



Bill McMillen

November 11, 1938 - March 27, 2011

Funeral services for Billy D. McMillen of Bertha were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, March 31, 2011 at the Domian-Anderson Funeral Home in Bertha with Pastor Mark Brown presiding. Bill passed away at the age of 72 years at his home in Bertha. Bill was born on November 11, 1938 at Knoxville, Iowa to Worth and Lavern (Williams) McMillen. He attended school in Knoxville and began his service to his country when he enlisted in the US Air Force on December 8, 1955. After 20 years and having served in locations such as Germany, Hawaii and stateside, he was honorably discharged January 1, 1976. While he was in the service, Bill was united in marriage with Josephine A. Wegner at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Bertha on September 1, 1960. After retiring from the Air Force, he and Jo made Bertha their home in 1976. He worked in maintenance at the Bertha-Hewitt School. He was a member of the Bertha Lions Club. He enjoyed casino'ing, shaking dice and playing cards, search-a-word puzzles and following NASCAR. He enjoyed his annual trip to the Iowa State Fair and spending time with his daughter and grandchildren. Bill was preceded in death by his wife Jo on February 28, 1997; parents Worth and Lavern; sisters-in-law Roberta McMillen and Norene Nack; and brothers-in-law Jerry Stevens, Butch Wegner and Kenny Wegner. He is survived by his daughter Jody (Brian) Kuyava of Bertha; grandchildren Brandon (Marisa) Kuyava of Fargo and Ashley (Tyler Klinske) Kuyava of Eagan; brothers Jerry of Altoona, IA and Kelly (Marilyn) of Melcher, IA; and sisters Connie Douthit of Mineral Wells, TX and Carrie Stevens of

Knoxville, IA. Honorary pallbearers were Bill Hughs, Doug Kapphahn, Ray Eiswald, Don Payne, Rusty Roach, Joe Schuller, Dale Graphenteen, Dave Truax and all his nieces and nephews. Pallbearers were Ken Ashbaugh, Bryan Haase, Lance Grewe, Bob Seiling, Walter Packard and Gary Kleen. Military Honors were provided by the MNARNG Honor Guard. Interment was in St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery located in Bertha Township.

Tribute Wall

JP

“ So sorry!

Julia Peery - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SJ

“ dear JODY i am sorry bout uncle bill.i will miss him at the IOWA state fair.he was ALWAYS a lot of fun.he ALWAYS had a way to make you laugh. MALLISSA I know really enjoyed going down to the fair with both of you last year.I am glad she had that time with him.we love and you can call if you need to talk.All my love sue. P.S.DANNY and MALLISSA CARRINGTON send their Sympathie's also.he will be missed.

suann j.(mcmillen)carrington - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ My sincere sympathy in the loss of your loved one.

Marvin Van Baale - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ I want to convey my sympathy and that of the Class of 1957. It was my pleasure to visit with Bill at our 50 year class reunion. I was so glad that he was able to make it down. You are in our prayers.

Betty L. Flanders

Betty L. Flanders - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Jody, Brian, Brandon, and Ashley,
All our thoughts and prayers are with you. The memories go on and on in my head. He cared about everyone. Uncle Bill and Aunt Jo made it to many of my events over the years and I will always remember that. I always knew that they would be there no matter what. I will miss knowing that he should be arriving any day in town when August rolls around. I can't wait to keep sharing these memories with you and be apart of creating more in the future. Truly one very important man we will all miss! Lots of love to all of you.

Scott and Stacie Nichols - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JM

“ Jody, I just wanted to share a fond childhood memory of Uncle Bill that has stuck with me all these years. I couldn't have been but 8-10 years old. Talked with Uncle Bill on phone and remember it was snowing out. You guys were planding a visit back to Iowa in the summer. Uncle Bill told me to go outside and make 24 snowballs and put them in the freezer so we could have a snowball fight in the summer. I thought it was a great idea, so I did. That summer we had our snowball fight, unbeknownst to me (they turned into ice balls) man did that hurt when you got hit, WOW!! I was mesmerized about the Air Force and the fighter planes and the posters Uncle Bill gave me and visiting the Air Force Base in Illinois as a kid. I am so glad we were able to get reacquainted these past few years at the Iowa State fair. (We will miss you) But you can now go see Aunt Jo!!!

Jim & Kathy Mc Millen - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM

JR

“ Jody,

I am truly sorry for your loss.

Uncle Bill will be missed.

During fair time, he was my "go to market buddy". I don't know who will go with me now. The last couple of years he would sit on the bench and people watch while I shopped, but he enjoyed going downtown with me, and then we would go to breakfast. (maybe that's why he went, he loved to eat) I will miss that. It will never be the same again.

Know that our love, thoughts & prayers are with you.

Judy & Rusty - March 27, 2011 at 12:00 AM