



## William "Bill" Leo Karels

December 24, 1959 - August 19, 2024

William L. Karels

Age 64, of Madison, passed away August 19, 2024. Preceded in death by his wife, Catherine; parents, Leo and Sophia; and siblings, Tom, Connie and Kimberly. Survived by his children, Charlie, Katie, and Mathew (Katy); grandchildren, Rikki, Elsie, and Haddi; and his companion, Sandra Montesano; as well as many other relatives and dear friends. The service will be held on Tuesday August 27th at St. Therese of Deephaven. Visitation at 10am followed by service at 11am.

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# Previous Events

## Visitation

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

Church of St. Therese (Deephaven)  
18323 Minnetonka Boulevard  
Deephaven, MN 55391

## Memorial Service

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

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# Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Billy was a year ahead of me at BSM high school. He was a standout football player and I remember thinking he could break me in half like a twig. He wasn't a bully, however and became a friend to everyone that knew him.*

*He will be sadly missed by all of us. Sending our deepest sympathy To your families during this difficult time.*

*Jimmy Ahmann  
Colorado*

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**James Ahmann** - August 27, 2024 at 03:07 PM

DB

“ *I am saddened to know you left this Earth "Big Brother". That's what you were to me at Benilde many yrs ago in my Freshman year. I enjoyed your presence then and when you lived 1 block away from me in Mtka. Even then, I was sad to see you move down to Madison, but I know that's where the birds are. I pray you are at peace now Bill.*

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**David Brasket** - August 27, 2024 at 10:48 AM



“ *Love's Journey was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Leo Karels.*



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August 26, 2024 at 04:16 PM

RD

“ I arrived late to the fold but in the 25 or so years we traveled, hunted and hung out I caught up! It will never be the same without the “Duck Commander”! We will continue in his memory and give the dogs every opportunity to make him proud! Rest in peace my brother!

*Rich, Pearl and Diesel*



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**Rich Anderson, Pearl and Diesel** - August 26, 2024 at 03:25 PM



“ *Arrive in Style* was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Leo Karels.



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August 25, 2024 at 08:33 PM

TP

“ *Tana & Pete* purchased the *Beautiful in Blue* for the family of William "Bill" Leo Karels.



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**Tana & Pete** - August 25, 2024 at 07:13 PM

MB

“ I have fond memories of living with Bill on 2 separate occasions in our early 20’s. His powerful presence is familiar to all who knew him. When he walked into a room, no matter the size, you felt his presence. He was gregarious to the point of not being too intrusive but you felt he really was trying to understand you better, (down deep, I think so as to better play pranks on you). His sarcastic tone was always accompanied by the imitation of his dad’s voice which became contagious. I still remember and copy many of Leo’s comments with that same tone. To you “Chilly,” a great line from one of our favorite movies; Jeremiah Johnson: “Keep your nose to the wind and your eyes along the skyline.”

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**Mark Blumberg** - August 24, 2024 at 01:09 PM

KM

“ Over 40 straight waterfowl openers with Bill. Each one was preceded by shopping for gear, phone calls, preparing decoys, and when we finally could afford them; our dogs. Our first road trip was to Lewiston in 1977. Bills passion for waterfowl equated to so many friendships and memories. Many openers were in Winsted, Norwood, Vining, and Lac qui Parle. Bill was generous with all things and if he knew you liked Waterfowl; you were always invited for a post hunt refreshment. We know he will be with us at dawn somewhere somehow looking over us and the dogs. Rest in peace-friend-you are missed and loved.



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**Kevin Maas** - August 23, 2024 at 11:11 PM