



William "Bill" Rappe

May 9, 1945 - July 31, 2019

William "Bill" Rae Rappe, 74, of Clear Lake, IA passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 31, 2019, at MercyOne North Iowa Medical Center.

Visitation will be from 10:00-11:30 a.m. Monday, August 5, 2019, at Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel, 101 N. 4th St., Clear Lake. Inurnment will be at Evergreen Cemetery in Britt.

William was born on May 9, 1945, the son of Harry and Loretta (Naatz) Rappe in Austin, MN. He married Alice Hanson on December 31, 1981, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, IA.

William served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a medic.

In 2002, after 22 years as a custodian, he retired from the Clear Lake Community School District. William then worked for Huffman Transportation, a Charter Bus Service, until 2009.

In his retirement, William enjoyed spending time with his family, socializing with friends, and hosting Malt Shop Memories, as well as a few hours of music every Thursday, on KCMR.

William is survived by his wife, Alice; sister, Janet Conner, Hutchinson, MN; daughter, Kris (Dean) Vacek, Glencoe, MN; son, Kent Hanson, Glencoe, MN; daughter, Kandice (Traci) Herman-Rappe, Minneapolis, MN; daughter, Heather (Jeremy) Allen, Aredale, IA; twelve grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many other friends and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry and Loretta Rappe; son-in-law, Marty Given; and grandson, Mitchell Given.

Cemetery

Events

Evergreen Cemetery

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Visitation

10:00AM - 11:30AM

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Britt, IA,

Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

101 North Fourth Street, Clear Lake, Iowa, US, 50428

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Military Honors

11:30AM

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Ward-Van Slyke Colonial Chapel

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Comments



“ Paula lit a candle in memory of William "Bill" Rappe



Paula - August 04 at 09:19 AM



“ Alice I'm so sorry you are in my prayers. Remember the good old days at the bus barn lots of fun

Paula - August 04 at 09:10 AM



“ Alice,
I'm so sorry to hear about Bill. When you two used to come in the store it made my day. Sending my deepest sympathy to you and your family. Hugs to all,
Linda Graff

linda graff - August 03 at 07:10 PM



“ Bill (and Alice) were the best part of my day at Clear Lake Middle School. After they left the middle school, I was lucky enough to see them during their walks together, when our paths crossed. You were very much a part of my life, even though you didn't know it. <3 Your love for each other was evident and is precious. Sending love to Alice and the family.
Love,
Angela O'Tool and Family

Angela O'Tool - August 03 at 01:36 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Rappe.



August 02 at 09:55 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Rappe.



August 02 at 01:08 PM



“ I'am so sorry for your lose. Bill was our neighbor when we were kids. He was always washing his car. He washed it every day. All the kids would play together all the time. We went to school together at Holy Cross Lurtheran. We had a lot of fun. I will miss him, I got to see his pictures he posted on facebook.

Carol DesLauriers - August 02 at 12:12 PM



“ We will sure miss him at KCMR. Bill was a very kind and gentle person. Prayers for the family, including Alice.

Carol Meindl - August 02 at 09:57 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of William "Bill" Rappe.



August 01 at 11:18 PM



“ Alice and family... We are so sad to learn of your sudden loss. Bill was always ready for a fun conversation. Can't imagine your deep sadness. We will keep you close in our thoughts and prayers. ...Bill & Jan Alger

Jan Alger - August 01 at 11:09 PM



“ Bill was my Malt Shoppe Memories partner on the radio. I still cannot believe he is gone. He and Alice were two of the nicest people I've known. I'm so glad we have a lot of MALT SHOPPE MEMORIES recorded. We'll still be able to hear his voice and laugh at all the jokes and fun we had recording that show. Rest In Peace my friend!!
We will miss you!!

Kaye Steger - August 01 at 09:35 PM



“ I am so sorry for ur loss! My husband, Emil Naatz was Bill's uncle. Emil died in 1975. I really enjoyed Bill on Facebook. May God's special love comfort you in ur present sorrow!

Lone McAnally - August 02 at 07:54 PM



“ Oh gosh, My Alice Jean. This sooo shocked me! You know all of us at The MC bus barn loved you guys ! Heaven must need drivers up stairs too...We love you an if you ever need us just stop by or call me. I will come running. Bill was one of a kind an will be missed !

Cheri Blakely - August 01 at 06:26 PM



“ Alice so sorry to hear of your loss always loved being with you and Bill at the bus barn he was a great guy.

Rosemary Rozinek Cheri mom. - August 01 at 07:05 PM



“ Alice so very sorry for your loss. BILL was a good guy and will be missed.

Paula - August 01 at 09:28 PM



“ Alice and family, our thoughts and prayers are sent your way. So sorry to hear of Bill's passing.

Bill and Lorna Schutz

Bill and Lorna Schutz - August 01 at 05:12 PM



“ Cousin Billy RIP. Lurene Naatz Bahnsen

Lurene Naatz Bahnsen - August 01 at 04:36 PM



“ Dear Alice-

Please accept the sympathy of the entire KCMR Radio family. We were so shocked and saddened to hear of Bill's passing. Bill will be sorely missed by all of us at the station and his many fans of KCMR's Malt Shop Memories and his other regular air shift. As you know, he produced and hosted the popular MSM show with Kaye Steger. With your permission, we plan to continue to air prerecorded editions of the show in his honor. Candi and I also have some of our fondest memories of both you and Bill picking up our girls for school on the bus route. How fortunate they and we were to know Bill in this way



Bill Schickel - August 01 at 04:28 PM



“ The best cousin you could ever have! So shocked at his passing. Spent many holidays at his parents house in Austin. He is a treasure to keep in your heart. Rest In Peace with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Mary Naatz Judd - August 01 at 04:12 PM



“ Kandi - your dad was the absolute best! Amy Bailey-Dreger and I skipped school one December day and Bill caught us at Southbridge Mall. We begged and begged him not to tell on us. As far as we know, he never did. He just kind of smirked and let us be on our way. He was one of a kind. I know all our classmates and your friends, in particular, probably have stories about your dad that they could share and that is one of my fondest memories: Bill catching me skipping school! Your dad will be missed by many! Love and Hugs to you. You, Traci, Alice, and family all have my sincerest condolences. -Julie Shook-Muth

Julie Shook-Muth - August 01 at 03:01 PM