



F. William "Bill" Chandler

June 14, 1936 - October 8, 2015

F. William "Bill" Chandler, age 79, departed this life on October 8, 2015 at his home.

Visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 14, at All Faiths Funeral Home.

Services will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Grand Island at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 15. Rev. Jack Gillam will officiate.

Cremation will follow the service with private family inurnment at a later date at the Grand Island City Cemetery.

All Faiths Funeral Home is serving the family.

Bill was born June 14, 1936 in Flint, Michigan to Austin and Carol (Weiler) Chandler. He was baptized into the Lutheran faith at Calvary Lutheran Church in Flint on November 22, 1936, and confirmed in his baptism on April 2, 1950 at Calvary. He attended Calvary Lutheran Elementary School, Lowell Junior High School, and Flint Central High School, graduating in 1954.

Bill attended Concordia Teachers College, River Forest Illinois. After a year of intern teaching at Immanuel Lutheran School in Marshfield, Wisconsin, he

returned to Concordia and completed his undergraduate work in 1954 with a BS in Elementary Education. He served as teacher and music director and then principal at St. Paul's Lutheran School in Fairmont, Minnesota for twelve years.

Bill received a National Science Foundation Scholarship to Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona, where he received a Master of Junior High Science degree in 1972. Bill then served as principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Grand Island, Nebraska from 1972 to 2001 when he retired. He then worked part time in the H.A.T.S program at Stuhr Museum from 2001 to 2015. Bill was united in marriage with Jeanne Sather on July 18, 1959. She preceded him in death in 2008 after 49 years of marriage. Bill is survived by 10 children: daughters Kathryn Eans of Woodland Park; Colorado; Angie Sirabella of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Angela (Dustin) Vokes of Grand Island. Sons David (Laura) Chandler of Wellington, Colorado; Paul (Tama Walley) Chandler of Bamako, Mali, Africa; Troy (Heather Feik) Chandler of Grand Island; Stephen (Terrie) Chandler of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Dewey (Shelby) Chandler of Cozad, Nebraska; Jonah (Maddie Hulse) Chandler of Ord, Nebraska; Cody Wagner of Columbus, Nebraska; James Chandler of Grand Island. Other relatives are two sisters and brothers-in-law, Carol and Bob Walker of Conroe, Texas; Nancy and Kim Spencer of Lapeer, Michigan and one brother and sister-in-law Dennis and Jane Chandler of East Tawas, Michigan. He is also survived by 16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his beloved wife Jeanne, his parents and his brother, Duane Chandler.

Bill's greatest love was his Lord, Jesus Christ, in whom he trusted for salvation. He loved his family and was especially devoted to his wife. He served on the Board of Regents of Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska

from 1975 to 1988 and was the Bible study leader for the Nebraska Lutheran Principal's Conference for several years. He enjoyed teaching children and adults and loved being "Grandpa Bill" to children in activities at Trinity Lutheran and Stuhr Museum. He was a Bible class leader and a Grief Share facilitator at Trinity Lutheran Church for several years.

Memorials may be given to Trinity Lutheran School, Heartland Lutheran High School, or Nebraska Children's Home Society.

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **14.** 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

All Faiths Funeral Home
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Grand Island, NE 68801
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Service

OCT **15.** 11:00 AM (CT)

Trinity Lutheran Church
Grand Island, NE

Tribute Wall



“ *F. William "Bill" Chandler*

October 08, 2023 at 11:02 PM



“ *Our prayers and deepest sympathy!*

So grateful that David and Bill were able to make it back to Fairmont to the All-School Reunion. It was a wonderful day, and glad that so many people were able to see you both again.

May God keep you in his tender care always, especially as you mourn your loss, even while rejoicing that Bill is now in heaven!

Lisa (Schroeder) & Duane Rosburg

Lisa Rosburg - October 15, 2015 at 09:00 AM



“ *Our deepest sympathy to all of Bill's family. My sons, Doug & Brad Kosmicki, attended GISH & that is how we met the Chandler family. Steve, I always enjoyed your parents during those years you & Doug did sports together. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & Troy & all the family. Craig & Sue (Kosmicki) Foss*

Craig & Sue (Kosmicki) Foss - October 14, 2015 at 10:19 PM

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“ *My sympathy to all of Bill's family. I had the pleasure of meeting and sharing the mission of the Nebraska Children's Home over the years with both Bill and Jeanne in their home. They were a great couple and loved their children. Always fun and enjoyed the times I sat with Bill at a Weaving Families Together dinner in Grand Island. NCHS was blessed to count them amongst its family. God Bless, our sympathy and a special thanks for their faithful support over the years of NCHS and its mission.*

Gary Nelson

Gary Nelson - October 14, 2015 at 02:29 PM

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“ *I have such warm and fond memories of Bill. I was called to Trinity in 1972 as a graduate from Concordia, Seward, to teach 5th Grade and serve as Athletic Director. Bill's first year there as principal. I remember Bill telling me that I had 41 5th grade students that year, and that while challenging, I would learn a lot. And, he promised to walk alongside me and help me be successful, for the sake of our students. And he did! It was one of the best years of my life!! He helped me immensely in so many ways.*

To Bill's family: I trust and pray that our generous and loving God fills your lives with memories that help you celebrate Bill's life while mourning his death. God blessed many through him, and I, for one, will forever be grateful for his leadership and friendship.

In the generous and loving arms of our Lord Jesus,

Tim Schwan

Tim Schwan - October 13, 2015 at 09:57 PM

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“ I knew Bill as a fellow administrator in the Nebraska District. For many years Bill was the "go to" guy when we planned our District Administrators' Conferences & needed someone to lead our Bible studies. Bill's grasp of God's Word, his insights, his ability to communicate those insights & help us apply them to our circumstances as leaders within Lutheran schools were appreciated by all.

Bill was a mentor & I considered it a privilege to know him. God certainly blessed him so that he, in turn, was a blessing to those whom God called him to serve.

That included his own personal family, circles of friends, & the many children & fellow Lutheran educators who were touched by Bill & the gifts given to him by our heavenly Father.

May Christ bless you in this challenging time with the peace that transcends all earthly sorrow. One of the saddest days for many was the most glorious day for Bill. God bless you!

Paul Leckband

Paul Leckband - October 12, 2015 at 08:56 AM