



William Charles "Bill" Frye

February 26, 1936 - April 18, 2020

In lieu of flowers, Memorials to the family for later designation.

William C. "Bill" Frye was born on February 26, 1936 in Omaha, Nebraska to Chester and Carrie (Wells) Frye. He grew up in the Elk City area where he attended grade school before attending Valley High School. As a young boy, Bill worked on the family farm. He cared for his favorite horse "Flicka" and with the "help" of his sisters became a very good polka dancer. Bill served in the United States Army for 2 years, spending one year in Korea near the DMZ.

Bill married Sandy Flower on November 26, 1960 at St. Bridget's Catholic Church in South Omaha and they were blessed with three children: Chuck, Tom and Teresa. Bill and Sandy briefly lived in Omaha before relocating to the Bennington area where they raised their three children and Sandy's two sisters Susie and Bev.

Following his military service, Bill worked for a short time as a mechanic and in construction before he went to work at Offutt Air Base and later Elkhorn Radar Station. He amassed 33 years of Civil Service by the time he retired. Bill was a member of the American Legion, VFW and the Bennington Fire Department. Bill and Sandy have been members of St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Elkhorn since 1963. Upon moving into town, Bill completely

remodeled their home, inside and out. He was a happy, likeable man with an ornery streak. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and tinkering with cars. Bill was an avid sports fan, following the Royals, Chiefs, Cardinals and Huskers. He savored a grilled steak, a cold beer and enjoyed dinner at Farmer Brown's.

Bill passed away on April 18, 2020 at the Maplecrest Nursing Home in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 84 years, 1 month and 23 days. He was preceded in death by parents Chester and Carrie; brothers Chet, Leslie, Dean and Eugene and sisters Irma and Verla; Bill is survived by his wife Sandy; Sons Chuck (Tami) of Kearney and Tom of Bloomington, IL; daughter Teresa (Ryan) Rischling of Bennington; grandchildren Ashley (Zach) Nielsen, Kelsey Frye, Alex Frye, Max Frye, Austin Rischling, Riley Rischling and JJ Rischling; great grandchildren Willow Frye, Finnlea Nielsen, Whitt Nielsen, and many other family and friends.

Cemetery Details

Mt. Calvary Catholic Cemetery

Elkhorn, NE 68022

Tribute Wall



“ *William Charles "Bill" Frye*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Even though Bill was a quiet sort of guy, you could tell he was thinking behind those eyes. Probably thinking about a prank he would like to pull. He and Sandy had a ready-made family when Susie and I showed up after our Dad passed away. For that I will always be grateful. He took me to a job site one day when he was doing a dry wall project and tried to teach me because I said it looked easy - boy did I have a new appreciation for that job and no, it was not easy. Over the years we (John and I) were happy that Bill go to visit us in Texas. Going to a Texas Ranger game when it was 102 probably was not his highlight but he and Sandy were troopers. While he was visiting he helped John build a trailer that we still use to this day. Did I mention that Bill was a handy guy? Yes, he was along with a quiet sort of guy Our Love and Prayers go with him always. Beverly & John Gallagher.*

Beverly F. Gallagher - April 22, 2020 at 01:12 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of William Charles "Bill" Frye.*



April 20, 2020 at 02:19 PM

AR

“ So sad to hear....Bill was a great guy, I worked with him when I was in the Air Force at Elkhorn....always friendly. Arnie Brown

Arnie - April 20, 2020 at 12:32 PM

MR

“ I'm so sorry to hear about Uncle Bill. when we were little after church us girls went to the movies, when it was over we went to Uncle Bill's gas station and he would bring us home. when dad was so sick Uncle Bill came to Colorado and helped us through it. I remember so much, when we met Aunt Sandy, hanging out with Susie and Bev in Bennington. my prayers are with you all. love Moni

Monica K Rider - April 20, 2020 at 11:32 AM

LF

Sorry to hear of Bill's death. I am a distant cousin of Bill's. Talked to him several years ago when I was working on the family tree. Saw him several years ago at Elk City. He ran around with my cousin Jim. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Larry Frye

Larry Frye - April 20, 2020 at 06:33 PM



Bill was my special brother. He spent a lot of time at our home.he was in close age of my sisters and I mom(Irma) even made him a dress because he wanted to be like us girls. After his cool he lived with us before joining the Army. Bill even was cheated out of his 21st Birthday. On a ship heading to Korea he crossed the International date line on his BD. After the military he came back and lived with us or Aunt Verla and family. Yes he had his ornery streaks. He had a nickname for all his nieces and nephews. He never forgot either. Will miss his grin when he would talk about families.

Kay Johns - April 22, 2020 at 12:04 AM

GT

Bill had a gentle spirit, smile and a soft spoken voice. Though he surprised me once when his voice went out of the gentle range to almost loud, I turned to Sandy and said, "that was like the mouse that roared"—we had a good laugh! Bill was generous with his time and carpentry skills. On vacation to Ft Worth many years ago Bill helped Tom build a fancy tool shed which Tom enjoyed for 30 plus years. Bill's unique sense of humor was reflected in the nicknames he gave to all his sister-in-laws.

*Bill will live on in our hearts forever! Love and blessings,
Gayle and Tom Tumma*

Gayle Tumma - April 22, 2020 at 11:06 PM

KB

As one of Susie's friend since we were in first grade, I have great memories of going to Sandy and Bill's houses off Maple Street and Bennington. Susie and I were in the sixth grade when their Father passed away. As a child, I didn't realize what a loving unselfish act Bill and Sandy did moving Susie and Bev to their home and becoming a loving family. They took such great care of them! Bill always loved to tease me and I did definitely experience him being onry. Love you Bill...be peaceful in heaven!

Kay Burggraff

Kay Burggraff - May 01, 2020 at 08:45 PM

BB

“ Please accept my condolences. I knew him from my Air Force days at Elkhorn. No matter what kind of day a person might be having just running into Mr Frye always made the day a better one. Brad Ball

Brad Ball - April 20, 2020 at 09:48 AM