) Baker of Spicer, as well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Preceding Bill in death were his older brother Curtis, his parents Bill & Clara, his brother-in-law, Julius Messenbrink, his former wife, Audrey, as well as many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A memorial service will be held at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W. Old Shakopee Road, Bloomington MN on Thursday, January 21, 2021 at 12:00pm.

Social distancing and masks will be required and attendees are encouraged to

consider their comfort level with attending an indoor service. Because of COVID-19 capacity restrictions we are asking for RSVPs to billblock@gmail.com to help us in planning. A private interment for immediate family members will follow at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JAN 21. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W Old Shakopee Rd
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

Tribute Wall

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