



Willard Norman Reeve

January 23, 1928 - November 14, 2014

Willard Norman “Bill” Reeve was born January 23, 1928 in Geneva, Illinois to Norman and Janet (Sampson) Reeve. Bill’s parents divorced when he was very young, so he never really knew his father. His mother remarried Eugene Bailey, whom he came to admire. Bill also gained a step-brother, Bob, and later a half-sister, Alice. As a young boy, Bill enjoyed playing Monopoly, watching baseball and basketball, playing football, and going to movies. He graduated from Lyons Township High School in 1946, and then joined the United States Marine Corps. He went through basic training at Paris Island, South Carolina, and was stationed 18 months in Guam. After his honorable discharge in August 1948, Bill attended Kalamazoo College in Michigan, earning his Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating in 1952.

Bill worked for over 35 years for Western Electric as a Supervisor before his retirement in 1987. He continued part-time work on contract throughout the Midwest for several years. In his free time, Bill enjoyed bowling, gardening, playing tennis, boating, and watching Husker football/basketball. In more recent years, Bill’s interests included stained glass artistry, bird watching, archaeology, and genealogy. Bill enjoyed his regional travels with a bird-watching group from Fontanelle Forest.

Bill married Delores “Dee” (Christensen) Klemz on June 18, 1966 at First Lutheran Church in Papillion. Already a father to two young children, Kent and Judy, Bill quickly became a father to Dee’s five young children; Charles, Carolyn, Craig, Chris, and Cynthia. After three years of marriage, daughter

Catherine was born. The family resided in Omaha until relocating to Valley in 1978. Bill and Dee lived at Ginger Cove Lake for 22 years. In Valley, they were actively involved with St. Mark's Lutheran Church where Bill's stained glass window now hangs. Bill and Dee also enjoyed extensive national and international travel. Warmer weather took them to Tampa, FL in 2000, where they lived for 6 years. They returned to Omaha in 2006.

Bill died Friday, November 14, 2014 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age 86. He is survived by his wife Delores "Dee", sons: Kent (Erin) Reeve, Charles (Kathy) Klemz, Craig (Kathy) Klemz, Chris Klemz, daughters: Catherine (Chris) Johnson, Judy Underwood, Carolyn Chaffin (Jeff), and Cynthia (Gary) Guth, 15 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren.

Willard N. "Bill" Reeve, age 86, of Omaha, died 11/14/14. Beloved husband, father, and grandfather. 35 year employee of Western Electric. Survived by wife Delores "Dee", sons: Kent (Erin) Reeve, Charles (Kathy) Klemz, Craig (Kathy) Klemz, Chris Klemz, daughters: Catherine (Chris) Johnson, Judy Underwood, Carolyn (Jeff) Chaffin, and Cynthia (Gary) Guth, 15 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren.

Memorial service 3 PM Sunday, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Valley with a reception to follow. Private interment. Memorials to Alzheimer's Research or the church.

Tribute Wall



“ *Willard Norman Reeve*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Dee and Family-
Very sorry for your loss- You have my deepest sympathy at this
time. From your "co-worker" and friend,
Anne*

Anne Jankovich - November 24, 2014 at 10:14 AM



“ *So sorry to hear of Bill's passing. I remember him as a kind and
caring
man. My condolences to you all.*

Ron Cameron - November 24, 2014 at 07:33 AM



“ *Dear Dee and family,
We are so sorry to get this news; yet, grateful for an end to the
suffering of all of you.
We have such wonderful memories of our winter's in Alabama and
the time you drove all the way to Michigan and visited us. Thank
God for all these good memories. They carry us through times like
this.
You and your family are in our prayers and thoughts. Thank you for
letting us know. And, keep in touch.
Love,
Lew & Pat*

Lewis & Patricia Crame - November 22, 2014 at 01:40 PM

JM

“ Dear Dee and Family,

May loving memories bring you comfort. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Blessing,
Joseph & Carole Muzic*

Joseph & Carole Muzic - November 21, 2014 at 03:52 PM

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“ *I was saddened to hear of Bills passing. He was one of my first bosses in merchandise at Western Electric and also a good friend. He never had a bad word to say about anyone, was very likeable and always had a smile. He knew my sister Peggy Reed and my brother Ed O'Donnell really well for years. He was a good man and you and surely will be missed. My deep condolences.*

Barry O'Donnell - November 20, 2014 at 08:04 PM

ES

“ *So sorry to hear of Mr. Reeve's passing. Your family was such a wonderful neighbor to my parents.*

Elisse Stern - November 20, 2014 at 07:32 AM

MN

“ *Dee and family,*

I am so sorry to hear about Bill's passing and your recent fall. I pray that you and your family will be comforted in your time of grief and that you heal quickly, both physically and emotionally. Sending love and healing prayers,

Marlene Novotny

Marlene Novotny - November 18, 2014 at 05:57 PM