



## Willard "Bill" Vincent Watney

August 1, 1922 - April 25, 2019

Willard "Bill" Vincent Watney, 96, of Northwood passed away peacefully Thursday, April 25, 2019 surrounded by his family at the Lutheran Retirement Home in Northwood.

A Celebration of Bill's life will be held 2:00 p.m. Friday, May 17, 2019 at First Lutheran Church, 309 9th St N, Northwood, IA 50459 with Reverend Judy Converse officiating.

Burial will be in Deer Creek Lutheran Cemetery, rural Deer Creek, IA.

The family will greet friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Memorials in Bill's name may be directed to the general fund at First Lutheran Church, 309 9th St. North, Northwood, IA, or to a charity of your choice.

Bill was born August 1, 1922 at home in Deer Creek, Iowa. The son of Severin Alert "Sam" and Anna "Marie" (Hallum) Watney, whose parents were among the original Norwegian immigrants to break ground and settle in Lanesboro, MN in 1854. He grew up in Deer Creek, where he met the love of his life, Lucille Radloff. The couple were married September 6, 1947 and were blessed with four children: Lynn, Gary, Roger and Jill. In their early years together, Bill and Lucy helped to run and manage the family Deer Creek Store. Bill created a business hauling local grain to the Wisconsin dairy industry. Later, Bill drove for Ruan Transportation until his retirement in 1992. Bill made time to travel with the family, camping, exploring and enjoying the parks, sights, museums and events of the Midwest and West. Bill was a collector of many things and enjoyed sharing his collections. He was a reader who enjoyed history and his numerous morning newspapers. The garden outside Bill and Lucy's home was a pleasure. He was a fan of several sports and the Minnesota Vikings and Twins. Bill had a kind heart and loved the many family dogs and cats, but most of all, Bill valued his family. He was a father, grandfather, and great-grandfather, and a dedicated and loving husband.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 71 years, Lucille; his children: Lynn (Karen) Watney of Lawrence, Kansas, Gary (Kathy) Watney of Albert Lea, MN, Roger (Elizabeth) Watney of Anchor Point, Alaska, and Jill Watney of Albert Lea, MN. Grandchildren: Chris (Rob Gary) Watney, Amber (Eric) Johnson, Sarah (Brent) Peterson, and Nicholas "Nic" Olson. Great-grandchildren: Rose Gary, Madison and Emma Johnson, and Henry and Charles Peterson; as well as many nieces, nephews, family members and friends.

Those preceding him in death include his parents; siblings: Kermit Watney, Adrian (Marg)

Watney, Helen (Kermit) Leidal, and Myron (Lani) Watney; as well as numerous close friends.

Conner Colonial Chapel. 1008 1st Ave. South, Northwood, IA 50459.  
(641) 324-1543. ColonialChapels.com

# Events

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**MAY** **Visitation** 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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First Lutheran Church

309 9th St. N, Northwood, IA, US

**MAY** **Celebration of Life** 02:00PM

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First Lutheran Church

309 North 9th Street, Northwood, IA, US, 50459

# Comments

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“ Remember him well as a neighbor. The stories he shared were always so funny and entertaining. A great guy, full of kindness and humor. Thinking of your family during this tough time. Prayers sent.

Linda Butler Sullivan - May 06 at 07:23 AM

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“ I have so many wonderful memories of Uncle Bill, he was my dad Adrian's brother. We were so lucky to have grown up knowing our Watney family! I was blessed to go visit during my summer breaks. It was wonderful knowing my Uncle Bill, Aunt Lucy, Lynn, Gary, Roger and Jill. I loved listening to stories from them. He always was so loving and funny. He had a pen collection and would let us go through all of them. He would let us sit in his cab of his truck, it was so fun! His love for Aunt Lucy, the kids and his pets was apparent. They would take me to where my grandparents lived in Deer Creek, where they owned the Deer Creek grocery store. It was so amazing to me that I was seeing our family history and the love this family had for their family and community! I know your parents, brothers and sister were there by your side as you went into the arms of Jesus! Much love always to you Uncle Bill

Becky Watney-Hemphill - May 01 at 04:23 PM

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“ Uncle Bill was my dad's brother. My dad was Myron but he was known as Mike. All I can say is that my dad, and all of his four siblings including Bill, were the "salt of the earth" kind of people who would do anything for you. I consider Bill and his siblings as representative of the best elements of society. To Lucy and all the family my heart aches with you. But I also know where he is and he is having a great time now that the family is together again. I also know we will see him again and it will be forever. Love from Mike and Paula Watney

Mike Watney - May 01 at 01:39 PM