



William Bruce Kallestad

April 2, 1939 - August 21, 2024

Reverend William Bruce Kallestad was born on April 2nd, 1939 and his loving mother wrote in his baby book, "He is as good as gold."

Bill was the second child of Lillian and Harold, and was a proud and loving brother of Alice, John, Janet and his little brother Jimmy! Bill discovered his love for Jesus at a young age and followed God's plan to faithfully live his life by being a minister and sharing the love and grace of Jesus. Bill was a Lutheran pastor for over 40 years.

Bill met the love of his life at church Luther League and in 1962 married Susan Kay Fish and welcomed into the world their favorite children Mary (Jeff) Mennenga, Laura (Mike) Stok, Bill Kallestad (Jenny Brown) and Beth Kallestad. Susan and Bill had a simple family motto, "Always Caring and Always Sharing - That is the Kallestads".

Being a devoted husband and father was so very important to Bill. But being a grandpa was the golden time. He was the proud grandpa of ten amazing grandchildren, you just had to ask to see a picture or hear a story about Eleanor, George, Seth, Abigail, Benjamin, Claire, Sophie, Owen, Scout, and Truman. Then confirming what we already knew, he became a GREAT grandpa this past December to Wrenley!

To everyone Bill met he quickly became their biggest fan, and never required anything in return. In turn he was adored by all.

Good as Gold right from the start, and stayed that way his whole life.

Funeral service, 11 am, August 27th at Elim Lutheran Church, Robbinsdale, Minnesota. Visitation one hour prior to service. Memorial donations may be made to Luther Seminary in St. Paul, Minnesota, Evangelical Lutheran Church of America or YMCA in New Hope, Minnesota.

Cemetery Details

Maple Knoll

Maple Grove, MN

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 27. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Elim Lutheran Church
3978 West Broadway Avenue
Robbinsdale, MN 55422

Funeral Service

AUG 27. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Reception

AUG 27. 12:00 PM - 1:30 PM (CT)

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Graveside Service

AUG 27. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (CT)

Maple Knoll
8511 Rice Lake Road N.
Maple Grove, MN 55369

Tribute Wall

BM

“ *It is difficult to lose one's parent. Especially one who was so gentle and kind. My sympathies to the family. Member of Faith Lutheran.*

Bernice Matzke - August 26, 2024 at 08:10 PM

LC

“ *Lawanda C. purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of William Bruce Kallestad.*



Lawanda C. - August 26, 2024 at 04:31 PM

LC

“ *Lawanda C. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Bruce Kallestad.*

Lawanda C. - August 26, 2024 at 04:31 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William Bruce Kallestad.*



August 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM

KD

“ Kyle D. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William Bruce Kallestad.

Kyle D. - August 26, 2024 at 03:44 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of William Bruce Kallestad.



August 26, 2024 at 12:10 PM

LI

“ I remember with fondness Bill's quirky sense of humor, wonderful belly laugh, and easygoing, gentle spirit. Those rendezvous with Bill and Beth at the Hardee's in Iowa, back in our Wartburg days, hold great affection for me. We send our deepest sympathies and much love to the Kallestad family as they grieve the loss of such a mighty presence in their lives.

Liberty Lausterer and Micah Schweizer

Liberty - August 26, 2024 at 10:19 AM

EC

“ Elssborg Lutheran Church purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of William Bruce Kallestad.



Elssborg Lutheran Church - August 26, 2024 at 10:18 AM

DB

“ Rev. Kallestad's goodness passed along to his children. We really enjoyed working with his son Bill. May the family be blessed during this time of remembering and celebrating a life well-lived.

Diane Zaerr Brenneman

Diane Zaerr Brenneman - August 26, 2024 at 09:41 AM

RL

“ A wonderful Pastor and a good friend.

Robert Langford - August 25, 2024 at 04:22 PM

CM

“ Pr. Bill was one of the kindest people I will ever know ❤️. I knew him at Grace Lutheran in Des Moines and also he was in an apartment across from my oldest son. I know his family will take comfort in knowing that Bill is now with Jesus

🙏 *Carol Mattes*

Carol Mattes - August 24, 2024 at 09:02 PM

PJ

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all. He was a very special pastor and friend to our whole family for many years! Many memories!

paul and pat johnson - August 24, 2024 at 06:35 PM